

Eco-Schools and the Four Capacities

The holistic approach of the Eco-Schools programme allows those involved to critically examine the values they hold as individuals and as a part of society as a whole.

Attributes of Responsible Citizens: The Contribution of Eco-Schools

Responsible citizens through Eco-Schools may display the following characteristics:

- They are aware of political, social and cultural issues affecting the environment
- They understand their rights and responsibilities to ensure a sustainable future
- They have respect for their local and global environment
- They are aware of important environmental issues

Attributes of Successful Learners: The Contribution of Eco-Schools

Successful learners through Eco-Schools may display the following characteristics:

- They have the capacity for critical thinking about environmental issues
- They collaborate effectively in discussion and working together
- They are creative and enterprising in approaching environmental problems
- They establish and communicate their own viewpoints based on evidence

Attributes of Effective Contributors: The Contribution of Eco-Schools

Effective contributors through Eco-Schools may display the following characteristics:

- They participate actively in the school's Eco-Schools programme
- They have an enterprising and co-operative approach and attitude
- They display self-management and team-working skills
- They can problem solve and generate ideas
- They communicate effectively using a range of media

Attributes of Confident Individuals: The Contribution of Eco-Schools

Confident individuals through Eco-Schools may display the following characteristics:

- They make, and justify, reasoned and responsible personal choices
- They can relate well to others
- They are prepared to accept responsibility
- They display leadership skills