

GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY GREEN SCHOOLS SCHEME

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The Gwynedd and Anglesey Green Schools Scheme is a unique and innovative bilingual environmental scheme that has been developed in partnership by Gwynedd Council, Isle of Anglesey County Council, and CYNNAL.

The main aim of the scheme is to encourage and support schools to undertake activities that will protect, improve and enhance the environment by reducing waste, saving energy and natural resources, reducing and preventing pollution, caring for the local and global environment and travelling wisely.

The scheme has a central role to play in ensuring that education for sustainable development is successfully delivered in local schools. It encourages children, young people and adults to develop the appropriate knowledge, values and skills to enable them to carefully consider the impact of their decisions and actions on the local and global environment, bearing in mind the quality of life for future generations.

All of the schools that subscribe to the Green Schools Scheme are required to formally adopt an Environmental Charter, establish a Green Group within the school and follow a three-stage Award plan - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Schools must demonstrate that they have successfully implemented the requirements of the Award stage to receive a certificate of achievement and an environmental award before moving to the next Award stage.

A total of 31 schools in Gwynedd are currently involved. The remaining schools in the county will be invited to join the scheme annually, the target being to get the majority to subscribe by the year 2007.