

# Regional Eco-Schools Partnership Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006 at The EWE Centre

## Present

Mike Tones, Advisor/Inspector for Sustainability Education, Durham LEA  
Rich Hurst, EWE Centre & Education Partnership Coordinator  
Averil Newsam, OWNNE  
Pam Barmby, Schools Support Officer, OWNNE  
Sara Nixon, WasteWise/School Grounds Projects  
Clare Ross, Gateshead Council  
Debbie Scott, Tees Forest  
Steve Ashton, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust  
Claire Fairclough, Durham County Council  
Julie Fulton, Durham Wildlife Trust  
Paula Jamieson, Darlington Borough Council  
Andrea Bishop, Groundwork South Tees  
Ben Grant, Newcastle City Council

## Apologies

Jill Essam, Harehope Quarry Project, Weardale  
Barbara Moorhead, Newcastle City Council, Education  
Gloria Pearson, Regional Healthy Schools Coordinator  
Alistair Wilson, Newcastle City Council

- Rich Hurst opened the meeting. Today's meeting will be lead by Averil Newsam and Pam Barmby from One World Network North East concentrating on the Global perspective of Eco-Schools.
- Rich highlighted the DFES/DEFRA report in which the North East are mentioned in the review with 3 key recommendations. To view report click on link from latest news page of ewecentre.org.uk. Also there is an article from the Times Ed Supplement about Sustainable Schools and Eco-Schools.
- The insert for the NECLEA magazine is now ready and is being distributed over the next couple of days. Rich gave a brief overview of the insert and has spare copies if anyone would like some. Mike is keen for a repetition of the Leading for the Future Conference and has approached the North West and Yorkshire & Humber areas with the hope of running a North of England Conference in 2007. Mike is still waiting for their responses.
- Rich attended a meeting for DFES/DEFRA obo Mike Tones a few weeks ago. The outcome is that they are hoping to have more stakeholder meetings regarding funding of ESD activities. Also developing a strategic ESD Framework.
- Mike Tones mentioned a meeting that he has next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February with Jake Reynolds (DFES ESD Senior Advisor) to discuss a national ESD Indicator.
- Rich says the draft format of the Sustainable Schools Framework should be launched on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Once Rich knows the applicable link, he will email it to everyone.

Averil Newsam and Pam Barmby then led an excellent presentation on Eco Schools and the Global perspective, with interaction and group work which was certainly informative and enjoyable! Copies of the presentation and resources used are available on a cd (which was provided to everyone present at the meeting), anyone else requiring a copy, please contact Nikki Lamb at the EWE Centre n.lamb100@durhamlea.org.uk

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-12pm

Will focus on the soon to be launched Sustainable Schools Framework

Rich will email you information for you to look at prior to this meeting \*RH to action