



Special school activities for wildlife and the environment

**Get up to
£100 for
your activity!**

Helping young people take action for nature
in their school grounds and local community
through the Grassroots Challenge.



What can your class do to help nature thrive?

"The truth is the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it." Sir David Attenborough

The Grassroots Challenge is about young people taking action for wildlife and the environment. It is really important that young people participate from start to finish. Please support them to look around and see what can be done in your school grounds or local community to benefit wildlife and the environment. Here are some ideas:

- Put up bird boxes
- Create a wildlife garden
- Clean up a local beach
- Plant native trees or wildflowers
- Nature engagement experiences

If you aren't sure what you would like to do, the Grassroots Challenge Special Schools Project Officer can help with ideas and advice.

Why get involved with the Grassroots Challenge?

When you register your project or activity with the Grassroots Challenge your school will receive:

- Up to £100 towards the costs of your chosen project or activity.
- Advice, support and if desired at least one visit from the Grassroots Challenge Special Schools Project Officer to help you plan your activities.

Every young person involved in your chosen project or activity will receive:

- A personalised Grassroots Challenge certificate and limited edition enamel badge.
- The chance to enter the Annual Grassroots Challenge Youth Awards that give recognition to the best projects, activities and individual achievements.
- The opportunity to gain tickets for the Annual Grassroots Challenge Celebration event.

All sorts of different skills can be used in promoting and protecting wildlife and the environment.

It doesn't always have to be an outdoor practical activity; it could be about developing a creative skill such as drama, journalism, film making, creative writing, drawing and painting etc.

If the way in which young people do these things can bring about real benefits for wildlife and the environment, then you are welcome to register such activities with the Grassroots Challenge.



Registering your project or activity

Download the application form at
www.ulsterwildlife.org/grassroots

Alternatively contact the **Grassroots Challenge Special School Officer, Christine Chambers**, to request a form.

You can also contact Christine to talk about your ideas or for more information.





Grants are limited to one per school, per year.

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