



Swansea Environmental Education Forum
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About SEEF

Welcome to this academic year's SEEF INSET Booklet. There are some new INSETs such as 'Growing School Gardens' and 'Composting'. The accent is on the outdoors as well as growing plants in School. To complement this there is a Teachers Event on 4th October at Community Farm on the hot topic of Food. Any other training events during the year not included in this booklet will be advertised to your school via Email or a written invitation.

What SEEF Does

- Support for Schools, out of school clubs, youth groups, further, higher and adult education
- Resources and information (Green Envelope and Green Treasure Boxes)
- Advice and support
- Directories of providers (for School and Further and Higher Education)
- IN -SERVICE training
- Annual programme of Environmental Events
- Youth environmental activities
- Support for major events and activities

For more information about SEEF please contact:

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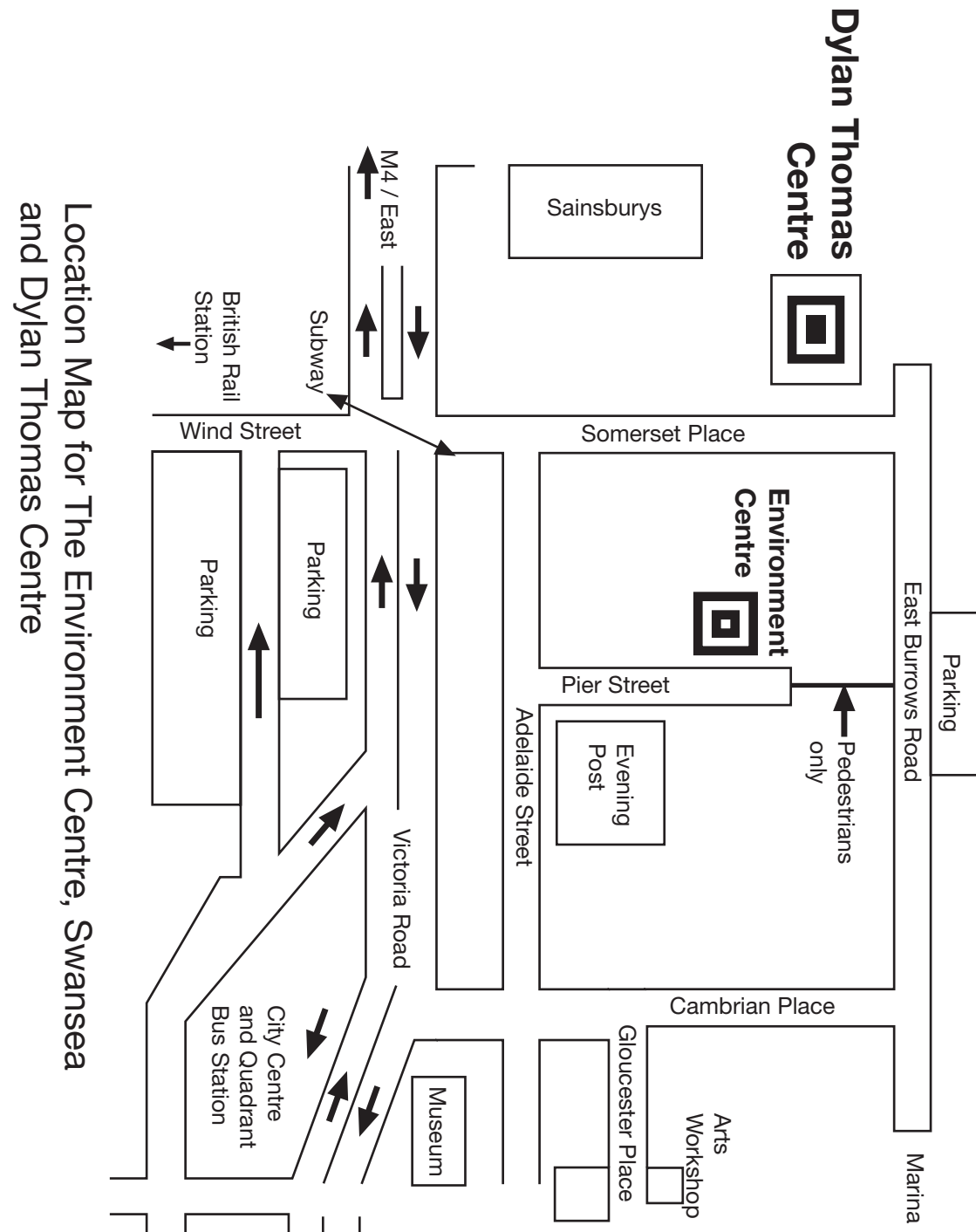
SEEF has website pages housed on the Environment centre's website. Log onto www.seeforum.org.uk to access this INSET booklet in pdf form as well as other SEEF publications including 'Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship a Guidance for Schools' which is a guide for schools writing their ESDGC school policy.

There are two Eco Schools INSETs this year. The purpose of one is to move schools on from bronze and silver to Green Flag Status. There is also a second INSET to help schools, which have a Green Flag, retain it and look to the future. Swansea has one school with an Eco Schools Platinum award Gors Community Primary School, one of only currently 7 in the whole of Wales.

There is a new INSET using the Swansea Sustainability Trail, which should complement the Teachers Guide launched at the Outdoor Education Conference. This is presented as a half day INSET and will help schools access provision to the Trail sites.

During this academic year SEEF hopes to acquire funding to produce a Sustainable Schools Award Scheme for Swansea schools. This Scheme will be based on the Environment Centre's Waste and Recycling and Energy and Water Schemes. The purpose of the Sustainable Scheme is to cover all aspects of ESD including procurement, animal welfare and biodiversity. The new scheme will be explicit in setting out what needs to be done in order to achieve an award. The Scheme is intended to be straightforward and easy to use. It is currently envisaged that a conference will be arranged in September 2008 to inform teachers of the scheme.

The ESDGC panel of the Welsh Assembly Government is currently preparing the final draft of a new document called 'A Common Understanding for Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) in Wales' which disseminates skills and understanding on the areas of Wealth and Poverty, Identity and Culture, Choices and Decisions, Health, Natural Environment, Consumption and Waste and Climate Change. The document will cover Foundation Phase, Key Stages 2-4 and Post 16. SEEF will organise a conference on this document with reference to the new Curriculum in spring 2008.



Location Map for The Environment Centre, Swansea and Dylan Thomas Centre

Enrolment

At the back of this booklet is an enrolment form for all SEEF courses. Please photocopy it and use as needed. Please fill in all the details as fully as possible. The headteacher or teacher responsible for INSET training must countersign the form. **ALL SEEF INSETs are subject to a £65 charge per teacher per INSET course for a full day and £30 per half day INSET unless stated otherwise.** This will be invoiced to the school after attendance. The cost of Eco Schools INSETs will be met by Eco Schools Wales. Other school staff attending e.g. site managers, governors and support staff will not incur a charge to the school unless stated otherwise. If stated, lunch and refreshments will be provided. Details of this course booklet and application form are also available online on www.seeforum.org.uk on Schools page.

Charges for cancellation are as follows:

- More than 48 hours before the event - **No Charge**
- Within 24 hours - **Half the cost will be charged**
- Less than 24 hours before the event - **Full cost will be charged**

Schools are asked to submit completed forms to:

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Completed forms for the **Autumn Term** to be returned no later than
5th October 2007

Completed forms for the **Spring Term** to be returned no later than
21st December 2007

Completed forms for the **Summer Term** to be returned no later than
20th March 2008

Each INSET attendee will be given confirmation of their place on an INSET course as soon as possible after submitting their form.

Where to find Swansea Community Farm;

The Farm can be found just off Carmarthen Road next to Cadle Primary School on a site leased from the City and County of Swansea.



By Bus

From the Quadrant bus station in Swansea City Centre, take bus no ; 110, 111, 112 and X13. Ask for the Ivorite Arms bus stop in Fforestfach By Road

From M4 exit J47, take A483 towards Swansea, go past Tesco's Extra on your right and Walkers Crisps on your left. At the next set of lights after Walkers crisps, turn left then immediately left again, you will see that you have come to a one way 'turn around' in front of Cadle school, our entrance is the first on the left.



Working towards the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Eco-School International Green Flag

Course tutor: Cathie Hasler

Aims:

- Interactive day for schools seeking ideas and inspiration for achieving 2nd, 3rd and Platinum level International Green Flag awards.

Summary of learning objectives:

- To share good practices and ideas already working well in schools.
- To look at ways of introducing new Eco-Schools topics.
- Identifying opportunities for strengthening curriculum linking, as well as monitoring and evaluating.
- Identify ways of sustaining momentum over time.
- To share common problems / barriers and ways of addressing them.
- Identify specific progressive goals and steps on how to achieve them.

Desired Outcomes:

- Schools achieve their next International Green Flag Award within the next academic year.

Target audience: Eco-School Co-ordinators or school supporters of schools already awarded the International Green Flag.

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Other SEEF Resources

Other SEEF resources available to schools include Green Treasure boxes. Each box contains books, artifacts, videos and posters. Each box is available to lend on a half termly basis and can be booked via the SEEF coordinator. SEEF has acquired funding from EES (Enabling Effective Support) to update the current Green Boxes and so they will not be available until further notice to schools.

Welsh Medium Boxes

- Looking at the Environment (Primary)
- Looking at the Environment (Secondary)

Primary Boxes

- Minibeasts
- Living Things
- Waste & Recycling
- Freshwater Habitats
- Marine Conservation
- Woodlands & Rainforests
- Our World (Early years)
- Food & Farming
- Our Atmosphere

Secondary Boxes

- Waste and Recycling

SEEF Website

SEEF has a website for Environmental Education. It has a Schools page where the latest news and events are updated regularly. A pdf version of this INSET booklet is available as well as the enrolment form, which you can return by email. You can find the site at www.seeforum.org.uk

Green Envelope

Termly SEEF sends a Green Envelope into each school in Swansea. The envelope is a 'green' coloured recycled envelope and is sent to a named teacher. It contains posters, flyers and booklets informing schools about courses and events for teachers and pupils as well as exhibitions on Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), which are taking place in Swansea.

SEEF Providers Directory

Annually in the Green Envelope, a SEEF Directory of Providers is included. This is updated regularly and provides all the contact details for SEEF ESD Providers in Swansea. There is a SEEF display, which can be exhibited in staff rooms and can help raise awareness of SEEF and what SEEF members can provide for schools.

VENUE

**ENVIRONMENT
CENTRE**

FRI 13TH JUNE 2008

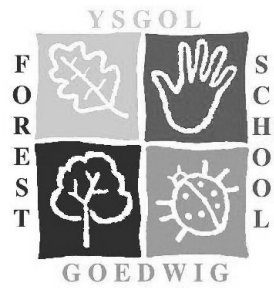
9.00 am – 3.00 pm

**Event Number
IBCSEEF308**

Cost £65

**(to be met by
Eco Schools)**

**Lunch and
refreshments
provided**



Woodland Learning and Play for Early Years

Course tutor: Awi Francis and members of Forest School Swansea, Neath Port Talbot

VENUE

Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve Gelli Hir, Three Crosses, Gower

Fri 12th October 2007 (IBCSEEF301)

OR

Fri 14th March 2008 (IBCSEEF306)

OR

Fri 6th June 2008 (IBCSEEF309)

9.30 am – 3.30 pm

N.B. Cost £50 per person.

The same INSET is presented three times during the year. The dates are NOT concurrent.

Lunch and refreshments provided. Bring suitable clothing and footwear

Aims:

- To inspire everyone to discover for themselves the possibilities for learning and play in the outdoor environment with Early Years children
- To raise awareness of the natural environment

Summary of learning objectives:

- Increase awareness of potential benefits of learning and play in the outdoor environment for the development of Early Years children
- Hands on activities will provide opportunities for teachers to explore the learning available in woodlands particularly looking at seasonal changes
- Increased confidence in working outside with young children in local nature reserves and in school grounds

Desired Outcomes:

- Teachers will be able to develop outdoor play and learning in their everyday teaching

Target audience: Early Years Teachers, Nursery Nurses, LSA's, Carers, Governors and Parents

For more information contact: Awi Francis (Forest School Leader)

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Working towards the Eco-School International Green Flag Award

Course tutor: Cathie Hasler

Aims:

- How to move through the Bronze and Silver levels of the scheme to International Green Flag.
- "How we did it" – a Swansea example.

Summary of learning objectives:

- Exploring how to strengthen curriculum linking with eco-activities.
- Looking at opportunities to monitor and evaluate.
- Support and resources available locally.
- Sharing ideas of best practise and targeted ways forward.

Desired Outcomes:

- Schools achieve International Green Flag status within the next academic year.

Target audience: Eco-School Co-ordinators or school supporters of registered Eco-Schools at Bronze or Silver level currently working towards the International Green Flag award (Primary, Secondary and Special Education)

VENUE

ENVIRONMENT CENTRE OR LOCAL SWANSEA SCHOOL – TBC

8.45 am – 12.30 pm

FRI 18TH APRIL 2008

Event Number IBCSEEF307

Cost £30

(to be met by Eco Schools)

No charge to Governors & parents supporting staff

Tea and coffee provided

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VENUE

THE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

9.00 am – 3.30 pm

**FRI 29TH
FEBRUARY 2008**

**Event Number
IBCSEEF305**

Cost £65 per teacher

One member of school e.g. Site Manager, Parent Governor or LSA may attend free of charge if accompanied by a full paying teacher.

Lunch and refreshments provided

Growing School Gardens

Course tutors: Jane Richmond, Jo Mullett

Aims:

- To explore the use of plants in school grounds and to develop sensory and allotment areas for teaching and learning.

Summary of learning objectives:

- To explore the national curriculum links.
- To explore the use of plants as an inspirational learning tool in the curriculum.
- To develop the skills and knowledge required for planting and using food crops in school.
- Linking local and global issues regarding food production.
- To gain ideas on the design aspects of allotment and sensory gardens to enable sustainable use by the school.
- Review support materials available.
- Advice on funding opportunities.

Please Note:-

The day will cover how to plant and when to plant as well as how gardens can be used as the backbone to the school curriculum. This will be for anyone who is in the process of or considering developing their school grounds and will look at planting sensory gardens and allotment areas. Please note there will be a particular emphasis on allotment areas and food.

Target audience: KS1, 2, 3 & 4 Primary, Secondary, Special Staff, Site Managers, Parents and Governors

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Website: www.environmentcentre.org.uk



VENUE

Environment Centre

8.45 am – 12.30 pm

**WED 24TH
OCTOBER 2007**

**Event Number
IBCSEEF302**

Cost £30 per teacher

**No charge to
Governors & parents
supporting staff**

Tea & coffee provided

ESDGC and the Swansea Sustainability Trail.

Course tutors: Philip McDonnell, Lisa Kirman

Aims:

- To develop teachers' understanding of education for sustainable development and global citizenship (ESDGC).
- To provide an insight into the resources available to help teachers deliver ESDGC across the curriculum with particular reference to the Swansea Sustainability Trail.

Summary of learning objectives:

- To develop teachers' knowledge of sustainability issues.
- To raise awareness of the cross-curricular educational opportunities associated with teaching sustainability issues.
- To introduce teachers to the Sustainability Trail as a tool for teaching about sustainable development and global citizenship.
- To demonstrate how the Trail can be used to support the existing and new national curriculum in Wales.
- To highlight the resources available to support teachers wishing to use the Trail including staff, guides and grants.
- To give teacher's the confidence to use the Sustainability Trail.
- To help teacher's to identify opportunities to use the Trail.

Desired Outcomes:

- Increased use of the Sustainability Trail by schools.
- Improved awareness and understanding of sustainability issues.
- Awareness of how the Trail can help teach ESDGC.
- Uptake of the transport grant available for schools to access the Trail for teaching.

Target audience: KS1, 2, 3 & 4, Primary, Secondary, Special Staff, Site Managers, Parents and Governors

**For more information contact:
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Website: www.sustainableswansea.net



Composting

Course tutors: *Leila Roberts, Neil Matthews*

Aims:

- To promote the development of school composting projects.
- To demonstrate how to build a 3-bin composting system.
- To explore how composting can be linked to the national curriculum.

Summary of learning objectives:

- To gain hands on experience that will enable teachers to construct composting areas in their own schools.
- To provide ideas for subject related activities linked to composting and maximise the use of the compost area as a teaching resource.
- To understand the process of composting and related waste management issues, allowing a successful, long term composting project in school.

Desired Outcomes:

- Schools are better able to implement successful composting projects.
- Use of the composting area as a teaching resources
- Reduce waste going to landfill.
- To help achieve Eco-schools status

Target audience: Primary, Special Staff, Site Managers, Governors and Parents

**For more information contact:
Leila Roberts (Education Officer)**

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Energy and Water Conservation

Course tutor: *Jane Richmond*

Aims

- The course has been designed to give teachers, support staff and governors the information they will require to become energy and water efficient and to give new ways to teach about these issues in the classroom.

Summary of learning objectives:

- To develop a greater understanding of Climate Change and resource use.
- To look at different ways of energy generation with particular emphasis on renewable technologies.
- How to use Carbon Footprinting as a learning tool.
- How to audit your school.
- Develop new ways to teach about energy and water.
- How to use the new scheme in school to become energy efficient and water wise.

Please Note:-

The day is designed to give teachers a better understanding of Climate Change, current resource use and energy generation for the 21st century. There will be a practical element to the day when teachers will be able to carry out experiments about these concepts.

Target audience: KS1, 2, 3 & 4 Primary, Secondary, Special Staff, Site Managers, Parents and Governors

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VENUE

Swansea Community Farm

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

**Friday 23rd
November 2007**

**Event No
IBCSEEF303**

Cost

£65 per teacher

**No charge to
Governors & parents
supporting staff**

**Lunch and
refreshments
provided**

VENUE

**THE ENVIRONMENT
CENTRE**

9.00 am – 3.30 pm

**FRI 25TH JANUARY
2008**

**Event Number
IBCSEEF304**

**Cost £65 per
teacher**

**One member of
school e.g. Site
Manager, Parent
Governor or LSA may
attend free of charge
if accompanied by a
full paying teacher.**

**Lunch and
refreshments
provided**