

Top Tips to Select a Class Group for your Green-Schools Project



Guidance for Green-Schools Coordinators

The Green-Schools programme gives pupils an opportunity to take ownership of an environmental issue and create a positive change in their local community. Taking an active role in achieving an international environmental award is a prestigious achievement and will be a notable addition to a pupil's curriculum vitae.

Partaking in Green-Schools Projects builds pupil confidence, ability to solve problems, communication and organisation skills. Many pupils have used this experience to win membership of Student Councils and Green-Schools Committees at university level.

Choosing a class group that will investigate Green-Schools Project during the GSP Flag may seem overwhelming, so here are our top tips to do so!

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Your Green-Schools Committee becomes the PROJECT MANAGERS, they decide which project the school will work on and they select the class group that will take part.

Several class groups may be interested in applying for the project, so how do you select one class group? Very much like the selection of members for a Green-Schools Committee, here is what the PROJECT MANAGERS could do:

- Invite voluntary applications for the GSP class of the year, use an application form.
- Advertise the selection of a GSP class group within the school (assemblies, notices and school app)
- Working on GSP should be seen as a valuable, competitive, and strictly limited opportunity.
- Publicise the skills it will develop and the rewards.
- Rewards and incentives may include skills development, badges, an end of year certificate, award at assembly, raffle tickets for a raffle happening at the end of the year, etc.
- Hold interviews with class representatives.
- Make the chosen class feel important by publicising its appointment on the notice board and at assemblies.