

Greener Future

Student Envirochampions

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Sustainable Development Strategy

FOUR priority areas

- ❖ Capacity
- ❖ Buildings and Estates
- ❖ Curriculum
- ❖ Community Participation

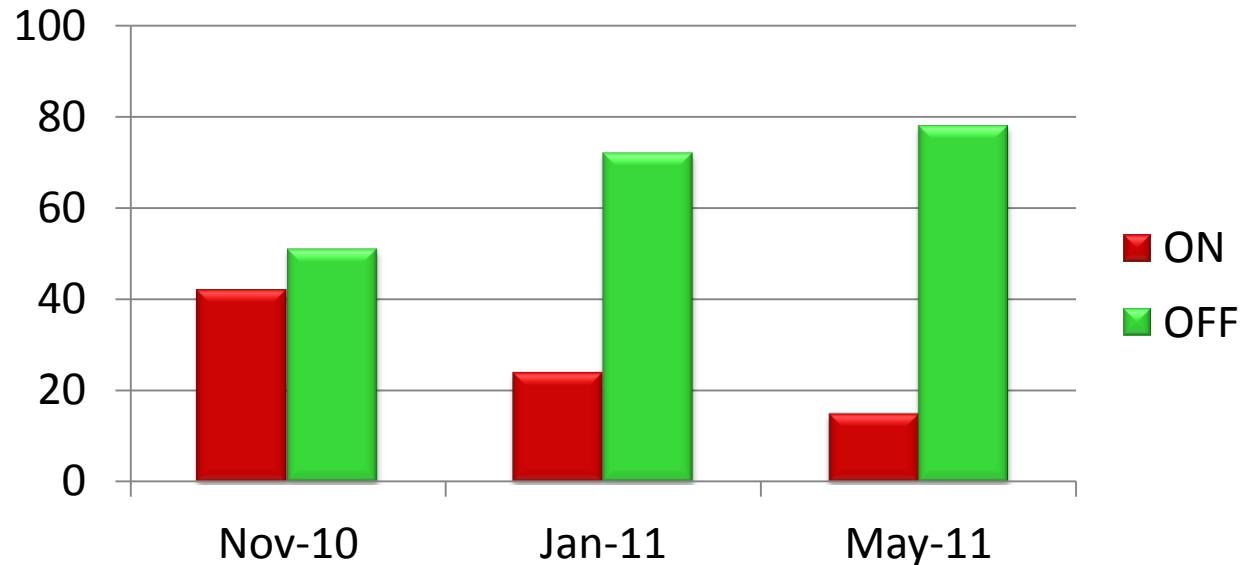
- ❖ Our staff envirochampions
have been doing a great job....
- ❖and making a difference for example....

Switch Off Campaign



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Green Office Week – May 2011

- ❖ Make a start Monday → Green offices for dummies book
- ❖ Switch off Tuesday → Switch Off campaign
- ❖ Waste not Wednesday → Notepads & ideas on saving paper
- ❖ Think ahead Thursday → Recycling scheme
- ❖ Feel Good Friday → Toner saving tips



Promoting recycling



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165 PCs donated by IT team



Children at the Cistercian School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia using computers for the first time




Engineering students gain IT skills.

Could we achieve similar success with student envirochampions?



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Encourage your students to become Envirochampions

Sometimes environmental problems, such as climate change, can seem out of our hands. Finding answers and knowing what to do can seem daunting, after all what difference can just one person make?

Our Greener Future project will show that, one person **CAN** make a big difference, starting with our **Envirochampions**.

What does a student Envirochampion do?

- Find ways their class could be more environmentally friendly
- Encourage students to switch off lights and equipment at the end of their class.
- Encourage others to be more environmentally friendly

What's in it for them?

- Benefit from additional training and learn more about how to take environmental action both here and at home.
- The opportunity to take responsibility and build confidence
- The opportunity to make a positive difference

If you have a student that might be

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Become an Envirochampion!

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A **BIG** difference
So what can you do?
Become an Envirochampion!

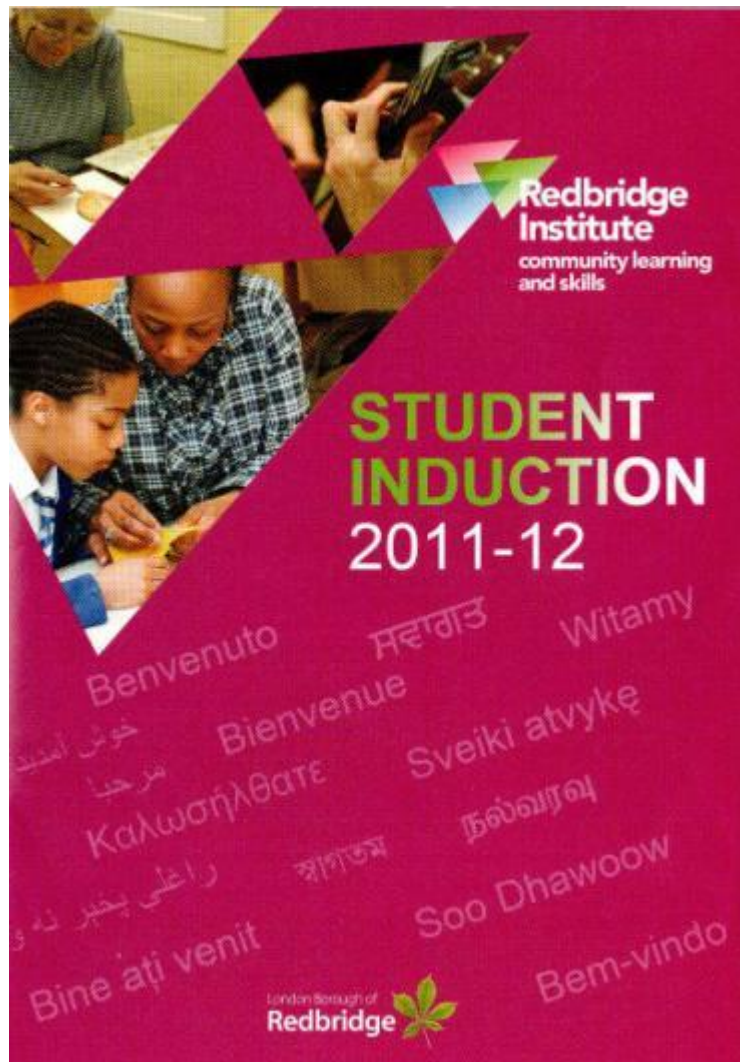


What does an envirochampion do?

- Find ways your class could be more environmentally friendly
- Switch off lights and equipment at the end of the day
- Encourage others to be more environmentally friendly

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The poster features a collage of images showing students and staff interacting. A large green arrow points towards the text 'Redbridge Institute community learning and skills'. Below this, the text 'STUDENT INDUCTION 2011-12' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, various 'welcome' messages are written in different languages: Benvenuto, स्वागत, Witamy, Bienvenue, Kalwosylthate, Sveiki atvykę, நல்வரவு, Bine ați venit, Soo Dhawoow, Bem-vindo, and خوش آمدید. The London Borough of Redbridge logo is at the bottom right.

Redbridge
Institute
community learning
and skills

**STUDENT
INDUCTION
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London Borough of
Redbridge

Our commitment to sustainability

We are committed to implementing sustainable development through:

- Our management of resources
- The learning opportunities we provide
- Our engagement with the local community

We have already taken action to reduce our energy consumption and minimise our carbon footprint.

Green tips

This is what you can do to contribute to our Green policy:

- Recycle your old phone – follow the link on the Redbridge Institute website
- Cut down on printing and keep your learning resources on the **Moodle** website. Your tutor will advise you how to start your account where appropriate.
- Use public transport to travel to your class or see if other learners want to join you in a car sharing scheme.
- Cycle to the Institute and make use of our bike racks and lockers.
- Refill your plastic water bottles with tap water - help reduce the number of plastic bottles in landfill.
- Turn off computer screens and printers.
- Use the recycling bins.
- Support our local charities and fundraising activities – see website for details.



Get involved

Your voice matters. It is really important to us that learners get involved in shaping our service. The Learner Forum meets every term and gives feedback and advice on all matters affecting students. The forum is made up of volunteer learners. You can also make your views known to one of our two Student Governors. Check the website or notice boards for more information on how to get involved and to read about the actions we have taken as a result of your feedback.

Student Envirochampions



- ❖ Recruited 14 champions from a range of courses
- ❖ Some have completed the CIEH Award in Environmental Principles and Best Practice



Student envirochampions supporting behaviour change



- ❖ 10 empty boxes of A4 paper, representing the amount the Institute uses in a week were stacked to create the “Sustainability tree”
- ❖ The tree’s leaves had interesting facts about recycling, reminding everyone how important it is while the students were given the opportunity of writing their own “fruitful” suggestions on the apples and pin them on the tree.



Organising Climate Week Book Swop



**£165
raised for
charity**

Using competitions to get students involved



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**A Greener Future
for Redbridge Institute**

We are striving to make Redbridge Institute a greener, more environmentally friendly place to learn and work.

To make a Greener Future we aim to:

- Recycle 100% of our paper waste by end of February 2012.
- Switch off class and office equipment when not in use.
- Enlist a team of student Envirochampions to help make changes.
- Reduce our carbon emissions and save £1,500 a year.

If you want to know more about the project or would like to get involved, contact us at greenerfuture@redbridge-iae.ac.uk or leave a message at reception for Emma and we'll get back to you.

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COMPETITION
WIN memory sticks
for EVERYONE in your class!!

Help us make Redbridge Institute a greener, more environmentally friendly place in which to learn and work.

Get together with others in your class and write us a list of how **YOUR CLASS** could make environmental improvements here at Gearies, and everyone could win a memory stick.

You can include things like re-using paper or switching off lights as well as more interesting, new and innovative ideas. **Be Bold!**

Submit your list of ideas by **Wednesday 29th February 2012** to Emma at Greenerfuture@Redbridge-iae.ac.uk or leave them in an envelope in Reception marked for Emma's attention.

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Creating a garden & introducing Grow Your Own Family Learning courses



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What we achieved

- ❖ Students switching off
- ❖ Recycling paper
- ❖ Class competitions for sustainable learning ideas
- ❖ Providing free environmental science qualification as value added
- ❖ Student Top Tips information for peers
- ❖ Delivering Family Learning Grow your own courses
- ❖ Using more on line resources to reduce paper

THREE TOP TIPS

1. Take a whole organisation approach involving staff and students
2. Promote volunteering opportunities for students – adds value to the curriculum and their CV
3. Participate in national campaigns and events to promote your own activities



Your next steps – making the most of your EAUC Membership...



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1. **Resources** - visit the dedicated behaviour change section on the EAUC resource bank
2. **Networks** - join our Embedding Positive Attitudes and Behaviours Community of Practice - for those wanting to identify with the challenges of changing the behaviour of staff and students
 - Find out more about this group at 5pm today – see programme for details
3. **Recognition** - want recognition for your student engagement initiatives – enter the 2012 Green Gown Awards Student initiatives and campaigns category – entries open summer 2012
4. **Measure and improve** - sign up to LiFE – www.thelifeindex.org.uk. EAUC Members receive a significant discount
 - LiFE offers a dedicated 'student engagement' framework for implementation

Membership matters at www.eauc.org.uk