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Green Hero Education Awards 2019



Celebrating the Environmental Achievements of Lancashire's Schools

Notes of Guidance for entry

We are pleased the Green Hero Education Awards will be running again in 2019! The awards provide Lancashire primary schools, pupils and groups with recognition for their achievements in environmental performance. We are pleased to announce we are continuing our partnership with The Lancashire Science Fair, with our awards ceremony being a part of The Lancashire Science Fair on Friday 28th June 2019. The awards ceremony is held to recognise the achievements of your pupils and the ceremony is attended by them.

All Lancashire Primary Schools are eligible to enter as many award categories as they wish. By entering these awards you will gain recognition and publicity for your achievements, successes and accomplishments. The winner of each category will be presented with a personalised trophy and certificate.

Closing date for applications Tuesday 9th April 2019

If you are shortlisted you will be notified on Thursday 11th April 2019

The deadline to book attendance at the Lancashire Science Festival is Wednesday 1st May 2019. Please plan your logistics for attendance at the Green Hero Education Awards and Lancashire Science Festival now.

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Global Citizenship Award Criteria

This Award gives recognition for introducing a global dimension into school life and learning. It recognises schools where pupils consider the impacts of their actions on both local and global communities. Entries could include sustainable procurement policies that demonstrate the school's ethical approach to purchasing local and / or fair trade products. They could also include school linking projects or work that encourages pupils to explore different cultures and countries, the issues they face, and how our actions impact on their lives. Applicants must demonstrate how their school have considered global challenges and developed a responsible, international outlook.

Waste Savers Award Criteria

This Award is for schools that have taken steps to reduce the amount of waste they produce. Schools should demonstrate their waste minimisation methods and the ways in which they reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. Entries could also include details of any innovative awareness raising initiatives that have been implemented to promote waste minimisation in school.

Green Fingers Award Criteria

This Award is for schools that can demonstrate how they have helped pupils to learn about sustainable living by bringing them closer to the natural world. Entries could include food growing, sustainable solutions to materials and equipment, introducing composting areas or schemes.

Wildlife Warrior Criteria

This award is for schools which have helped pupils foster a passion for wildlife. Applicants should demonstrate how the school have helped wildlife either in their school grounds or outside their school boundaries. This could be as part of the usual school day or in after school, lunch time or school holiday clubs. Examples could include improving biodiversity of school grounds in projects such as sensory / wildlife gardens, biodiversity conservation, wildflower meadows, surveying, habitat creation or projects which study wildlife in some way.

Outdoor Skills School Award Criteria

This award is for schools that have worked hard to provide pupils with the chance to regularly spend time outdoors, all year round. This could either be as part of the usual school day or in voluntary after school clubs or lunch time clubs.

Applicants should outline different areas of the curriculum they have covered and enhanced by spending time outside and any innovative practices they are involved with. Applicants are also encouraged to show any particular commitment adults or children have shown in this area.

Schools entering any of the above award categories will automatically be considered for the award of Green Primary School of the Year 2019

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Closing Date

The closing date for entries is **Tuesday 9th April 2019** and the shortlisted schools will be informed on **Thursday 11th April 2019**. You will then need to confirm the numbers of staff and pupils attending the awards ceremony and Lancashire Science Fair by **Wednesday 1st May 2019**. Successful Schools shortlisted will **not** be accepted to attend the Lancashire Science Fair if replying after Wednesday 1st May 2019. The waiting list for Lancashire Science Fair included more than 80 schools in 2018 – it's a superb and popular event, all shortlisted schools will be able to take their group to the Lancashire Science Fair but replies of attendance must be within the correct time deadlines.

Completed forms should be submitted to: Daniel McDermott at Newground, 193 Bolton Road, Blackburn, BB2 3GE or daniel.mcdermott@newground.co.uk.

Conditions of Entry

- All entries must be submitted on the application form; electronic format preferred, however paper copies also accepted.
- If entering more than one category, then please fill out a new application form for each category entered.
- All entries must represent projects carried out in the last 12 months.
- The awards are open to all Primary Schools located in Lancashire including all Unitary Authorities.
- Applicants must address the criteria established for each category, against which the judges will make their decisions.
- The judges' decision is final.
- No projects or entries will be returned after the competition. Please ensure you keep a copy of your project for your own records.
- Newground cannot accept responsibility for loss, damage or delay to entries however caused. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
- Copyright: By entering your project into the competition, you grant Newground a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to use and reproduce the Project content and your name for any purpose in connection with the competition including, but not limited to, the following purposes:
 - Judging the competition
 - Display on our websites
 - Inclusion in Newground marketing and promotional materials.
- On the day of the awards photographs will be taken of attendees and winners throughout the day. Digital copies of these photos will be stored safely on Newground servers in the UK. They will be kept for a period of time no greater than 2 years after which they will be deleted. They may be used on Newground and Together Housing websites and social media plus used in paper reports. If you do not wish your pupils or staff to be photographed on the day please speak to a member of the Green Hero Awards staff on the day. If you wish to withdraw your permission for these photos to be used in the way described please notify us on these details: **communications@togetherhousing.co.uk or by calling 0300 555 5557.**
- Awards will also be presented for schools and projects that show innovation, originality and exceptional commitment. Newground will not accept applications for these categories and winners will be selected from the entries received for the above categories.

Judging

- Newground will appoint a panel of judges from sponsors and experts in the individual categories.
- The judges will shortlist 3 finalists in each category and the Award winners will be announced at the Awards ceremony on Friday 28th June 2019.
- Applicants may be contacted for further information or matters of clarification.

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If you have any queries relating to any aspects of the competition please contact Daniel McDermott at the address below:

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Good Luck



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