

## Devon Waste Education Programme (UK)

For 8 years DCC has steadily developed its waste education work, it is one of the UK’s largest waste education programmes, with over 20,000 children (aged 4 – 16) involved in assemblies, workshops, school waste audits and action planning, landfill site visits and Junior Life Skill events.

Waste audits and action planning are an important part of the programme and are often the starting point for many schools in their campaign to minimise waste. The impact of the programme is clearly demonstrated with the average reduction in waste per school of 38.6% in 2011/12 academic year.

The largest proportion of the work is delivered via a wide range of hands on workshops including on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), composting and litter in the environment. The workshops are developed by qualified teachers and have strong cross curricular links including science, maths, literacy, geography and PSHE (Personal Social Health Education).

Programme feedback states 99% of teachers rating overall input as “good” or “excellent” and 96.2% of pupils “enjoying” or “really enjoying” the workshops.

In a recent survey, 70% of teachers said that they have incorporated topics on waste into the curriculum or schemes of work as a result of the Waste Education Project.

### Facts

Place / Location	Sub national,  Devon County, England
Commencement Date	The programme has been running for 8

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	years. The most recent contract for delivery of the programme was awarded 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2012.
Duration	Ongoing,  The new contract will run for 3 years with an option to extend annually for a further 2 years subject to funding.
Theme	Prevention, Mitigation, Awareness (Cross-cutting)
Type of Initiative	Practice/ Activity/ Action, Campaign, Other - Educational
Initiated by	Devon County Council
Involved Stakeholders	Resource Futures Ltd  Plymouth City Council  Torbay Council  East Devon District Council  Exeter City Council  Mid Devon District Council  North Devon district council  South Hams District Council  Teignbridge District council  Torridge District council

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	West Devon District Council  Devon community Composting Network  All Primary and Secondary School in Devon
Funding/Financial Support	Devon county Council
Success Rate	Very successful
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**Available documentation and further information:**

<http://www.recycledevon.org/kidszone/>

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