

Almost 100 delegates with an interest in **Sustainable Schools** attended CEES' annual conference for 2009. Delegates included headteachers, teachers, school support staff, governors, local authority officers and representatives from other local, regional and national organisations.

Presentations and workshop themes reflected DCSF's Sustainable Schools "doorways" and the national **Eco Schools** award scheme, with an emphasis on climate change education.

Keynote presentations are available on the links below, and web links for each of the workshops appear on the next page.



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Cambridgeshire Sustainable Schools Conference 2009

**on Friday 27 November, 2009
at Girton College, Cambridge**



PROGRAMME

From 9.30 Arrival, registration, coffee available

10.00 **Welcome and introduction to the day**
Rosie Edwards, Head of CEES

10.10 **Sustainability matters**
Dr Jake Reynolds, Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development, DCSF

10.25 **Improving schools, improving lives**
Leszek Iwaskow, Her Majesty's Inspector, Ofsted, Specialist Adviser for Geography & ESD

11.05 **Climate change - the drive for sustainability**
John Orr, Environment Manager, Environment Agency (Anglian Region)

11.15 **We're a Sustainable School!**
Somersham Primary School

11.20 Coffee and market place

11.40 **Sustainable Schools workshop session 1** - see options 1.1 to 1.5, next page

12.50 Lunch and market place

1.50 **Sustainable Schools workshop session 2** - see options 2.1 to 2.5, next page

3.00 Tea and market place

3.20 **On a Wing and a Prayer - financing the dream**
Hazel Lambert, Head Teacher, The Ashbeach Primary School, Cambridgeshire

3.50 **Next steps to Sustainable Schools**
Nicky Ayscough, Sustainable Schools Leader, CEES

3.55 **Closing address**
Cllr Martin Curtis. Lead Member for Children. Cambridgeshire County Council

For further information on the workshop themes please use the web links given below.

MORNING WORKSHOPS, 1.1 to 1.5

- 1.1 Energy and carbon management in Cambridgeshire Schools**
Damian Hemmings, Climate Change Officer & Claire Julian-Smith, Energy Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council
An overview of the main energy and carbon management challenges facing Cambridgeshire schools, with reference to national and local policy. Practical guidance will be given on how some of these issues may be addressed.
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/energy/Workshop 1.1 – ENERGY MANAGEMENT.pdf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/energy/Workshop%201.1%20-%20ENERGY%20MANAGEMENT.pdf)
- 1.2 Water: Every drop matters**
Marilyn Brass, Education Manager & Neil Halliday, Mobile Education Centre Manager, Anglian Water
Practical ideas on how schools can reduce their water consumption and save money, plus an opportunity to visit Anglian Water's award-winning mobile classroom and find out how Anglian Water is tackling the issues of climate change, growth and biodiversity.
www.captainsplosh.co.uk
- 1.3 Sustainable Schools for Sustainable Communities**
Nicky Ayscough, CEES Sustainable Schools Leader, Isabel Edgington, Climate Change Officer and colleagues, Fenland District Council (FDC)
Improving ethos and raising aspirations in schools and their communities, including FDC projects: Street Pride, The Kids Are Alright campaign, Nene Regeneration and Energy Works, and inspirational school-led community projects in Cambridgeshire.
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/safety/routes school/stps](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/safety/routes_school/stps)
www.fenland.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/community
- 1.4 Early years learning in the school grounds**
Judy Dimpleby, CEES School Grounds Service and Early Years Leader
The value of the school grounds as a learning resource across the curriculum will be demonstrated using practical activities suitable for helping Foundation and Key stage 1 children understand and appreciate their environment.
www.cees.org.uk/grounds_development.htm
[Workshop 1.4 – SCHOOL GROUNDS - Consultancy Schedule.pdf](http://www.cees.org.uk/grounds_development.htm)
- 1.5 Eco Schools: Going for green flag**
Caroline Worth, CEES Eco Schools Assessor; Graham McArthur, Karen Denton, Tracey Bauld and pupils, Somersham Primary School
The national Eco Schools programme will be used to show how eco-principles can become central to the school ethos and the curriculum. The process leading to green flag award will be introduced, with case studies from Somersham Primary School.
www.cees.org.uk/eco_schools.htm
[Workshop 1.5 – ECO COUNCILLORS CONVENTION.pdf](http://www.cees.org.uk/eco_schools.htm)

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS, 2.1 to 2.5

- 2.1 Biodiversity in the school grounds**
Deborah Marchant, Ecology Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council
Guidance on enhancing biodiversity and attracting wildlife to the school grounds, including managing existing habitats as well as creating new spaces for wildlife. There will be opportunities to "ask the expert" and share issues relating to wildlife and the school grounds.
[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/natureconservation/Workshop 2.1 – BIODIVERSITY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.pdf](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/natureconservation/Workshop%202.1%20-%20BIODIVERSITY%20IN%20THE%20SCHOOL%20GROUNDS.pdf)
- 2.2 On the road to waste education**
Nick King and Em Ritchie, Recycling Bus Managers, Cambridgeshire County Council, Mark Shelton, and Karen Brenchley, Donarbon Waste Management
Visit the Cambridgeshire Recycling Bus and find out about plans for the new Education Centre at the Donarbon Waste Facility. Practical and stimulating activities designed to engage children in waste education and environmental themes
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/waste
- 2.3 The global dimension across the curriculum**
Jane Carpenter, Development Education Programme Coordinator, The Harambee Centre
This workshop will break down the Global Dimension doorway and explore how it relates to and supports Sustainable Schools. Explore practical ideas and activities for curriculum planning, and embedding the global dimension into the school ethos. Examples of good practice and recommended resources will be available for viewing and discussion.
www.harambeecentre.org.uk
[Workshop 2.3 – GLOBAL DIMENSION.ppt](http://www.harambeecentre.org.uk)
- 2.4 Food growing and seed-sowing for literacy**
Alison Findlay, School gardening advisor, Royal Horticultural Society, East of England
Sustainable gardening for schools, with practical ideas for growing vegetables in the school grounds and using seeds as a stimulus for work in literacy. Find out about RHS' Campaign for School Gardening and the resources and training available to support it.
apps.rhs.org.uk/Schoolgardening/default.aspx
[Workshop 2.4 – CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL GARDENING – SEED SEWING.pdf](http://apps.rhs.org.uk/Schoolgardening/default.aspx)
- 2.5 The Green Planet**
Jill Foster, Sustainable Development Education Officer, Peterborough Environment City Trust
The award-winning Green Planet website supports teaching about environmental issues. Developed with schools and linked to the new KS3 curriculum, the site is highly interactive, challenging students to apply knowledge about environmental issues.
www.thegreenplanet.co.uk