

1. Audit of Provision

(The audit represents recent research on those providing facilities for educational visits or outreach work. It may not be fully inclusive as new providers continue to be discovered. The audit does not represent all organisations able to support Growing Schools in other ways.)

Countryside/Environment

Places to Visit	Affiliation	Training	Funding	Resources	Focus	Other
Cassop School Sustainability Centre	LEA	CPD		YES	Environment/farming	School visits
Castle Eden Dene	EN			YES	Conservation	School visits
Chilton Centre	PRIVATE		Charge	YES	Environment	School visits
Chopwell Forest	Forest Enterprise			YES	Forestry/conservation	School visits
Durham Heritage Coast	DCC				Environment/conservation	School visits
Earls Orchard Centre	LEA	CPD	Charge	YES	Environment	School visits
EWE Centre	LEA	CPD		YES	School grounds	School visits
Hamsterly Forest	FC			YES	Environment/Conservation	School visits
Hardwick Hall	DCC/EH	?	?	YES	Landscape	School visits
Harehope Quarry	EN				Conservation	School visits
Houghall College	NAPAEO	CPD	FCR	YES	Land- based studies	School visits
Kielder Forest	Forest Enterprise			YES	Forestry/conservation	School visits
Low Barns Nature Reserve	WT			YES	Environment/Conservation	School visits
Middleton-in-Teesdale Centre	LEA	CPD		YES	Environment	School visits
Rainton Meadows	WT	CPD		YES	Environment/Conservation	School visits
The Otter Trust	Charity			YES	Conservation	School visits
Thrislington NNR	Lafarge			YES	Aggregates/conservation	School visits
Washington Wildfowl Centre	WWC	CPD	Charge	YES	Conservation	School visits
West Boldon Env.Ed.Centre	Groundwork Nat Grid	CPD		YES	Environment/Conservation	School visits
Willington Riding Centre			Charge		Equestrian	School visits
Witton Park Angling Centre	NFA/EA		Charge		Angling/conservation	School visits

Farm and Garden

Places to Visit	Affiliations	Training	Funding	Resources	Focus	Other
Alnick Castle Gardens	Private		Charge	YES	Garden/ Landscape	School links
Beamish Museum			Charge	YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Bill Quay Community Farm, Gateshead	FCFCG			YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Cassop Primary School	LEA	CPD		YES	Farm and Countryside	School Links
Clarence Community Farm, Middlesbro	FCFCG			YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Clow Beck Centre	Charity	CPD	Charge		Residential Farm Education Centre	School Links
Coulby Newham, Middlesbro	FCFCG			YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Durham Botanic Centre	Durham University			YES	Biodiversity	School links
Durham College of Agriculture and Horticulture	NAPEO	Land Based	FCR	YES	Land-based studies	School Links
EWE Centre, Esh Winning	LEA	CPD	FCR	YES	Forests and farming	School Links
Greenwell Farm, Wolsingham	LEAF	CPD	FCR		Farm and Countryside	School Links
Hall Hill Farm, Lanchester	FFS		Charge	YES	Farm education	School Links
Haydon Bridge High School	LEA			YES	Farm and garden	
Lee Moor Farm, Alnick	FFS/LEAF		Charge	YES	Farm and Countryside	School Links
Nature's World, Middlesbro	Charity			YES	Conservation/ gardening	School links
Ouseburn City Farm, Byker	FCFCG	CPD		YES	Food gardening/small livestock.	School Links
Sacriston Fyndoune Community School	LEA			YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Scotswood Natural Community Garden	LA	CPD		YES	Food gardening.	School Links
Sedgefield Community College	LEA			YES	Farm and garden	School Links
Walworth School	LEA			YES	Forest Schools	School Links
Whitehouse Farm Centre, Morpeth	FFS		Charge	YES	Farm and Countryside	School Links
Whiteleas Farm	NT			YES	Farm and Countryside	School Links
Windlestone Hall School	LEA			YES	Farm and garden	

Existing Networks/ Partnerships

There is a long tradition of networking amongst many of the agencies working within the broad field of ESD. The main focus for these has been mainly about information sharing between NGO's and less on collaborative partnerships. Little activity has been devoted to engaging with the LEA's or the school's agenda for school improvement and raising standards.

- **North East Environmental Education Forum** – the oldest environment education network in the UK. They produce a quarterly Newsletter, hold regular meetings on topical developments and produce some educational resources.
- **North East Environment Network** – A well-established independent Charity of providers which includes a strong focus on education.
- **One World Network North East** – An independent Charity recently formed to deliver global/development education across the region. (fully funded by DfID for 5 years)
- **LA21 NE Regional Co-ordinators** – A forum for local authority LA21 lead officers.
- **Eco-Schools** – Currently 3 networks operating in the region to bring together school staff and those NGO's supporting Eco-Schools.
- **Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group** – 2 groups in the region working actively with farmers and landowners. Little real connection with the formal education sector.
- **Forest Education Initiative** – A recently formed group managed by the NE Community Forest. Current relevant activity centres on stimulating interest in Forest Schools.
- **Yorkshire Agricultural Society** – A very well established society, which includes an Education Officer. They have recently worked with FACE to establish an educational website:
- **North East Consortium of LEA's** – A regional forum for Chief Education Officers to meet on common areas of interest. All 13 LEA's are represented. A small full time staff of 3 for management and administration.
- **Regional Citizenship Network** – A forum for LEA officers with a responsibility for citizenship education to meet for information and collaboration.