



**RECYCLING**  
INTO THE FUTURE 18.3.2019



## Celebrating Global Recycling Day 2019 Schools Framework

After the extraordinary success of the inaugural Global Recycling Day in 2018, the theme for 2019 will focus on 'Recycling into the Future'. It will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and will focus on the power of youth, education and innovation in ensuring a brighter future for the planet. By focusing 2019 on youth and innovation, we are encouraging the world to look towards the impact that today's young people and future technologies can have on recycling.

To celebrate Global Recycling Day 2019 in your school, we've put together a handy guide of activities for inside and outside the classroom.

### What to do on the day

#### 1) School's Litter Pickup:

Hold a children's litter pick-up in your local area and invite children to get involved in cleaning up the planet in a hands-on yet fun way. We recommend this as a lunch break activity and some further suggestions of running the event include:

- Invite children to wear green as a symbol of solidarity.
- Prior to the event, organisers should devise a number of different routes around the local area which students (accompanied with their teachers) can follow, and source rubbish bags that participants can use to collect the litter they find.
- Initial briefing to students at the start of the pick-up, discussing Global Recycling Day, its themes, and the specific event being held.
- Set a time limit of 45 minutes to collect as much rubbish as possible. After 45 minutes, return to the original meeting point where groups use the litter to spell out #GRD and share their activities on social media (please see below for more information).
- Organisers could also invite local media to attend and take some photos of the group at the beginning, while collecting rubbish around the local area at the end.

#### 2) #RecyclingGoals Activities:

#RecyclingGoals is a social media movement, in the style of the [ice-bucket challenge](#), which will run in the lead up to Global Recycling Day and on the day itself. Schools can host their own #RecyclingGoals activities at school and teachers can encourage students to share their 'goals' on social media. The challenge works as follows:

- Social media users will be asked to take a video of themselves scoring a "Top Bins" goal (in a recycling bin in the top corner of the goal or just a normal goal) whilst pledging to make a long term commitment to better recycling practices e.g. "I pledge to recycle all my plastic drinking bottles from today and I nominate John Smith to take the #RecyclingGoals challenge".
- We encourage children and teenagers around the world to share their videos online on social media.

More details can be found in the below graphic which can also be found online. We would also encourage teachers to print this for use in their classrooms.



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### 3) Global Recycling Day lesson plan:

We have devised a set of materials that teachers can use as decoration in classrooms and as the basis for a lesson plan on the importance of recycling. These are all available on the *Youth & Education* page on our site and can be adapted for a range of ages. Materials include:

- **A Poster showing support for Global Recycling Day 2019**
- **Our recycling citizen graphic:**
  - *The list reflects hot topics in the recycling industry, from single use plastics to climate change and the circular economy. The promises also allow children to think about how they can be more involved in creating good recycling habits, and to get them thinking about this from a young age.*
- **'Fun and not so fun facts' sheet on recycling**
- **'10 amazing things made out of recycled goods' presentation and activities**
  - *Some content may be too complicated for younger students but we encourage teachers to simply skip over parts that are more complex*

### 4) Sharing on social media

And don't forget to share your activities on social media tagging our channels below!

Share your video on social media using *#GlobalRecyclingDay*, *#RecyclingGoals*, *#GRDSchools* and tagging:

- **Twitter:** @GlbRecyclingDay
- **Facebook and Instagram:** @globalrecyclingday

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