



WORKING
TOGETHER TO
INSPIRE AND
EMPOWER
PEOPLE



TEAM POWER

As a Green Ambassador you're an important part of the team. Working with the rest of the team will help you make a really big impact on the school. Your team can also include other people who aren't Green Ambassadors: if you involve other people from the school and your community you'll increase the impact of your project even more.

There's plenty you can do to make sure your Green Team support each other. Here is some advice on how to be an effective team.

Top tips

- Remembering you're representing the rest of the school, so ask for their ideas as well. Create a survey asking what they'd like to change.
- Be positive – remember you're all working towards the same goal!
- Trust your team mates' don't be afraid to let other people take responsibilities.
- Talk to each other: if you have any ideas or questions then be sure to bring them up and discuss as a team. Communication will help to make your plan a success!
- Give everyone a specific role to make sure nothing is missed – for example, you'll need a chairperson, a secretary and someone to organise publicity. Think about which tasks people are really good at before giving them a role.

Remember that different people are good at different things and can contribute to the team in different ways. Look at the skills section in your VIP kit which will help you identify your skills!

Running a meeting

Run regular team meetings to discuss what you're doing and make plans for the future. To make sure you stick to the point in meetings, agree as a team what you need to discuss beforehand. The agenda template will help you plan your meeting.

One person could take notes during your meetings. It'll help you all remember what you said! There's a minutes template to help you.

Give everyone a chance to talk at your meetings. And make sure you listen to everyone's ideas. Try to be balanced when you think about ideas: talk about what is good as well as bad. Voting can be a fair way to decide what to do. Try using this if there's anything you can't all agree on.

Use meetings to agree what everyone should be doing and what needs to be completed before the next meeting.

Give your Green Team an identity

Why not think of a catchy name for your team? You could even create a logo which you put on all your Green Team's materials. By giving your Green Team an identity you might make it more noticeable. That'll help you to deliver your message around school more easily.

Running your team

Remember that you are in charge of your Green Team and it's up to you to decide how it should work. If you'd like to make changes to the way that your team is run then discuss it as a group during a meeting. Here are some interesting ways that other schools have run their teams:

Mentoring

"We found that some of the younger pupils in the team found it more difficult to keep up with their roles. To help them cope, we set up a 'buddy' system where each younger member was paired with an older member. They worked on their Green Team jobs together and supported each other throughout the year."

Elections

"When we reached the end of the year we decided the fairest way to choose the Green Team for next year was by running elections. Every class ran a vote to elect who was going to represent them. Everyone had a chance to enter if they wanted to and gave a speech explaining why they were the best person for the job."

Representation

"We felt that one of the most important things about the Green Team was that it was making decisions that really showed what everyone in the school wanted. To give everyone a chance to have their say every team made a short presentation back to their class after each meeting. Other pupils had a chance to ask questions and make suggestions."



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