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SUSTAINABLE NEWSLETTER

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The Sustainability Newsletter for
Newry, Mourne and Down District Schools

Schools' Environmental Poster Competition

Local pupils' chance to have their poster seen throughout the district!

Our SCHOOLS' ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION is back for 2025, and we hope your school will take part this year by entering some environmentally themed posters!

Five primary school posters and five secondary school posters will be selected from all entries submitted and each will receive a voucher and a framed copy of their original poster at a Prizegiving Ceremony to be held in December 2026.

Two of the selected posters (one primary and one secondary) will have the honour of being displayed on a billboard in Newry City and Downpatrick in early 2025.

Read this flyer fully for all competition details.

THE COMPETITION

The competition is open to all Primary and Secondary schools in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area at the following levels:

Primary level – Primary 6 and 7

Secondary level – Years 8, 9 and 10

We are limited in the number of entries we can accept at each level. Please submit only the maximum number of:

Primary schools - a maximum of **thirty** posters

Secondary schools - a maximum of **sixty** posters.

PRIZES

All ten selected posters will be mounted, framed and presented to pupils at a prize giving ceremony along with a **£25** voucher each.

Two of the ten posters will be deemed overall winners and will be displayed on a billboard in Newry City and Downpatrick in early 2026 – one from the primary section and one from the secondary section.

REGISTERING TO TAKE PART

You must first register to take part in this competition by e mail by **Friday 19 September 2025** (only one registration per school). E mail your school's name, address, the main contact teacher's name and their e mail address to:

besustainable@nmandd.org

Please put "Schools' Environmental Poster Competition" in the subject box.



We will supply the named contact teacher with a pdf copy of a competition certificate which can be printed in house to reward all pupils who take part.

POSTER DIMENSIONS

Posters must be in **A4 landscape** format **only** (297mm X 210mm).

POSTER TOPICS

Your pupils can submit a poster on a current environmental topic of their own choosing. Suggested topics include, but are not restricted to, Litter, Waste and Recycling, Renewable Energy, Biodiversity, Single Use Plastics, Sustainability, Dog



Comhairle Ceantair
an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin
Newry, Mourne and Down
District Council

Fouling, Sustainable Transport, Climate Change, Carbon Footprint.

The poster should be as eye catching and colourful as possible so that it will stand out on a billboard.

A slogan relevant to the chosen topic can be included on the poster but is not required.

If pupils use the Council logo in their design, they should ensure it is the Newry, Mourne and Down logo that appears on this flyer.

Posters mounted onto card, laminated, or containing any collage material will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTERING

Closing date for receipt of all posters is **4pm on Friday 17 October 2025**

Each poster must have the following information clearly printed on the reverse:

PUPIL'S NAME & CLASS
TEACHER'S NAME
SCHOOL NAME
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER
& EMAIL ADDRESS

SENDING US YOUR POSTERS

By post: Send posters to our Newry Offices ([Greenbank](#)) only. See address below.

In person: Drop off at our main receptions at either Newry (Greenbank Depot) or Downpatrick (Civic Centre) Offices.

SCHOOLS' ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION,
SUSTAINABILITY SECTION,
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

NEWRY OFFICES
HAUGHEY HOUSE
UNIT19, RAMPART ROAD
GREENBANK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
NEWRY
BT34 2QU

DOWNPATRICK OFFICES
DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE
ARDGLASS ROAD
DOWNPATRICK
BT30 6GQ

The judges' decision is **final** and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.

The Council cannot return any of the posters submitted.

PRIZE-GIVING RECEPTION

It is intended that a prize-giving reception will be held at a Council venue in early-December 2025 to which all ten winners and guests will be invited to attend. Date and venue to be confirmed.

By participating in the competition, the ten selected pupils agree to attend the prizegiving and have their photo taken for publicity purposes (you should read the privacy notice on last page for further information).

COMPETITION DATES TO NOTE

19 September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register your school's intention to take part by this date by emailing besustainable@nmandd.org Only one registration per school. On receipt of registration email, the contact teacher will be sent an acknowledgement email and a pdf copy of the competition certificate to print in house.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact teacher will receive a reminder email one week before the closing date for receipt of entries.
17 October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your poster entries by this date. A maximum of 30 per Primary school and 60 per Secondary school can be accepted. Post your entries to our Newry Greenbank Office only, or drop off in person at the main receptions of, either our Newry (Greenbank Depot) or Downpatrick Offices.
Week of 3 November 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact teachers informed by email if their pupil has been selected as one of the ten poster winners. Letter and further information about prizegiving sent to relevant Principals and emailed to each contact teacher.
December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prizegiving held at Council venue either in Newry or Downpatrick. Date and venue to be decided.
Early 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billboards to be erected in Newry and Downpatrick.

LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION WINNERS

At last year's Schools' Environmental Poster prizegiving event, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Chairperson, Councillor Pete Byrne welcomed winners to the Council Chamber in Downpatrick.



The primary school winners were Anna-Rose McNeill, St Moninna's Primary School, Cloughoge; Adam Briggs, Glasswater Primary School, Crossgar; Ollie Kearney, St Malachy's Primary School, Castlewellan; Cate Coffey, St Colman's Primary School, Saval and Rebecca Rodgers, St Dallen's Primary School, Warrenpoint.

The secondary school winners are Naomi Gamble, Kilkeel High School; Hannah Begley, Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry; Maciej Libera, Abbey Christian Brothers School, Newry; Emer O'Neill, St Paul's High School, Bessbrook and Aíobh McGrath, Mary's High School, Newry.



Two of the winning posters, designed by Ollie Kearney from St Malachy's Primary School, Castlewellan and Maciej Libera from Abbey Christian Brothers School, Newry were further chosen to be showcased on a billboard in Newry and Downpatrick in early 2025.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Chairperson, Councillor Byrne began by congratulating all the pupils on their success. Reflecting on the importance of each of the winning designs he said, "Your winning poster designs cover

some very crucial topics such as Climate Change, the problem of Single Use Plastic and the damaging litter which it creates. It is reassuring for me as First Citizen of this Council to know that these topics are high in our young people's thoughts."

Ollie and Maciej's designs appeared on billboards in Newry and Downpatrick during February 2025.



PRIVACY NOTICE

Purpose:

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) is asking for the information to enable it to run the annual Schools' Environmental Poster Competition.

Legal basis for processing:

The legal basis we rely on to process your personal data is article 6(1)(f) of the General Data Protection Regulation. This article allows us to process personal data when it's necessary for the purposes of our legitimate interests, which in this case is the promotion and/or protection of environmental matters.

What we need?

We need the school to register by e mail their interest in taking part in the competition and provide the Council with the contact teacher's name, school name and contact details. We need the pupil's poster entries to include the pupil's name, class, school name, teacher's name, and contact details.

Why we need it?

We need the contact teacher name, school name and contact details so we can record the school's intention to take part in the competition.

We need the pupils' poster entries for the purposes of selecting ten competition winners.

What we do with it?

We will send the contact teacher by e mail a pdf of the competition certificate to print off in house and issue them with a reminder e mail one week before the competition closing date. We will invite the winners to a prize giving event. Photographic image permission forms will be issued to the winners seeking their permission for their photographs. We will publish the winners' names, entries and photographs on the Council's website, social media platforms, literature to promote the competition, as well as in any other Council publications, promotions, or social media outlets. We will also publish the names of the two overall winners and their school on the billboards.

How long we keep it?

We will keep registration data until the Competition ends on 31 December 2025 and the winning entries have been selected. Once the winners have been notified all other pupil entries will be destroyed. We will retain the winners' personal data until 31 December 2025 at which time it will be disposed of in accordance with NMDDC's disposal policy.

What are your rights?

You have the right to request access to the personal data that we hold about you.

You have the right to ask for your personal data to be rectified, or to restrict the way in which we process it.

You have the right to object to our processing of your personal data. There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your objection, which depend on why we are processing it.

You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioners Officer if you are unhappy with the way in which we have processed your personal data.

If you wish to make a Subject Access Request or if you have queries about access to your information, please contact the Data Protection Officer for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council via info@nmadd.org or 0300 137 4000.

Do we use any data processor?

We do not use any data processor for the purposes of the Schools' Environmental Poster Competition, nor do we share data with any third party. Any specific requests from a third party for us to share your personal data with them will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the data protection laws.