



Worthing County Local Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 328/W

Local Councillor: Michael Cloake

Status: Fundraising Stage

Project Cost: £6,061.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Planet Plastic – Schools Workshops

About:

Delivering more Schools Recycling workshops across Worthing using STEM activities and Arts to educate Year 2 - 5 about the plastic crisis and potential solutions.

We are asking for funding to continue with the in Recycling education series our Schools Team have been delivering, this year. So far in 2019 we have taught over 240 children the importance of recycling and the impact plastic use is having on our planet. We look at the animals impacted by pollution and global warming, and what we can do to help the crisis. Year 2 - 5 children are learning about how to recycle in the home and make better choices as consumers. If we are funded the next sessions will also be developed to include an exciting science based experiment using sound and light to encourage children to think about using STEM in different ways to tackle recycling. We have developed the sessions in line with the school curriculum and each child makes a sea bird out of waste plastic to take home as a reminder of the issue.

Project Delivery Manager: Tide of Light

About me:

The Tide of Light community group is a membership organisation made up of approximately 25 members from across the community. We deliver a whole range of arts and education activities, including a Children's Lantern parade, Community Art events and in schools workshops.

We held the first event in 2013 which was the first children's lantern parade in the town of Worthing, West Sussex. The turnout on the night highlighted a demand for an autumn family friendly evening event. The turnout in year 1 was over 3,000 and 5 years later in 2017 official Sussex Police estimates came in at 40,000 people in attendance. The event itself has now won 3 awards, for Best Community Event at our local business awards in 2014, 2016 and 2017, and this year the Tide of Light team won the Chris Copsey More Radio Award for outstanding commitment to the Community.

Website: <http://www.tideoflight.co.uk>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

We would love to continue the great work started by Rampion Funding. We have an expert team, schools and children raring to go! Please help!

What we'll deliver:

- School education sessions - up to 480 children

Why it's a great idea:

Our schools workshops over the years have now benefitted over 1040 students. This year we have been able to work with recycling and science experts to develop a really engaging session. This says it all: "I am so cross right now, with the people putting plastic in our ocean. It has to stop right now." (Karen, age 7) The uptake has been positively and warmly received and we have now delivered across 4 local primary schools. We currently have 8 schools waiting to go dependent on funding, and are committed to delivering these sessions in line with the schools and curriculum needs. We know that the kids gain a lot from learning through engaging activities and we are super excited to develop this with our science expert, Zach Walker from MAKEamplify to help kids understand the power of science in tackling earth's greatest problem. Zach will work in an engaging way to help kids understand the molecular structure of plastic and the role of sound waves in breaking down plastics.

Steps to get it done:

- School Workshops - Summer Term x 4
- School Workshops - Autumn Term x 4
- Evaluation - Winter 2019

Our sessions are also supported by volunteers who are able to help facilitate the sessions and gain experience in an educational setting. Our official volunteer partner is Worthing College and we know that volunteering improves your health and wellbeing, the quality of your life, and increase your skills, experience and employment prospects. We are committed to offering quality volunteering experiences.