



# EMPOWERING CHANGE MAKERS: PLASTIC UNWRAPPED

YOUTH SUMMIT DELIVERED BY ECO-SCHOOLS NI

25.03.2020

W5 BELFAST



**DAERA**

Department of Agriculture,  
Environment and Rural Affairs  
[www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk)




ULSTER GARDEN  
VILLAGES LIMITED

**MARS WRIGLEY**  
Foundation

KEEP  
NORTHERN  
IRELAND  
BEAUTIFUL



**ECO-SCHOOLS**



INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR HOPE, LOOK FOR  
ACTION. THEN, AND ONLY THEN, HOPE WILL  
COME. WE CAN'T SAVE THE WORLD BY  
PLAYING BY THE RULES, BECAUSE THE RULES  
HAVE TO BE CHANGED. EVERYTHING NEEDS TO  
CHANGE, AND IT HAS TO START TODAY.

**GRETA THUNBERG**

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN  
THE WORLD. BE A CHANGE MAKER.



# THE SCHEDULE

**10.00-10.30** Registration

**10.30-10.40** Welcome

**10.40-10.50** Address

**10.50-11.10** *Be Plastic Clever* - Kids Against Plastic

**11.10-11.40** *Once a Young Reporter for the Environment, Always A  
Young Reporter* for the Environment - P.J. Marcellino

**11.40-11.45** Eco-Teacher of the Year - Awards Presentation

## **11.50-12.35 Workshop 1**

**Lab** *There's no Planet B* - David McBurney, NI Open Government Network (90 mins)

**Seminar Room 1** *The next Change Maker is YOU (that's right, you)* -  
Kids Against Plastic

**Seminar Room 2** *Eco-Schools Green Flag Application Clinic*

**Seminar Room 3** *What do I stand for?* Sustainability Workshop with  
contributions from a number of Eco-Schools

**Seminar Room 4** *Crafting Your Environmental Story* - P.J. Marcellino

**Lecture Theatre** *Much Ado About Plastic* - Lyric Theatre

## **12.35 - 13.35 Lunch & Exhibition Time**

## **13.35 -14.20 Workshop 2**

As above

## **14.20 Depart**

# KIDS AGAINST PLASTIC

Amy is one of the founders of the campaign and charity "Kids Against Plastic", a social action project for young people tackling plastic pollution.

Amy founded "Kids Against Plastic" with her sister, Ella, in early 2016, when they first discovered the devastating impact of plastic on the environment. Amy and Ella are currently focusing on their "Plastic Clever" program, encouraging people to reduce their use of single-use plastics. More than 50 cafés- restaurants, companies and public entities have joined, as well as over 650 schools.



They have also set their own personal challenge: to collect 100,000 pieces of plastic waste. They are approaching 70,000 pieces to-date and have also mobilised other young people to collect and log plastic litter using the Kids Against Plastic Litter-Logging app.

## **Workshop title: The next Change Maker is YOU (that's right, you).**

A practical and interactive workshop to inspire, empower and grow your change-making potential. Our tried and tested action planner will be discussed to empower you to take positive action to reduce pointless plastic in your school and local community.



# P.J. MARCELLINO

P.J. Marcellino is a film director, producer, and screenwriter who started his career as an environmental journalist and editor. He was one of the first Young Reporter's for the Environment (YRE) students, participating in Mission Antarctica, where he was mentored by YRE founder Philippe Saugier. He later was a mentor in various YRE international missions, and participated in YRE and Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) events in half a dozen countries. P.J. is currently producing and directing several documentaries with social and political impact. His early-life experiences in YRE remain a point of inspiration in the work he does today.



## **Workshop title: Craft Your Environmental Story**

Students will be given a 5-minute briefing about three real-life initiatives to tackle single-use plastics, including Wisebird, a start-up organisation reducing single-use plastic in fast food outlets. Students will then be split into two groups: stakeholders and journalists. In today's news cycle, journalists have a limited time to report, editors often have corporate interests as their bosses, and readers/viewers have limited capacity to absorb and critically assess what is real and what is potentially "fake news". Tapping into the Young Reporters for the Environment theme, P.J. uses real life scenarios to equip students to distinguish between news, secondary facts, and noise, putting the participants' critical thinking skills to the test at every turn.

# WORKSHOPS



## **What do I stand for?**

### **Sustainability Workshop with contributions from a number of Eco-Schools**

This peer to peer workshop will be facilitated by Young Reporters for the Environment, active young people who are taking a stand on environmental issues. They will share their knowledge and passion for environmental issues and how to become change makers by taking more sustainable actions.

Participants will engage in a fast-paced knowledge gathering session to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and develop how they can take action to achieve these goals in their school and local community, creating a better future for us all.



## **Much Ado About Plastic**

The Creative Learning Department at the Lyric Theatre are renowned for producing high quality educational and outreach work across Northern Ireland. This spring, they're teaming up with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to create an exciting new environmental educational piece of theatre specifically for schools. This workshop will involve a special performance, raising awareness of litter and plastic pollution through theatre. It will showcase and discuss the arts as a vital educational tool to address environmental issues and create positive behavioural change.

# WORKSHOPS



## Eco-Schools Coordinator Clinic

This workshop is aimed at Eco-Coordinator or schools new to the Eco-Schools programme and keen to apply for their first Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. This workshop will hear best practice examples from Green Flag Assessors who have vast experience judging the green flag, giving ideas as to what assessors look for and opening the floor to Q&A.

## There's NO Planet B!



As another round of global climate talks end in failure, efforts from the ground up are needed more than ever, to build a just climate future. If you are interested in taking climate action, but need to develop the necessary know-how, this could be the workshop for you. This interactive and fun extended 90 minute workshop is tailored for students aged 12-16 years who have an interest in the environment and/or politics. Students will gain valuable insight on how to best communicate and develop environmental policies that are good for the economy, people and for the environment. Through a series of interactive tasks and specialist coaching from David, you will create your own group to protect nature and the environment and help develop your leadership skills.

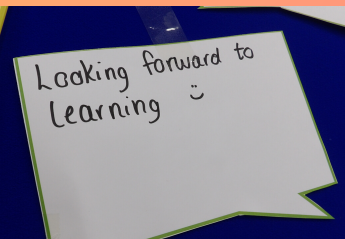
Groups will be challenged to:

- Invent a name and slogan for your group
- Produce a manifesto of policies to support life on land and life at sea, transform our energy system and tackle climate change
- Present your group manifesto and choose the group that best represents your priorities and values

# OUR EXHIBITORS

We want you to make the most of this experience. Our exhibition time is a great way to learn more from our delivery partners and friends who also want to make a difference in our world. Increase your knowledge, explore new experiences and gather some great ideas for your eco-work from the likes of Trocaire, Marble Arch Geopark, DAERA Marine Division, Belfast City Council, Sustrans, RSPB, Ulster Wildlife and more!

The official exhibition time will take place over lunch from approximately **12.25pm-13.25pm** however exhibitors are welcome to exhibit during registration time (10am-10.30am). **So grab a cup of tea and a sandwich and get chatting!**







# GET INVOLVED

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE  
RSVP WITH A COMPLETED REGISTRATION  
FORM BY 26TH FEBRUARY 2020 TO  
KARINA ROBINSON AT

[karina.robinson@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:karina.robinson@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org)