



# Environmental Education for Sustainability in Schools

## Wellington City Council Resource List

Recycling, energy reduction, growing food, sustainable transport... there are many environmental topics for students to study, and lots of ways for schools to lead by example. Wellington City Council recognises this and can provide the following support to help you achieve both your learning and school development goals.

### Restoration planting

**Anita Benbrook**

Restoration Technical Advisor

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Anita coordinates planting activities in the community. Schools can attend Council-organised plantings during winter each year, or plan their own planting project.

Anita can advise schools on:

- sourcing plants and other resources from the Council for native planting projects proposed by schools on public land
- planting projects on school grounds if it has an educational focus and/or forms a stepping stone for native wildlife.

### Urban Agriculture

**Amy Bird**

Community Advisor

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Amy works with community groups and organisations who want to set up edible gardens, community composts and other garden related activities around the city.

Amy can:

- give you practical advice on setting up a garden and growing the community around the garden
- connect schools to existing local community gardens
- give advice on where to source materials for your garden.

### Waste education

**Aviva Stein**

Waste Educator

04 383 4436 | [waste.education@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:waste.education@wcc.govt.nz)

Aviva organises school tours of the Southern Landfill and can visit classes to give a 45 minute talk on:

- composting
- worm farming
- reduce-reuse-recycle

Aviva can also help schools apply for the Council's recycling grant, as well as set up a school compost or worm farm.

**Waste Heroes**

WCC has launched a new Waste Education Programme for schools. For more information please email: [meagan.miller@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:meagan.miller@wcc.govt.nz)

### Energy monitoring and conservation at schools

**Tom Pettit**

Sustainability Manager

021 227 8317 | Tom Pettit

Tom can provide direction for schools and/or classes that are interested in starting their energy conservation journey or understanding more about climate change.

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Wellington City Council**

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## Wellington Botanic Garden and Otari Wilton's Bush

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### Wellington Gardens Education Team

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#### Discovery Garden

At the Wellington Botanic Garden we offer hands-on sessions in our Discovery Garden that connect students with the way we use plants in our everyday lives. Education sessions are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time. School groups must make a booking to visit the Discovery Garden. Let us know if you'd like to visit the wider garden instead.

#### Otari Wilton's Bush

Through our Bush Guide programme, senior students from Otari School are Otari Wilton's Bush ambassadors and may be available to help with your visit. Please contact our educators for further information.

Secondary school biology and horticulture tours, linked to the year 12 and 13 curriculum are also available at Otari, delivered by the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust.

#### Free online education resource

Download at [wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz) (search for 'Nature Trail'). The Nature Trail education kit has been developed to trigger actions at a grassroots level by encouraging school communities to:

- understand whanaungatanga - the interconnectedness of all things
- recognise the importance of healthy ecosystems in our everyday lives
- 'think globally and act locally' to help protect the living environment.

The four-part resource aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum.

## Sustainable Transport

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### Hilleke Townsend

Sustainable Transport Coordinator  
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Hilleke runs TipiHaere TravelWell - our school travel programme which aims to make it safer and easier for tamariki (and their whānau) to choose active or sustainable modes of travel. We provide support for walking school buses, park and stride, scooter skills, and other active travel promotions. We also liaise between schools and other agencies to make the journey to school safer for everyone.

## Council Partners

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### Enviroschools - Te Upoko o te Ika a Māui

04 830 4485 | [enviroschools@gw.govt.nz](mailto:enviroschools@gw.govt.nz) | [enviroschools.org.nz](http://enviroschools.org.nz)

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The Enviroschools Programme provides a framework for schools to engage with a whole school sustainability journey. We also provide regular professional development and networking hui which are available to all schools.

### The Sustainability Trust - Kim Tabrum

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#### Workshops and Waste Audits

The Education Team at Sustainability Trust offers a wide range of curriculum-linked sustainability education programmes. Students can visit our award-winning EcoCentre, to explore a range of sustainability topics.

Our team can also visit schools to present workshops, which include building compost bins, establishing worm farms, or encouraging pollinators to visit the school gardens. We support schools hoping to reduce their environmental impact by providing a comprehensive waste minimisation programme. Our educators are experts in both developing great waste minimisation systems in schools – and in engaging students to examine their own waste behaviours and those of their whole school community.

#### Water conservation, stormwater and wastewater

The Community Engagement team at Wellington Water  
04 912 4400 | [info@wellingtonwater.co.nz](mailto:info@wellingtonwater.co.nz) | [wellingtonwater.co.nz](http://wellingtonwater.co.nz)

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We can provide schools with educational resources and investigation ideas on water conservation, stormwater and wastewater. We also have a water-saving interactive display machine and teaching guide that we can bring to your school. Students use the machine to measure and compare different uses of water.

#### ZEALANDIA - Steve Moorhouse

04 920 9204 | [education@visitzealandia.com](mailto:education@visitzealandia.com) | [www.visitzealandia.com](http://www.visitzealandia.com)

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"ZEALANDIA's education programme is unique, enabling learning opportunities within a world-leading conservation project. A living laboratory where people can learn about Aotearoa's natural history and the science behind conservation.

The award winning in-sanctuary sessions are supported by outreach programmes, enabling students to see what they can achieve in their own special places. This helps students learn while delivering real conservation outcomes for their communities.

Groups also have the unique opportunity to take part in night walks or even 'Sleepover' at ZEALANDIA!"

#### Wellington Zoo - Charles Wilson

Bush Builders | 04 803 0772 | [charles.wilson@wellingtonzoo.com](mailto:charles.wilson@wellingtonzoo.com) | [wellingtonzoo.com/schools/bush-builders](http://wellingtonzoo.com/schools/bush-builders)

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Wellington Zoo's Bush Builders environmental literacy programme inspires urban students to discover for themselves the wonder of the world around them, in their own schools and homes, and to empower them to take positive action in their own communities. We support teachers and learners with a three phase Bush Builders programme including a free Zoo visit and a science resource kit to help create in-depth learning experiences throughout your participation in the award winning programme.