

## Ulidia Integrated College

Number of pupils: 625

Age range: 11 – 18 years

Location: Carrickfergus

Joined Eco-Schools: 2005

Number of Green Flags: 5

Ulidia Integrated College have a passionate Eco-Committee promoting activities and encouraging wider pupil participation which led them to becoming a Zero Waste to landfill school in 2013. Links with the wider community have been established through involvement in initiatives such as beach litter cleans, and the participation of a wide range of organisations and businesses at the school's annual Green Day.

The school has taken part in many Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful initiatives over the years including: Live Here Love Here - Adopt A Spot and BIG Spring Clean, Young Reporters for the Environment, Translink Travel Challenge, Global Wind Awards, Rethink Waste projects and Wrigley's Litter Less campaign. These aspects are all tied together when looking at Global Citizenship and their responsibility in sustainability and protecting the environment. The school has close links with a partner school in Madagascar who they keep in regular touch with.

### Topic actions: Global Perspective

The school has a zero waste policy which they work hard to maintain and also focus on energy saving actions. They are looking at all their Eco-Schools topics through a Global Perspective and understanding how their own actions on sustainability impact the rest of the world.

The school currently have a twinning project with a public high school in Dauphin, Madagascar and currently, share 'Zero Waste' good practice and to develop Fair Trade links. Both schools are coastal and had a common desire to develop coastal litter picking further, the common desire influenced the development plans of both schools together.

This communication, helped students in Northern Ireland and Madagascar learn more about each other and community life in each setting. With a whole school involvement at Ulidia Integrated College raised £1500, which was donated to ADSUM Foundation for the building of a borehole for the extraction of clean drinking water. The project brought water to the whole Ambalamanenjana rural village in Madagascar.

### Sharing Good Practice actions:

2015 Eco-Schools 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Display stand showcasing their Global Perspectives topic work.

The school hosted international guests from the Eco-Schools National Operators Meeting (NOM) 2015.

2015 Created display stand for visit from HRH the Duke of Gloucester on their schools grounds work.

Ulidia have completed a Transport Case Study on the Eco-Schools [website](#). Created an [energy app](#) to help save energy. Other information on their Eco-Schools activities can be found on their [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

Eco Schools Coordinator within the school meets regularly with local primary and post primary schools to advise and guide on establishment and running of the programme.

Ulidia have completed a case study for the 'Global Learning programme' which is published [here](#). And a case study with 'Zero waste' partner ISL Recycling [here](#).

In 2017 the school has developed links with 'Ethiopia 365' charity raising raise funds and awareness of street children in Ethiopia.

Ulidia has links with a school in Kenya which they raised funds for and students travelled there to help build the school. Ulidia Integrated College is a 'Fairtrade Aware' school and highlight this in their annual Green Day event which involves the whole school in 'green' activities for the day. The Eco Team also promoted Fair Trade at the school's annual Christmas Fair by hosting a gingerbread decorating stall and spoke to visitors in the community about Fair Trade and why it is so important.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Monitoring and evaluating the different eco topics they are looking at is incorporated into a range of different class subjects and year groups. This provides a range of data which the Eco-Committee use to inform their decisions. All pupils in the school have the opportunity to discuss and evaluate the information gathered. Year 9 pupils participate in the Translink Travel Challenge annually.

A-Level pupils analyse the school energy consumption over the years. Year 10 consider the monthly energy savings provided by the school's wind turbine in Mathematics. They have many links across the curriculum which can be seen on their [website](#). The school has an excellent B energy rating.

**Mentoring School:**

**Acorn Integrated Primary School, Carrickfergus** – The pupils from Ulidia work with their neighbouring primary school and are helping them towards their first Green Flag; Sixth form Eco mentors visit Acorn each Friday afternoon to work with P5 pupils to mentor them and to complete eco activities with them. This programme is now in its second year. Learners from Acorn visit Ulidia Integrated College to participate in a joint 'Global Dimension' Fair Trade project each March during Integrated Education Month, and also visit in June to participate in the annual Greenday event at Ulidia.



Above: Ulidia Integrated College receiving their first Ambassador Eco-School award during the Eco-Schools 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.



Above: Ulidia integrated College receiving 'Coca Cola Coast Care Award' at Stormont in October 2017



Above: Pupils chat to HRH the Duke of Gloucester about their Eco-Schools work.



Left: Ulidia host international guests during the Eco-Schools NOM

Right: 'International Collaboration' Winner YRE 2017



Above: Pupils from Ulidia with their Green Flag