



Keep Scotland Beautiful

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VISITING GARDENING SCOTLAND

On Friday 1st June, I travelled to the Royal Highland Centre in Ingliston to attend the Gardening Scotland Event. The event lasts over a 3-day period, but I had the opportunity to attend day one. This was my second time attending an event as a young reporter, so I was looking forward to seeing how this event panned out.

Two schools, Beaconhurst School and Grove Academy were attending the event in a YRS capacity. Also in attendance was Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform. Being an ambassador and young reporter, I was there to guide and assist the pupils with their reporting, and I was granted the opportunity to introduce the pupils to the cabinet Secretary, and was able to ask her some questions too. I did find it quite daunting when the idea had first arisen, however, it was a moment I couldn't turn down.

I was rather grateful that the pupils I was working alongside were talkative and weren't shy to approach me. They were willing to talk to me, and also interviewed me with a selected few questions – I felt that this was extremely beneficial for their young reporters experience because from my own experience, I know that it will help build upon their confidence and gain new skills. They got involved with the event itself and I think they will be a great asset to have within the reporters community.

The event itself was crowded with enthusiastic, passionate visitors. The Keep Scotland Beautiful stall was quite popular, with people wandering around, admiring the beautiful Pocket Gardens created by pupils – and these were designed with plenty of imagination and fresh, young innovation.

The day I attended couldn't have been more glorious and exciting – it was day one, so the buzz was evident, the rain stayed away, and the air was warm, with the sun bursting through the clouds every so often. I know that it was a day enjoyed by everyone, and for us photographers, it was a photographic pleasure with all the eye-catching displays and bright colours.



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