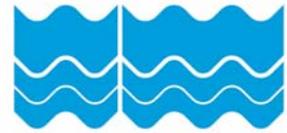


Case study



Waste and Resource Efficiency Project for schools (WREP)

East Sussex County Council Environmental Action Team are leading on it. It is an Interreg 4a funded project funded under:

Priority 4: Ensure a sustainable environmental development of the common space

Specific objective 10: ensure a balance management of the environment and raise awareness about environmental issues. We have French project partners (SMEDAR, Rouen) who are a council with waste collection and disposal responsibilities. There are a number of other partners for different part of the wider project.

Why was it needed

We need to help our schools reduce their waste and increase their recycling and resource efficiency. Schools are very well placed to affect change in their local communities and by helping them become more environmentally aware the message is spread very effectively to local people and businesses.



What needed to happen to get it done

Lots of planning and preparation to submit the bid. The project design and outputs were based on a similar very successful project we delivered and wanted to adapt and expand. Our team supports participating schools by:

- Carrying out 2 waste audits with them
- Creating an action plan for the whole school to implement in order to capture recyclates and change behaviour
- Offering them a centralised schools waste contract Offering free waste awareness education sessions
- Providing the schools with environmental audits and advice
- Access to a fund to help with energy or water saving changes to their buildings (SALIX)
- Free specialist resource efficiency training to Senior Management teams in schools
- Helping them spread a message to local residents and businesses about resource efficiency and how the County Council can help them achieve change

What was the outcome

The project will run from 2009 until March 2011 and 23 schools will benefit. So far 12 schools have started – too early to have results yet but very positive actions have been achieved through a whole school approach to resource efficiency.

how much did it cost (if appropriate)

The budget for this part of the project is £78000 including staff costs, training, communication material, financial rewards for the schools, a youth summit and recycled fashion show. We can claim 50% of this expenditure back from Interreg 4a.