



Rednock and SVS: Sharing our Ideas

In 2008/9 teams of dedicated students at Severn Vale School, Quedgeley and Rednock School, Dursley, were trained by Severn Wye Energy Agency to become Energy Managers for their school as part of the Young Energy People (YEP!) project. A year on with a brand new school building, Rednock School hosted a sharing session to bring together the new recruits to SVS Eco Team and Rednock School Energy Management Team (SEMT) to share ideas and discuss how the energy sustainability of their individual schools can continue to be developed and improved.

The session began with the teams getting to know each other through an activity designed to assess how sustainable they are in their everyday lives. This generated an extremely interesting discussion between the students who discovered if everyone in the world lived as we do in the UK we would need on average 2-3 more earths to support us!

Following the activity Rednock SEMT took the Severn Vale students on a tour of their new school building. The students proved to be extremely knowledgeable about how energy use is not only managed, but produced in their school, providing the SVS Eco Team with a good understanding of how renewable technologies can reduce carbon emissions. During the tour the students compared their schools - discussing in depth areas where each of their schools are performing well and areas where improvements can still be made. Ms McKinley (Teacher at SVS and Eco Team Coordinator) said: "It was great to have a tour around the school and compare challenges we face".

Back in the classroom the Severn Vale Eco Team delivered an inspiring presentation to share how they have helped to reduce energy consumption in their school by 19% over the past year, providing Rednock SEMT with some great ideas on how to implement an energy efficiency campaign in their school. For both teams the learning experience proved to be extremely valuable. By coming together and sharing their experiences the students have inspired each other to continue to improve and develop the energy efficiency of their school communities, working towards a more sustainable future.



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