

<b>Report on</b>	Recycling Education and Environmental Awareness
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018
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	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the ongoing Recycling for Schools Education programme and Environmental Awareness initiatives carried out over the previous six months.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Environmental Services carries out a wide range of recycling education and environmental awareness activities throughout the Mid Ulster Council area to promote recycling and reduce waste to landfill, thus helping to achieve statutory recycling and landfill diversion targets and to enhance the environment in general.
2.2	An annual Recycling and Environmental Awareness Communications Plan has been approved previously by Committee. This includes delivery of a comprehensive Schools Education Programme and talks/presentations to other community groups on request.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Educational visits and awareness events conducted during January to June 2018 are listed below:</p> <p><b>January 2018</b>  Augher Central PS – Recycling Talk  St Mary's PS, Fivemiletown – Recycling Talk  St Mary's PS, Draperstown – Tour of Magherafelt Recycling Centre  Gaelscoil an tSeanchai - Tour of Magherafelt Recycling Centre  Moneymore PS – Recycling Talk  St Peters PS, Moortown – Eco Schools meeting</p> <p><b>February 2018</b>  Aughnacloy PS – Recycling Talk  Screen Eco-Schools – Eco Schools meeting  St Pius X College - Tour of Magherafelt Recycling Centre  Coagh PS – Recycling Talks</p> <p><b>March 2018</b></p>

Screen Eco-Schools – Eco Schools meeting  
Church of Ireland, Bellaghy – Information Event for older people  
Donaghey PS – Recycling Talks  
Killycurragh W I – Recycling/Food Waste Talk  
SOFT Project, Cookstown – Recycling Talk

#### **April 2018**

Eco Speak Schools Competition, Burnavon Arts Centre  
St Joseph's Grammar, Donaghmore – Recycling Talk  
PCSP Home Safety Event, Aghaloo Community Centre, Aughnacloy  
St Mary's PS, Aughnacloy – Recycling Talk  
St Brigid's PS, Mayogall - Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
Knockloughrim PS – Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
St Mary's PS, Bellaghy - Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
St John Bosco's PS, Ballynease - Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
St Mary's College, Clady- Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
Bellaghy PS - Tree Planting at Ballymacombs Landfill Site  
Involve House, Magherafelt – Recycling Talk  
Castledawson PS – Recycling Talk  
Cookstown High School – Recycling Talks  
Orritor PS – Recycling Talk and Litter Pick

#### **May 2018**

Ballygawley Early Years Playgroup – Recycling Talk  
Coolhill Mews, Dungannon – Door stepping  
Naiscoil Aodh Ruadh, Dungannon – Recycling Talk  
Gaelscoil na Speirini – Eco Schools event  
Castledawson PS – Tour of Magherafelt Recycling Centre  
Busy Bee Playgroup, Maghera – Recycling Games  
Magherafelt PS – Recycling Talk  
Derrychrin PS – Litter Pick  
Burnvale Housing Association, Cookstown – Recycling Talk at Coffee Morning  
Stewartstown PS – Recycling Talk

#### **June 2018**

Annaginny Caravan Park – Recycling Visit  
Sure Start, Dungannon – Recycling Talk  
Dunbia Environmental Awareness Event, Dungannon  
St Mary's PS, Draperstown – Recycling Games  
St Columb's PS, Cullion – Recycling Games/Visit  
Knocknagin PS, Desertmartin – Recycling Games/Visit  
Desertmartin PS – Eco Schools meeting  
Ballytrea PS – Recycling Talk  
First Cookstown Scouts Group – Tour of Cookstown Recycling Centre  
Queen Elizabeth II PS, Pomeory – Flower planting  
Sure Start, Cookstown – Recycling Talk

3.2 Planned future events/activities in the coming months are as follows:

- Clogher Valley Show, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Recycle Week, 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Love Food Hate Waste campaign (theme of “potatoes”), 8<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Week for Waste Reduction, 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018</li> <li>• Recycle Magic, November 2018</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: The costs relating to the annual Recycling and Environmental Awareness Communications Plan and related activities are within the Environmental Services budget.
	Human: Considerable staff time is spent by the Recycling/Education Officers on programme delivery.
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The Education and Awareness Programme is available to all schools and groups across the Mid Ulster District.
	Rural Needs Implications: The schools education programme has recently been expanded to cover littering which is a particular problem on rural roads as part of the Councils Clean Neighbourhood Programme being carried out in conjunction with Environmental Health.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Photographs of Recycling/Education Officers at various events.