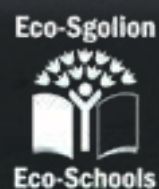


COPA1

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS





Dear Teacher,

We are pleased to invite your school to take part in a competition which aims to support the Eryri National Park Authority's¹ Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa project. This initiative seeks to encourage students to contribute to a sustainable future while aligning with the Four Purposes of the Curriculum for Wales.

At the Eryri National Park Authority, we understand the importance of fostering environmental awareness among young minds. Our competition gives students a great opportunity to take an active part in the fight against plastic pollution and have a positive impact on their local communities.

By joining this competition, your school can empower students to develop a deeper understanding of sustainability and its significance in our world today. Through entertaining activities and projects, pupils will have the opportunity to explore innovative solutions, raise awareness, and inspire others to adopt environmentally friendly practices. Several of the activities contained within the resource packs are aligned with skill building for the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Pupils can also incorporate their work into your Eco-Schools action plan and use it as evidence towards obtaining Eco-Schools internationally recognised Green Flag accreditation.

Links to the Curriculum for Wales

The COPA1 competition and the preparatory work to participate in the event, allows students to address and explore the following 'What matters' statements, in the following Areas of learning and experience:

Science and Technology

1. Design thinking and engineering offer technical and creative ways to meet society's needs and wants.

Health and Wellbeing

2. Our decision-making impacts on the quality of our lives and the lives of others.

Humanities

3. Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by processes and human actions.

The Four Purposes of a Curriculum for Wales emphasise the holistic development of students, nurturing them to become ethical, informed, and responsible citizens. By taking part in this competition, students will not only improve their knowledge and skills but also contribute to the wider aim of creating a greener and more sustainable future.

We encourage you to seize the opportunity to inspire your students and showcase their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Together, we can make a difference and instill a sense of environmental stewardship in the next generation.

If you have any queries or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your school's participation in this exciting competition and the positive impact it will have.

¹ Eryri National Park Authority is the trade name for the Snowdonia National Park Authority on our National Parks and the wider community.

FAQ's

What is COPA1?

COPA1 is a competition and event inviting secondary and tertiary pupils from across north Wales to solve the single use pollution crisis on Yr Wyddfa.

When and where is the event?

The event is on Yr Wyddfa, on 24 September 2024 including a trip on the train to the summit!

Will teachers get paid?

Schools will be reimbursed for the teachers' time at the event.

What happens at the event?

Groups of pupils shortlisted to attend will have a chance to pitch their ideas and develop them in workshops. They'll take a trip to the summit (with teachers) on the train and then they'll attend an awards ceremony. Pupils will be required in the Llanberis area at 8.30am and the day will end at approximately 5pm.

What do I need to do as a teacher?

Teachers will need to hand out the pupil education pack and resources. Pupils are free to do the exercise and create the pitch videos either in class with teachers' guidance or in their free time.

How do pupils submit their ideas?

Pupils will submit their ideas to the link:-

COPA1 submission.¹

IMPORTANT: As part of your video please tell us the following information when you introduce yourselves:

- Your group members names and surnames
- Your school year
- Your school

What is the timeline?

Video pitches will need to be submitted by 30 May 2024. Shortlisted groups (3-4 pupils in each group) will be announced by 30 June 2024.

There is £1,500 prize money up for grabs – how will the students be able to spend it?

The Eryri National Park Authority will generate purchase orders for the project spends of the groups who win on the day of the event and support students on their project journey (along with facilitators who will help them develop their ideas).

¹ <https://shorturl.at/dhnrT>