

# Green generation



- **Are we growing a greener generation for a brighter future?**
- **Is this generation a greener generation than previous ones?**
- Many people like to rail against the deficiencies of modern children's lifestyles. Children are criticised for spending too much time in front of the telly, eating junk food, becoming obese and unfit; spending too much time on their games consoles and computers and generally living an unhealthy and disengaged life. Far from green, in fact.
- But it's not all like that.



# Education, education, education!

- There are many signs of change in Britain, in the US and across the world. Children are being educated as never before about caring for the planet. There are school projects on climate change and global warming and the role of carbon emissions. Young children in the early years of school are measuring weather patterns and monitoring plant growth as part of their studies.



In Britain there has been a widespread interest in engaging children in growing some of their own food in gardens at their schools. The Transition Towns network and the RSPB have helped promote some of these initiatives.

Many schools take an active interest in wildlife and conservation. Here in Suffolk children can visit an educational centre (Foxburrow Farm near Woodbridge) which teaches about the environment and wildlife.





# GREEN PROGRAMMS



# Renewable energy



- A poll conducted in 2007 in the UK found that 81% of thirteen to fifteen year olds supported the use of renewable energy sources in their schools. (Source - BBC)
- The UK government is encouraging participation by schools in eco projects. The organisation [eco-schools.org](http://eco-schools.org) has over 13,000 registered schools which are using some of their resources and training, or participating in competitions. The Sustainable Schools Strategy covers many areas of living, from biodiversity to water and energy use.
- Schools in Britain can get involved in becoming an eco school here: [Eco schools](#)
- A new generation of companies exist which market themselves on the positive impact that they have upon the community and the environment. Many of these have programmes which impact on schools.
- Green campaigns and children's programmes may have a way to go - and certainly the current economic climate is not helping. Nevertheless, there are some grounds for optimism that a greener generation is arising here in the UK.



- Generation Green is an education programme run by British Gas for Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 3 pupils and teachers, providing free of charge classroom resources, educational experiences and sustainable energy technologies to more than 13,000 schools across the UK. They hope that by teaching children about sustainability and inspiring them to be curious about future energy challenges, they can help to create a generation of energy innovators.



# top15 Green Politicians



- From mayors to heads of state, politicians the world over are going green. Check out our list of top achievers, then tell us which political leaders you'd nominate in the comments section at the bottom of the page





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# Arnold Schwarzenegger



- The Governor has truly pumped up environmental action in California. He made the state a global leader on climate change by signing into law the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which commits the state to cut its greenhouse-gas emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. He's also done some heavy lifting to clean up new cars and trucks sold in the state, instituted a program to track levels of chemicals in Californians' bodies, and, with other West Coast governors, pledged to protect the health of the Pacific Ocean. It's enough to make us forget Junior — almost.

- Wangari Maathai
- Ken Livingstone
- Helen Clark
- Marina Silva
- David Cameron
- Peter Garrett
- Greg Nickels
- Margot Wallström
- Stephane Dion





- There are 2 British politicians in that top.
- № 3 Ken Livingstone
- № 6 David Cameron

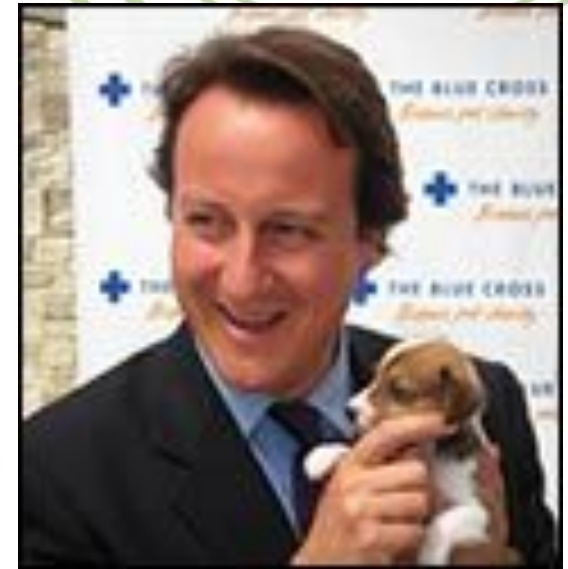


- Ken Livingstone
- The left-wing London mayor known as “Red Ken” has a new color in his palette. Aiming to make his city the greenest in the world, he’s levied a tax on vehicles entering the city center during normal weekday work hours, cracking down especially hard on SUV drivers. Under his Climate Change Action Plan, London will get 25 percent of its power from more-efficient, local sources and reduce carbon emissions 60 percent within 20 years; in addition, he’s pledged about \$90 million in the 2008 budget for programs to fight climate change. And that’s just the wonky stuff — Livingstone has also announced plans for a housing development in East London that will produce no carbon emissions.



- **David Cameron**

- British Conservative Party leader Cameron is challenging the green cred of the more-traditionally environmental Labor Party with his ambitious policy recommendations, which include binding annual targets for cutting carbon emissions, energy decentralization, and “frequent flyer” taxes aimed at restricting aviation. His personal life is nothing to sneeze at either: He rides his bicycle to the House of Commons and grows organic carrots in his garden.





# Green Party





- The Green Party of England and Wales promotes the policies of ecological sustainability, a fairer more stable economy and a more equal society. They believe in a higher standard of democracy and the accountability of politicians to the communities they serve. They believe in social justice on a global level as well as in our own country.

- The Party has one MP, one member of the House of Lords, three MEPs and two Members of the London Assembly.
- The party has representation at local government level in England. The party has limited representation on most councils on which it is represented, and is in minority control of Brighton and Hove city council. The party has no majority control of any councils in England and Wales







The party is affiliated to the Global Greens and the European Green Party. While associated mainly with environmentalist policies, it has a history of support for communitarian economic policies, including well-funded, locally controlled public services within the confines of a steady-state economy and is supportive of proportional representation. It takes security, and democratic participation a liberal approach to social policies such as animal rights, LGBT issues and drug policy reform, and believes strongly in non-violence, basic material