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SUSTAINABLE NEWSLETTER

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The Sustainability Newsletter for
Newry, Mourne and Down District Schools

Schools' Environmental Poster Competition

Our **SCHOOLS' ENVIRONMENTAL POSTER COMPETITION** is back for 2026!

Please read this flyer fully for all the competition details.

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 2027.

PLEASE NOTE:

In a change this year, to mark the launch of the Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, we are asking your pupils, rather than choose their own topic, to design posters based on one of the following three topics:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **ZERO WASTE**
- **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

PRIZES

All ten selected posters will be mounted, framed and presented to pupils at a prize giving ceremony along with a **£50** 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 2027 – one from the primary section and one from the secondary section.

In addition, to mark the launch of our Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, each of the two overall winning schools will receive **£250** to be used on Sustainability activities within their school.

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.

REGISTERING TO TAKE PART

You must first register to take part in this competition by email by **Friday 25 September 2026**

Email your school's name, address, the main contact teacher's name and their e mail address to:

besustainable@nmandd.org

Only one registration per school.

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



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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 should choose one of the following three topics for their poster design:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **ZERO WASTE**
- **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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

Posters not on one of the three topics cannot be considered.

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 on to card, laminated, or containing any collage material cannot be considered.

TIP: Your pupil's poster could be chosen to be displayed on a billboard. We recommend that strong, vibrant colours are used. Pencil drawings often are too pale to show up well on a billboard.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTERING

Closing date for receipt of all posters is **4pm on Friday 16 October 2026**.

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.

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

It is your responsibility to clearly mark the envelope with "Schools' Environmental Poster Competition" when dropping off in person at our Offices.

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 in the Chamber at our Council Offices in Downpatrick in early-December 2026 to which all ten winners and guests will be invited to attend.

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

**25th
September**

- 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.
- Contact teacher will also receive a reminder email one week before closing date.

16th October	• 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 <u>Newry Greenbank Office only</u>, or drop off in person at the main receptions of, either our Newry (Greenbank Depot) or Downpatrick Offices.
Week of 2 November 2026	• 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.
Early December 2026	• Prizegiving held at Council Offices, Downpatrick. • Date TBC
Early 2027	• Billboards to be erected in Newry and Downpatrick.

LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION WINNERS

Last year's Schools' Environmental Poster prizegiving event, was hosted by Councillor Philip Campbell, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Chairperson. Councillor Campbell welcomed the winners and their guests to the Chamber in Downpatrick.



Councillor Campbell in his opening welcome explained how difficult it was to be whittle down all entries to only ten winners.

The primary school winning pupils were pupils Eoin Tumelty, Sacred Heart PS, Dundrum; Éanna McKibben, St Columban's PS, Kilkeel; John McArdle, Clonalig PS, Culloville; Dobrusia

Mankowska, St Mary's PS, Barr and Erin Mackin, Carrick PS, Burren.

Secondary school winners were Kirya Young, St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel; Hannah Bradley, Sacred Heart Grammar, Newry; Alex Doyle, Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch; Daniel Campbell, Abbey CBS, Newry and Shea Friary, St Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry.

Our Chairperson presented each pupil with their framed poster, a voucher each and a commemorative certificate.

But the morning was not over, and one more important task remained and that was to reveal which two of the ten winners had been chosen to have their posters displayed as billboards in Downpatrick and Newry City in early 2026.



Congratulations to Dobrusia Mankowska of St Mary's Primary School, Barr and Alex Doyle of Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch on being chosen for this honour. Their impressive designs were displayed in the district for a month. The striking poster designs helped get across an important environmental message to everyone who passed by them on their journey through our district.



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 2026 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 2026 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@nmandd.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.



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