

Minutes of Climate Change Champions Meeting Held on Teams Tuesday 16 November 2021, 3.45 – 4.30 pm

Attendees

Andrea Corley – Bayonne Nursery School
Angela Thompson-Smith – Addison Primary School
Anya Jarmson – Sir John Lillie Primary School
Gemma Farley – Flora Gardens Primary School
Tabby Fraser – Thomas's Academy
Maddy Horne – Flora Gardens Primary School
Nathan Cardwell – Fulham Cross Academy
Gemma Potter – Miles Coverdale Primary School
Victoria Bateson - The Fulham Bilingual Primary School

Apologies: David Fricker – Brackenbury Primary School

LA Staff

Diana Edgecombe (DE) Michele Rebelo (MR) Hannah Lambeth Ann Kenny

AGENDA

Chaired by Diana Edgecombe - Special Projects Lead

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Welcome and review actions from last meeting (10) mins

- LCG Highly commended news 5 mins (DE)
- DfE announcement and school showcase (MR) 10 mins
- Climate Education Guide Updates review. (MR & HL)10 mins

- New and upcoming projects:
- Mudlarks; ECO. 5 mins (DE)
- AOB

Item 1. Welcome and Review Actions from last meeting

Diana Edgecombe welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Hannah Lambeth to attendees.

All attendees introduced themselves.

DE shared the Minutes on screen from the last meeting held on 16.6.21 and advised she would go through any items and actions from last meeting.

Food and Waste Services. For any schools interested in this service, please contact Sara Aweis from H&F who is now leading on the project: Sara.Aweis@lbhf.gov.uk

Schools advised that Ian Hawthorn, Assistant Director- Environment Special Projects, H&F had not been in contact as discussed during last meeting on 16.6.21

Action: DE agreed to make contact with Ian

Item 2. School Updates

Angela Thompson-Smith - Addison Primary School

- Reintroduced 'Walk To School' scheme
- During duration of COP26, afternoon lessons were based on climate change.
- Pledges made by pupils i.e. I will turn the tap off, so no water wasted

Victoria Bateson - Fulham Bilingual

• School had ECO Spirit week. During lead up to COP 26 week each child dressed up in a different colour i.e. to represent ocean or similar.

Action: DE asked if school could share information.

Anya - Sir John Lillie Primary School

 School now has an edible garden with children growing crops and the harvested vegetables being cooked in dining hall so they can consume.

Nathan Cardwell - Fulham Cross Academy

- School held mini COP26 with updates and daily challenges on how we can do better
 e.g. pupils looking at their carbon footprint and assessing at the end of week to see
 how each student managed.
- Lots of interesting things included in curriculum led sessions

Item 3. LCG Highly Commended News.

- MR advised that H&F were advised they had been shortlisted for awards in September
- MR and Jan Parnell were then requested to present to judging panel
- Advised during early November when event was to be held.
- From the 8 entries under 'climate' H&F were awarded Second place and were also Highly Commended.
- Received a mazing feedback from judges.

MR advised this was all to do with works led by schools and their aim was to elevate the work all our schools doing day to day and really trying to push agenda on climate education. **MR** posted following links in chat:

- Young People At The Heart Of Our Climate Strategy: Please click here
- LCG Awards Celebrate H&Fs Commitment to Climate: Please click here

Future communications will be using the 'Highly Commended' logo. Will be on new LP website.

Item 4. DfE Announcement And School Showcase

There was an announcement during COP26 from the new Education Secretary who spoke about the importance of climate education in schools. He advised it will be on his agenda to have awards for young people and a similar scheme to Duke of Edinburgh Award and climate education is now seen as an essential part of curriculum. Acknowledges and recognises hard work for schools and pupils.

• Education Secretary Puts Climate Change at the Heart of Education: Please click here **DE** advised watch this space.

Showcase during meetings:

DE shared link to H&F Climate Education page. Pease click <u>here</u> and advised that is where we try to have depositary of work .

- Summer in the City
- Mudlarks.
- Education guide with resources listed as well as calendar of climate days.
- Section with climate news for which articles can be written up and added.

Would like to receive articles from schools or at each meeting have one or two schools showcasing their efforts.

In addition, we have a newsletter 'climate connects' and information is also double posted under climate news.

DE welcomed delegates to put any ideas or comments in the chat:

Tabby Fraser – Thomas's Academy.

School is very interested in being part of 'Greening the Grey' scheme being led by Ian Hawthorne which is reversing the way we look at streets as a transport link from A to

B. Adding green infrastructure. Taking out concrete verges, adding more trees, adding wild flowers.

Action: DE to contact and remind Ian and will get back to Tabby

Item 5. Climate Education Guide Updates – review

DE advised she just wanted to give update as currently working on updating climate education guide.

We currently do have a guide that is primary school focused but will be using the same format for secondary schools and there will be a separate group to share. Hannah is currently working very hard and will be sharing updates ASAP.

Michelle shared webpage and direct link to current guide but felt lots of info missing from this so needed to add more information.

This will be a resource to get you some extra help, up to date links for information etc. Michelle posted current link (Please click here) but explained would be making better designed document and hoping to have this ready asap so will have a relaunched version. Advised Hannah currently working on finding good resources and fact sheets on outdoor learning etc.

AK advised that information from the Lilla Huset website was currently in the process of being transferred to the new **Learning Partnership** website which was now live and had an easily accessible link to Climate Education page: <u>Climate – Learning Partnership</u> (<u>Ibhflearningpartnership.com</u>)

Please use following new email addresses when contacting Learning Partnership: cpd@lbhflearningpartnership.com or support@lbhflearningpartnership.com

Climate education guide updates.

New and upcoming projects:

Opening lots of projects up to Schoolzone.

Mudlarks Project run in conjunction with Urbanwise. His will be the 3rd year of the Mudlarks project and is scheduled to start next spring. Urbanwise work with a team on developing and this is an opportunity for a number of schools to be involved.

MR posted link and small synopsis of website. http://urbanwise.london/projects/mudlarks-project/ and requested all schools interested for next project who register their interest will be contacted by Moya. Any other school that has not yet been on project, which is free, are very welcome. Please let them know ASAP

English Chamber Orchestra climate workshops at Fulham Cross Academy

Brand new programme. Scheduled to happen next March and colleague from there, Paul Sherman, is very keen to work with primary and secondary schools in H&F. Lots of music focused on climate and ecology. Music that speaks to children re the climate. Requires children to not only be interested in music but also re theme.

Nathan for Fulham. Ross. Amazing for students to be in environment and gain information re climate change/sustainability re climate change. Pupils engaged so well. Amazing performance. Amazing to sit there and hear and excellent feedback from students.

Michelle posting another link. Fe English chamber orchestra and all they have done. For music and climate theme please make contact with team.

Keep schools posted re

Children's environmental parliament. Rebranded from. Hildrens parliament. Programme run bi borough with rbkc. 5 spaces - classes from different schools so if delegates would like their schools involved been sign up.

Clear that we will make sure ne t meeting will be the end of January and will send date out ASAP. In meantime if there are any other items, please get in contact and all queries will be followed up.

Any final comments. Angela for Addison, school travel plan. New person. Information to be followed.

Tabby educate global. dE understanding is Keith Fernandes holding support groups. Tabby to email Keith. dE advised she will take forward and find out what is going on with platform and will feed back to the group.

Gemma. Miles Coverdale have finished silver accreditation. Trouble with platform and communication issues. Working on courses and asked delegates to do in spare time, I.e. wfh and isolation. In January have half an inset day and prepared to support any staff who have not completed. Happy to help with anyone who needs. Email address.

Fulham academy trustdli g educate globa. Most of staff have done minimum of 2 courses but some staff more than 5 completed during first lockdown. Taken lots ore new staff members and looking at them taking courses on board too in spring term. Get in contact with Keith Fernandes on his return from annual leave.

Diana concluded meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Hoping eventually to meet in person. Positive .

Please get in contact directly if any information required.

3 projects. To sign up for. Thanks to new people for

DE introduced Lucy Bird to the meeting and advised they had looked at mapping report

DE advised she had also looked at school travel but still could not find anyone on the team and asked Ian Hawthorn if he could possibly provide an update.

DE reminded that at last meeting Praveen Gopalan from BBC Studios Sustainability had talked about BBC sustainability programme and asked whether anyone had contacted him. Although response was no, DE advised she was still hoping to do ore work with BBC studios in the Autumn term and also would look at outdoor learning.

MR confirmed she had posted links to google jamboard and advised the link was now up and running so Climate champions can check and use this information to support schools in climate education going forward.

DE advised she has a lightening talk planned with Carlos from Urbanwise and advised that delegates could join but stipulated that there is an associated cost.

Action: Moya to ask if Carlos can share link to Lilla Huset website.

Item 2. Ian Hawthorn, Assistant Director- Environment Special Projects, H&F.

Ian introduced himself and advised that he is now the single point of contact for transport, school streets etc. due to a change in the Environment Department. He confirmed that Transport and highways have gone through a restructure so former colleagues in School Travel have now been moved.

• Current Environmental Projects running:

Healthy school streets: In terms of air quality, assessments had been made of all schools within H&F and 28 schools were flagged to be located in poor quality air areas.

IH has managed to pull together budget to work on this project and will be sending a number of schools an Air Quality Audit which will include information on inside and outside school education, climate change and what Transport and Highways doing around this:

Structure changes: Transport and Highways have been both restructured so people you have dealt with may have changed. However School Streets will be in my group to deliver and we are committed to doing that.

- Change the landscape. Use parking bays and add more cycling provision, electric vehicle chargers, planting schemes, change dynamics of school.
- Most important for IH's team of engineers to come into schools and ask pupils how to design infrastructure as project is very much to be led by schools.
- Currently in the process of assessing 28 schools and seeing which 4 to 6 schools they can work with.

- Air Quality Audits. WSP will do an assessment in and outside school which will lead to school streets. Ian has to deliver on this assessment and therefore schools will play a party in giving evidence on how to deliver.
- Whole education piece involving FM Conway's our Highways contractor, WSP as well as Educatuion and Public Health Colleagues.re restructures to be on board with Education pact.
- IH also wants engineers to come into schools and advise and would also like schools to come along and see how his team will deliver on project.

IH advised he was leading on project called Greening the Grey. Reversing the way we look at streets as a transport link from A to B. Adding green infrastructure. Taking out concrete verges, adding more trees, adding wild flowers. Green in the grey. He would therefore like his team of engineers to talk about this together with flood risk scheme. Australia road was the initial flagship schemes and work on this project has since flowed on from there. Whole learning exercise and expertise from engineers.

IH advised that for a long time he has wanted to put more trees in and has worked on revolutionary planting system which allows tree ,to survive in poor thriving areas and doesn't compact soil. Has already conducted schemes within H&F and added trees where they couldn't before such as Overtone Road, Galloway Road and Seagrave Road lan wants to engage with all schools on how to deliver on these schemes and how they can change and that was really important.

IH invites emails with questions and as direct them to him as he personally leading on these. lan.hawthorn@lbhf.gov.uk

IH confirmed he is full committed to make sure this happens. He would also be happy to come and give a presentation within schools .

Q: Isabel Czyba. What the situation is to having all schools use more renewable energy providers

A: IH to go back and check out with his team.

Diana thanked Ian

3. Summer in the City Programme

Michelle Rebelo advised that the programme that the Summer in the City is a Programme that many schools may be aware of.

There will be a leaflet advertising full programme currently being compiled and this contains information on activities for families and children. Just need to receive confirmed information with regards to dates and will be sending leaflet out as soon as received and requested delegates to share with parents.

Information included re themes this year. Focus on outdoor learning and environment:

- H&F have partnered with LMP Action (LMP to design and deliver a vibrant Summer offer to young people that offers opportunities for connection, variety of experience, some much needed fun and a celebration around food
- Our Inclusive all age Summer Programme will dilber a diverse range of activities targeted at our children and families who will benefit from this additional support,
- This programme will run between 23 July and 27 August 2021
- All activities will include food provision to ensure our CYP receive a nutritious meal
- Activities will be free and inclusive.
- We want to reach as many young people who are eligible as possible will d Working on bringing Environment

Number of proposed activities.

Flagship events: English Chamber Orchestra Trio or Quartet. Every Wednesday. Musical activities with younger children. Will keep you posted. Looking at a climate related theme for their music.

Link to sign for newsletter and updates.

Many activities with main focus being on Environment and outdoor learning.

Moya from Urbanwise advised they will be partnering with Hammersmith Community Gardens and running sessions at the glass houses in Ravenscourt Park and on the Phoenix school farm. The focus is on outdoor learning and nature activities.

Nursery school children are welcome to attend with families. The whole programme is designed to be as inclusive as it can be.

Key Priorities:

- Stem Focus including Climate education
- Nutrition
- Family Learning
- Links and signposting to key organisations
- Physical Activity
- Ensuring offer is inclusive to all CYP
- Work Experience Opportunities

Map showing where providers are based in H&F

Flagship Events:

- Launch Event Picnic in the Park
- Ravenscourt Glasshouse Musical Events
- Nourish Hubs

Provision will be delivered by over 25 organisations across the borough.

Link: https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/summer-city

4. Plans for next Academic Year

Next meeting scheduled to be held in September and DE confirmed she will also be in contact re different areas discussed.

- Also has plans in mind:
 To continue to expand Mudlarks project.
- Developing secondary climate group to and envisage 2 groups coming together a couple of times a year to support each other.
- Would be great to know what members expectations are for the next academic year. Workshops or meeting people or fact sheets.
- Question to the group. Take any feedback and put in planning to move forward. Delegates can put in chat or email: cpd@thelillahuset.co.uk
- H&F Council current policy is hybrid working where some activities are real world and others are virtual. It would be good to set a date for next meeting where we can all physically meet.

Re Summer Programme Lucy Bird advised that H&F are currently running 2 climate related workshops and 2030 art competition/programme. For further information please contact: lucy.bird@lbhf.gov.uk

DE said that if delegates know of any organisations or colleagues who want to be involved in the Summer in the City programme summer in the city please let us know

5. AOB

Anyone having issues with EducCate Global bronze award or would like to now go to next level please contact Keith Fernandes: keith.fernandes@lbhf.gov.uk

Finally to say, with regards to the desire to expand the Mudlarks programme, if any of group are interested please advise:diana.edgecombe@lbhf,gov.uk

Next meeting will be in September 2021- Wednesday 16??? September and team would be in touch before end of term with any updates.

Diana drew meeting to close.