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TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

2021 is a huge year for climate action.

On 9th August **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change**, [IPCC](#) released their 6th report on climate change which states even more conclusively than before that human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and sometimes irreversible ways. In response, the [United Nations has declared a 'code red for humanity.'](#)

You will probably have seen the news stories of increasing floods, wildfires, **The Met Office details [climate disasters](#)** around the world. And you might also have witnessed first hand how this is affecting our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. Earlier this month, **The Lancet released research on [climate anxiety](#)**

In November, the United Nations will come together at the **26th Climate Change Conference (COP26)** in Glasgow, where there will be massive pressure for greater climate ambition - not just from governments, but from individuals and institutions, including schools. This is key because:

- **Young people rely on schools** as trusted sources of information on climate change, and crucially, to provide role models through individual teachers and school leaders.
- Schools as institutions will be under **increasing pressure to mitigate emissions**, starting with the [Streamline Energy and Carbon Reporting](#) now being required of Academy Trusts.

But we know it's not easy. Schools are under pressure, especially after the disruptions of COVID-19, and we recognise many educators feel overwhelmed, unsure about where to begin, and dubious that their actions will even make a difference, let alone the relevance this has to their curriculum area. So along with the Consortium of Development Education Centres (CODEC), we remain here to help!

CODEC (The Consortium of Development Education Centres) is the largest provider of global learning at local level in England. Each of the member Development Education Centres (DECs) is an independent, locally based, not-for-profit organisation whose core work is the support and delivery of global learning in schools and communities.

The members of CODEC work in nearly 80 local authorities that together include more than 13,000 schools—more than half the schools in England. [Where are the DECs?](#) The GLADE Centre is the local DEC for the following counties in the SW region; Somerset, North Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire, BANES and Wiltshire

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Here at The GLADE Centre, we can support you to become more confident about global learning for climate action, help you with spotting opportunities in your teaching, provide support to streamline your planning and help you gain recognition for your classroom practice for bringing these issues to pupils, through subject-based learning as well as outside the classroom.

The Consortium of Development Education Centres ([CoDEC](#)) through The GLADE Centre, offers practical support at local level for action on sustainability in schools, based around the 4 Cs: Campus, Curriculum, Community and Culture. We bring our significant experience from integrating global perspectives to approaches through to exploring complexity in the classroom.

What matters to our Team here at The GLADE Centre?

- Respecting and valuing diversity alongside taking action to increase equality
- Our individual roles as global citizens in reducing global poverty and power imbalances, and achieving the Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs)
- Collaborating locally to develop sustainable communities and lifestyles, including agency and rights
- Learning about the challenges our world faces and thinking critically about
- Finding ways to deal with issues such as poverty, inequality and sustainability

We have been working with and supporting schools, youth and community organisations, local authorities and individuals throughout Somerset since 1993. In 2013 we responded to demand and now collaborate and provide support in 10 counties across the south west region.

We work alongside and in support of your school, offering advice, access to **climate resources, training, coaching and mentoring initiatives** and **local opportunities**, including positive stories of climate action, help pose and respond to some of the big questions including with voices of young people in the Global South who are [disproportionately affected](#).

Use the information we provide here to kickstart your climate action journey, and get in touch with us locally at:



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Here at The GLADE Centre, we can support your school with:

Resources	Training & workshops
<p><i>Want help to navigate the many climate-related resources available. We endorse these:</i></p> <p>Resource hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global Dimension ● The Worlds Largest Lesson ● GLADE's Blog ● Global Bltes <p>Classroom resources & loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GLADE resources ● Climate Conference in the classroom ● How Will You Reboot the Future? <p>Curriculum frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate Action Curriculum (LeedsDEC) ● Whole School Framework for Global Learning (GLP) 	<p><i>How about interactive workshops & CPD to empower your staff to teach about climate-related issues, including:</i></p> <p><u>CPD courses F2F or live, online</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Outdoors ● Global Gardens ● Global Teachers Award ● Sustainable Schools ● Educating for a Global Future ● Global Learning thru the curriculum <p><u>Browse our full menu of CPD</u></p> <p>Pre-recorded presentations & workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leeds DEC introduce thier new Climate Curriculum (Leeds DEC, presenting at the SCESY conference)
Climate action initiatives & awards	National opportunities
<p><i>Need help to put words into tangible action from initiatives & quality marks, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Let's Go Zero ● Eco-schools ● Fairtrade Schools ● Forest schools/outdoor learning ● Oxfam's Global Citizenship ● Send My Friend to School ● Christian Aid Global Neighbour ● Global Schools Award ● Global Teachers Award 	<p><i>We can connect you with national opportunities to engage in climate action, available from our colleagues in CODEC including:</i></p> <p>Online CPD courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Climate Curriculum for the 21st Century (LeedsDEC) ● Teaching the SDGs (CumbriaDEC) ● Engaging with the SDGs (DECSY) ● COP26 Climate Change - a whole-school approach (DECSY)

Opportunities timeline

We can help you to identify key opportunities in the upcoming months to talk about climate action. Some are listed on our [Global events calendar](#)

11th June - 31st October	YCCN Relay to COP26
18th - 26th September	Great Big Green Week
28th - 30th September	Youth Climate Summit (pre-COP26)
17th - 24th October	One World Week
1st - 12th November	UN Climate Conference (COP26)
5th November	COP26 Youth Action Day
8th - 21st November	Switch Off Fortnight
<p>To see more global event dates and opportunities, you can order a free annual wall planner from Reboot the Future here. And you can view curated activities, quotes, short films featuring in The GLADE Centre's online calender of global dates and opportunities</p>	

Quick weblinks from CODEC, to help you find out:-

- [What is Global Learning?](#)
- [Is there any Global Learning Guidance?](#)
- [Where can I find some Global Learning in Practice?](#)
- [CODEC on twitter](#)
- [More about CODEC](#)

Why is Global Learning for sustainability so important?

Have a listen to Lord Jim Knight's speech at the 2nd reading (passed) of Private Members Bill to amend the Education Act in favour of **sustainable citizenship education**, he sums this up really well! The GLADE Centre and CODEC are supporting this Bill with **SEEd**, co-leading Our Shared World Network for SDG4.7

<https://youtu.be/ppypzrAVUpQ>

