

IDEA GENERATION

Coming up with the ideas is a crucial stage in the Green Team's efforts to make their school more sustainable. By generating the ideas themselves pupils will find it easier to take ownership of the scheme and throw themselves behind it. However they will probably need some encouragement and guidance on how to develop relevant ideas.

Working together

Working together will make it easier for the Team to come up with ideas. Encourage them to call a meeting focussed on generating ideas for projects which they could carry out.

Get everyone involved

Make sure no one is afraid to contribute. It is important the Team have lots of ideas to choose from and that everyone feels they are able to contribute. Ask quieter pupils to contribute and provide encouragement to help them develop them. Make sure pupils listen to everyone else's ideas; encourage them not to say something 'can't work', instead ask them to think about good things which can be taken from the idea.

Record everything

You could help document ideas by writing them on repositional notes and sticking them on the wall. If possible try to group ideas which follow a similar theme, this way pupils could easily incorporate elements from a few similar ideas. You could also create a mindmap to help stimulate pupils' ideas and document all of the different approaches which are suggested.

Developing ideas

Some ideas might need a little bit of development to make them workable. Explore them with pupils and encourage them to work out how to make them successful themselves.

Research

Research will be important in helping pupils to come up with good ideas. Encourage them to speak to people in their school about what they would like to change and any ideas they might have before they meet to discuss their ideas.



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