



## Share your views on how to support Sustainable Schools

**Invitation to help create a new Alliance  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at SEEd, or  
17th December 2010 at the National Children's Bureau (NCB)  
or 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 at DEA, all 2-5pm**

The evidence for the benefits of Sustainable Schools is stronger than ever, but with the new government focusing on school freedom and reducing centralised guidance, **it's up to us as NGOs, networks, LAs, schools and civil society organisations to encourage and support schools to pursue sustainability.**

Sustainability and Environment Education (SEEd), the Development Education Association (DEA) and the National Children's Bureau (NCB) have come together to explore how best we can respond to this new era for schools. **We are planning to launch a Sustainable Schools Alliance in February, and we need you to help develop it.**

The aim of the Alliance is to provide a clear and compelling offer of support to all schools in the country, which will help and encourage them to put sustainability at the heart of what they do.

### Why attend?

**Everyone who attends this event will be able to share their views on whether the Alliance is needed and if so how it can most usefully offer support and encouragement to schools around sustainability.**

**Your views will determine what the Alliance looks like – SEEd, DEA and NCB, with the support of the Department for Education, will turn the consultation discussions into a programme of action for the next 12 months.**

**By getting involved in the consultation you will also be able to join the Alliance, which we will all launch together in February.**

**The strength of this Alliance will come from you – from all of the organisations who are already doing excellent work in this area and through new collaborations that strengthen and increase reach and support to schools, children and young people. By joining the Alliance, and by helping us to shape its direction and purpose, you will be able to let many more schools know about your projects, resources, training programmes and other initiatives.**

### How to book

**To book your place at one of the free half day consultation events email Seema Patel at [seema.patel@se-ed.org.uk](mailto:seema.patel@se-ed.org.uk) with your preferred date.**

If you don't have capacity to attend a consultation event in London, but would like to share your views, we will be running an **online** consultation from the **10th December until 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011**. Email Seema if you want to be part of that online consultation.

There's no doubt that it's a challenging time for Sustainable Schools. But it's also a very exciting time. The Secretary of State for Education supports the proposal for the Alliance and with your involvement it can build on the momentum of the last few years to continue to put sustainability at the heart of the education system. Come and join in!

