

Fingal County Council Composting & Recycling for Schools Programme

Invitation

The award-winning Composting & Recycling for Schools programme is being continued to Fingal County Council area schools **FREE OF CHARGE**. This initiative is run by Composting Ireland and is being funded by Fingal County Council and the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices.

The aim of the programme is to help schools:

- Tackle climate change
- Prevent waste, improve recycling & save money
- Separate food waste for brown bin collection
- Improve gardening efforts
- Set up or upgrade on-site composting systems
- Increase biodiversity
- Assist schools with attaining their Green-Schools Flags
- Reach their Sustainable Development Goals.

In addition, the programme is flexible and tailored to each school and gives teachers access to a variety of fun activities to support students understanding of the underlying principles of ecology, biology and biodiversity that underpin all life on our planet.



How to sign up for the programme

We invite teachers, caretakers and school administrators to watch the short introductory video embedded in this email or [view here](#).

If you are interested in signing up for the programme, please [fill out this form](#).

Expressions of interest are due by Friday September 18, 2026

Participation is limited to 16 schools for the next academic school year (2026/27)



How it works...

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Online training

Teachers and other school staff are invited to participate in a free online training programme (5 x 1.25-hour workshops).

Participants will learn about waste prevention and how to improve recycling. This will include the use of brown bins to recycle biodegradable materials and most importantly, everything you need to know about composting!

Two training series of five online workshops will be offered

Thursday afternoons:

4:45 to 6pm on Sept 24th, Oct 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Thursday evenings

7:45-9pm on Sept 24th, Oct 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



Participants are required to attend ALL 5 online workshops to be eligible for two site visits and your school's €300 voucher!

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First site visit

An initial school visit by a specialist from Composting Ireland will ensure that you understand the aims and objectives of the programme and assess your current waste/composting systems and create a tailored action plan for your school.

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€300 Voucher:

To support your schools action plan you will receive a €300 voucher to spend on:

- Recycling Bins
- Food Waste Caddies
- Composting Systems
- Tools & Supplies



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Second site visit

You will receive a second site visit to help you set up your new recycling and/or composting systems and to train school staff and/or conduct workshops with students to learn how to operate them properly.

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"This programme was inspirational and so practical and is helping us achieve our green flag and reduce our waste bills whilst helping promote biodiversity within the school environment."

"Amazing opportunity to be involved in this programme, receiving fantastic guidance and the tools needed to implement our plan."

"As a result of the programme we are composting, we have a thriving wormery and we have almost 500 children who have a better awareness of composting, biodiversity and are better at looking after their environment."

This programme is supported and funded by: