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Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Sustainable Schools Outreach Business Case

Introduction & Background

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council plans to be a Net Zero organisation by 2030 and deliver a Net Zero Borough by 2050 which includes all schools, homes, businesses, and transport in Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough. The Council also has ambitions to promote the natural environment as well through multiple actions and engaging with the borough such as local schools and institutions. These initiatives all relate to the newly adopted Sustainable Environment Strategy and Delivery Plan for Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council which is linked below.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sustainable Environment Strategy & Delivery Plan



Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sustainable Environment Strategy:
[https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/documents/s42622/Sustainable Environment Strategy and Delivery Plan.pdf](https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/documents/s42622/Sustainable_Environment_Strategy_and_Delivery_Plan.pdf)

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sustainable Environment Delivery Plan:
<https://moderngov.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/documents/s42601/Appendix%20%20-%20SES%20Delivery%20Plan%202024%20Final.pdf>

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sustainable Environment Webpages
[Sustainability – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council \(newcastle-staffs.gov.uk\)](https://newcastle-staffs.gov.uk)

Newcastle-under-Lyme already engages with schools in the district on how to be more sustainable, but we have the ambition to expand this and continue



supporting schools, their staff, and their students to develop and deliver a better and more sustainable future for all. The Council engaging with schools individually as well as through [Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Careers Hub](#) and [The West Midlands Climate Ambassadors Programme at Keele University](#) to deliver this outreach and support.

Opportunities

Newcastle-under-Lyme's Sustainable Environment Team who are responsible for the delivery of sustainability can offer multiple different opportunities and activities for local schools and institutions to support the education sector in sustainability. The Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Sustainable Environment Team can offer:

- Innovative workshops and presentations for large and small groups of students to learn about sustainability and develop their own sustainability groups to create action and strategies with key stakeholders within their own schools and institutions.
- Supportive working groups to develop and embed sustainability within your school's institution and curriculum through sustainability action plans and robust governance structures.
- Opportunity to learn more about the sector and working in sustainability.
- Real life case study exercises for students and staff to work towards solutions and learn more about sustainability in local authorities and institutions.
- The chance to be awarded and accredited with the new Green Schools Programme the Council has launched.
- Opportunities to network and partner with external professional/expert organisations such as the local authorities, universities, charities and more!
- Education settings can have access to free support from Climate Ambassadors who are experts from industry and academia to help them develop and deliver their climate action plan.

Conclusion

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council is here to support change for the benefit of all in the Borough and will continue to strive to achieve a sustainable future through partnerships with local organisations, networks and your schools and institutions. Education in the UK must have sustainability embedded within to ensure society is prepared to continue to tackle climate change and create innovative solutions. This is especially important since alongside the boroughs ambitions for Net Zero and the Environment the Department of Education has ambitions to be "the world-leading education sector in sustainability and climate by 2030" through climate education, net zero, climate resilience and promoting the natural environment ([DfE, 2023](#)).