



Citizen Science – School Biodiversity Trail Lesson 5 – Years 7 & 8

Thought starter: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

What are you interested in?

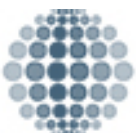
Complete this question based on the theme you are most interested in:

How might we use our school biodiversity trail to engage the community in?

Keep this question handy as you will continue to use it throughout this lesson.

Testing your ideas

You will now have thought up a range of ideas for action. To help you land on an idea for action, including key logistics and framing how it will actually work, work as a group to talk through your favourite ideas and apply the SMART criteria to these ideas:





SPECIFIC – THE IDEA IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS. WHAT IS EXPECTED? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? AND WHO IS INVOLVED?

MEASURABLE – CAN YOU MEASURE YOUR IDEA? STAY ON TRACK WITH THESE QUESTIONS: HOW MUCH? HOW MANY? HOW WILL I KNOW IT IS DONE?

ACHIEVABLE – AIM HIGH BUT ATTAINABLE. AS YOUR PROJECT GROWS AND EVOLVES YOUR IDEA WILL BECOME MORE ACHIEVABLE.

RELEVANT – MAKE SURE YOUR IDEAS ARE RELEVANT TO WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE. CONSIDER QUESTIONS LIKE: WILL THIS HELP US TO ACHIEVE OUR DESIRED END RESULT? DOES THIS MATCH OUR NEED?

TIMELY – A TIME-BOUND DEADLINE WILL HELP ESTABLISH A SENSE OF URGENCY, AND WILL HELP YOUR PROJECT STAY FOCUSED AND ON TRACK.

What idea did you choose? In your own words, write your idea here:

Reflection

Project reflection:

1. What parts of the project were the most successful and why?





2. What parts of the project were the least successful and why? If you could repeat the project, how would you improve these parts?

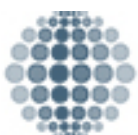
3. Overall, how do you think your project could be improved?

4. What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?

5. How could you extend or continue your project?

Self reflection:

1. Which of your skills and interests were involved in delivering your social action project?





2. How did you contribute to your group's success?

3. What would you do differently next time?

4. What was the best part of working on this project and why?

5. What was the worst part and why?

6. What impact did you have?

7. What are you most proud of?

