



Secondary School Student Competition

The aim of this competition is for individual students to create a reflection piece centred around active and sustainable travel to school during WOW week, 19th – 23rd October 2026. The reflection piece should capture the perspective of the Secondary School student submitting their work. Creativity in depicting or describing the reflection is a key component in this competition. Students can refer to the inspiration pieces on the [webpage](#) or can develop and facilitate an [interview](#) with someone directly related to active or sustainable travel, cities and/or communities (i.e. traffic warden, bus driver, Local Authority road engineer or active travel team, cycle campaign, etc.). The reflection piece or interview can be represented through multiple media, for example; drawings, photos, videos, social media posts, words, poems, stories, comics or anything else the student feels captures their perspective.

Entries must include the following information:

Personal Details: All entries must include the following information clearly stated on the journal:

1. Student's name
2. Student's Year (e.g. 1st Year)
3. Parent contact details, including name, phone number and email address

School's Details:

1. School's full name
2. School's full address, including county and Eircode
3. Green-Schools coordinator's details, including name, phone number and email address, if applicable.

Categories:

1. Junior Cycle Secondary (1st – 3rd Year)
2. Senior Cycle Secondary (4th – 6th Year)

Entry Rules:

1. **Theme:** All entries should be designed around the competition theme: WOW week and SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities.
2. **Eligibility:** Open to secondary schools that are registered with Green-Schools.
3. **Size/format:** Entries can take on any format and size but must be 2D/flat without tactile elements for ease of posting.

4. **Permissions:** All entrants must have the permission of a parent/guardian to enter. The entrant confirms that any person depicted in the entry has granted permission to be portrayed as shown.
5. **Copyright:** The submissions must be original and created entirely by the entrant. Any copied, traced, plagiarised or AI-generated work will be disqualified.
6. **Winner categories:** National winners will be selected based on creativity and relevance to the topic of WOW week, active and sustainable travel, and/or SDG 11.
7. **Prizes:** Secondary School students' entries will be in for a chance to win prizes that can be shared with the whole family. Prizes include a family pass to [Zipit Forest Adventure](#) plus a €200 [Eason's](#) voucher, a family pass to [Flynn Park](#) plus a €200 [Eason's](#) voucher, and two €200 [Eason's](#) vouchers. Prizes are subject to change at the discretion of An Taisce. Prizes are non-transferrable.
8. **Submission:** Entries should be posted to Green-Schools Travel C/O Allison Phillips, An Taisce, 5 Foster Place, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02V0P9 or submitted electronically to travel@greenschoolsireland.org.
9. **Deadline:** Entries must be sent by Friday **13th November 2026**.
10. **Judging:** A panel of judges will select the winning entries. The Judging Panel is responsible for the allocation of awards. The decision of the Judging Panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding that decision.
11. **Notification:** Winners will be notified by email or phone.
12. **Returns:** Green-Schools are unable to return any entries to schools.
13. **Publicity:** Winners may be asked to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. All entries submitted may be used by Green-Schools for promotion of the Green-Schools programme and competition, shared online, included in printed and online media, reports and shared as part of Green-Schools events and resources.
14. Entry to the competition constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

