

# EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CPD SCHEDULE



JAN - APR '26



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**EVERY  
MONDAY  
4.00-4.15pm**

## **Bitesize Biodiversity: Primary + Post-Primary, CSPE, Science, SPHE, Transition Year**

Join us for Bitesize Biodiversity: weekly 15-minute sessions where we explore our native Irish flora and fauna. Discover fascinating wildlife insights, gather resources, and ignite your students' curiosity about the natural world. Leave with resources for your classroom. Open to teachers, Student Teachers and SNAs.

Primary+Post-Primary

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**Wed 14th Jan  
7-8pm**

## **Climate Change is a Global Issue, but Who Holds the Responsibility to Act?; How to teach Climate Action with Care**

In environmental & climate change education, the burden of responsibility is often placed upon the learner. Learning about climate change can often cause extreme stress and anxiety in children. While it is important to teach individual responsibility - this webinar will explore how we can ensure that the child or learner, understands that they have not caused climate change and it is not their responsibility to fix it.

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**Tue 20th Jan  
7-8pm**

## **Education in the Midst of Global Crises: How to bring Active Hope into the Classroom**

How do we help young people to engage consciously and creatively with what's unfolding in the world around us without shutting down or burning out? This webinar will introduce participants to the Joanna Macy's approach to Active Hope and the Work that Reconnects. It introduces the 4 stages of the spiral of Active Hope and how practices for each stage can be adapted for different age groups from primary to secondary students with lots of case examples. We will also share resources about facilitating Active Hope practices in classrooms.

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**Tues 27th Jan  
7-8pm**

## **Sustainable Energy is Awesome – Teaching & Saving Energy in Primary Schools**

In this webinar Una from SEAI will show us how sustainable energy can ignite curiosity in your pupils, encouraging them to learn and save energy from an early age. Whether you're interested in finding out about energy in the new curriculum, or what's involved in an SEAI pupil workshop (tailored for junior and senior primary) or keen to start action projects in your school, this webinar is for you. Teachers attending may consider joining our in-person day at Mount Lucas 21st March for ideas and to meet other teachers.

Primary

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**Wed 4th Feb  
7-8pm**

## **Towards a Calm and Connected Classroom: Wellbeing Practices to Support the Nervous System in Today's Classroom Environment.**

Teaching is demanding, so managing stress is essential. Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT), or tapping, is a simple, self-applied tool that helps lower cortisol and calm the nervous system. Sinead will show teachers how to use EFT to manage daily stress and stay grounded in the busy school environment. These basic skills can also be shared with students to support them in dealing with climate anxiety and exam stress.

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**Wed 11th Feb  
7-8pm**

## **Student Panel Discussion: Are Schools Teaching the Skills needed for a Changing Planet?**

We are living in a polycrisis: war, hunger, floods, energy poverty, mis & disinformation, fears about food security and the collapse of biodiversity - people suffering from climate impacts across the world. Is our education system up to scratch? Are we helping our students to develop the skills they need to address the polycrisis and cope with the future ahead? Let's hear what our Student Ambassadors have to say.

Post-Primary

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**Tues 24th Feb  
7-8pm**

## **Exploring Sustainable Energy – Teaching & Saving Energy in Post-Primary Schools**

In this webinar Una from SEAI will show us how sustainable energy can ignite curiosity in your students, encouraging them to learn and save energy - at school, at home and in their community. Whether you're interested in finding out about energy across the various Junior Cycle & TY specifications, what's involved in an SEAI student workshop or keen to start action projects in your school, this webinar is for you. Teachers attending may consider our in-person day at Mount Lucas 21st March for ideas and to meet other teachers.

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**Wed 11th Mar  
7-8pm**

## **Nature-Based Learning in Primary Schools**

**Primary**

Discover how Nature-Based Learning can enrich primary education through hands-on, outdoor experiences that spark curiosity and deepen understanding across the curriculum. This webinar explores the benefits, practical strategies, curriculum connections, and ready-to-use resources to help you bring learning to life in your school's natural environment - great learnings from the Dalkey School Project National School.

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**Wed 18th Mar  
7-8pm**

## **The Sustainable Development Goal Toolbox: Practical Strategies for Educators**

**Primary+Post-Primary**

If you are interested in teaching about climate change, biodiversity, peace and issues facing our world today this webinar is for you. Dr. Anne Dolan is hosting this webinar based on her recently published book: "Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals in the Classroom (10-16 years) A Focus on Teaching Hope, Respect, Empathy and Advocacy in Schools". This workshop will provide ideas and resources for primary and post-primary teachers.

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**Sat 21st Mar  
10am-2pm**

## **Sustainable Energy in Action! A Hands-on and Practical Event at Mount Lucas Wind Farm & NZEB\* Centre, Co Offaly**

**Primary+Post-Primary**

Join us for an in-person event to see Sustainable Energy come alive! Teachers will be guided in how to take energy and climate action in their school while linking in with the various curricula at Primary and Post-Primary. After the workshop, teachers will have the opportunity to tour the Centre and the Wind Farm followed by a light lunch.

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**Tue 14th Apr  
7-8pm**

## **Ecology, Habitat Studies and Bringing Nature into the Classroom**

**Primary+Post-Primary**

In this webinar, the ISSN & the ISTA will look at effective approaches in teaching ecology, practical suggestions on how to run a habitat study and ways to bring nature into the classroom. The hosts will show participants how the Bitesize Biodiversity resources can help, while also examining up to date examples of the threats and successes of ecosystem conservation. Open to any teachers with an interest in ecology but particularly useful for science & biology teachers.

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**Wed 15th Apr  
7-8pm**

## **Common Knowledge - Skills + Community for a Sustainable Life**

**Post-Primary**

Common Knowledge is a social enterprise based in the Burren that teaches hands-on skills for sustainable living. In this session they will share their approach to skill-based learning, community impact and social enterprise. This webinar will be an inspiration for a range of teachers to reflect on this approach and the wide-reaching benefits of hands-on and skill-based learning.

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**Tue 21st Apr  
7-8pm**

## **Environmental Influencer Course: Upskilling Students to Think Critically about Social Change and to Influence Others to Make Positive, More Environmentally-Friendly Choices**

**Post-Primary**

In this webinar the ISSN will discuss our 10-week Environmental Influencer Course. Teachers will understand the skills they need to develop in students to be able to influence those around them to make positive, more environmentally-friendly choices by practicing a range of skills including critical thinking, active listening, discussing and debating, confidence and reasoning.

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The ISSN is dedicated to creating a CPD schedule that reflects and responds to the needs of teachers and students. If you have any suggestions for a topic or skills that haven't appeared in the schedule, please make your suggestions [HERE](#).

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