



## **Make Space for Nature School Grounds Project Selection Criteria**

There are ten places in the two-year project (September 2009 – March 2011). We will be using the following criteria help us shortlist the ten schools. Please use these as a guideline to when filling in the project application form.

### **1. Secondary Level Schools**

We are hoping to engage more Key Stage 3 pupils. Priority will be given to secondary schools, however a small number of places will be made available to primary schools.

### **2. Location**

We will be looking for a wide geographic spread of schools. Priority will also be given to schools close to Ulster Wildlife Trust nature reserves or other parks and reserves to enable us to utilise them during the project.

### **3. Wildlife value of the school grounds**

One of the main aims of this project is to improve school grounds for biodiversity. As such priority will be given to schools who show willingness to maintain any improvements to their grounds and have room for improvement.

### **4. Current engagement with the Eco-Schools and ECOUNESCO award**

One of the aims of this project is to increase engagement with the Eco-Schools award. Priority will be given to those who are keen to start an environmental award or are working towards one currently.

### **5. Current or previous engagement with the Ulster Wildlife Trust**

We are looking for schools that have shown a commitment to the aims of the Ulster Wildlife Trust. As such priority will be given to schools that have engaged with our activities through site visits, outreach sessions or our partnership projects or are current school members of the Ulster Wildlife Trust.

### **6. Commitment to the project**

This project will run for 2 academic years and will bring over £1500 worth of outreach work into the school over the 2 years. The project will be made up of a combination of sessions facilitated by UWT staff, teacher training and teacher lead sessions. Session plans and advice will be given to the schools to facilitate these sessions. All facilitated sessions will be scheduled to suit the needs of the school. All selected schools will be expected to commit to these sessions by providing staff and facilities to complete the project. To enable us to run the project to its fullest within the school, Wildlife Watch member at a cost of £75 per annum is recommended.



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