Dear Governor, Trust CEO, Headteacher or member of SLT,

As indicated by the Department for Education’s first ever [Sustainability and Climate Strategy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy) (April 2022), schools are increasingly being expected to respond to the climate and ecological crises. As this may be a daunting prospect for school leaders, we invite you and your school community to join us on this journey.

The [UK Schools Sustainability Network](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn) (UKSSN), hosted by the charity [Global Action Plan](https://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/home), brings together students and staff online and in-person to connect and collaborate. A robust [safeguarding policy](https://www.transform-our-world.org/files/uk_schools_sustainability_network_-_safeguarding_and_gdpr_policy_revised_31.01.2023.pdf)is followed to ensure pupils are safe and supported. Last year we took a large delegation to the [UN COP26 climate summit](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn/ukssn-news/the-green-gazettewinter-edition) in Glasgow; ran a [summer residential](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn/ukssn-news/into-the-woods-with-the-ukssnour-summer-residential-2022) to Oxford University’s Wytham Woods research station; influenced the [Department for Education](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn/ukssn-news/i-want-to-be-part-of-this-too-ukssn-response-to-dept-for-education-climate-strategy); and won the [Net Zero 50 List People’s Choice Award](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn/ukssn-news/ukssn-wins-the-netzero50-peoples-choice-awards).

*Benefits of joining UKSSN for your whole school*

* recognised membership of a growing community of schools leading on sustainability
* adds strength to your school improvement or development plan
* communications and PR opportunities
* evidence for inspections criteria and national award schemes e.g. [Let’s Go Zero](https://letsgozero.org/), [Eco-Schools](https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/)

*Benefits of joining UKSSN for your teaching and operations staff*

* connect and collaborate with peers from a range of settings, subjects, roles and regions
* access and contribute to peer-rated resources, high quality CPD and projects

*Benefits of joining UKSSN for your pupils*

* connect and collaborate with peers, educators and experts from different backgrounds and regions
* access unique online and in-person learning and development opportunities
* develop social, leadership, public speaking, collaboration, creative and workplace skills
* evidence for Duke of Edinburgh, CVs, interviews, UCAS etc.

*"The range of guests and topics has been really enriching" - Year 12, Yorkshire*

*“Developed confidence talking to new people, connecting to a larger community” – Year 13, Avon*

*“Confidence to run an all staff INSET [and] support for Eco-Schools Green Flag Award” – teacher, London*

*"Interacting with such a passionate, inspiring bunch of students and staff regularly!" - teacher, Somerset*

**UKSSN student and staff highlights from 2021/22 evaluation**

For more information on membership go to [Join the UK Schools Sustainability Network](https://www.transform-our-world.org/ukssn/membership). **To register your school, a member of SLT just needs to return this short** [**online form**](https://forms.office.com/r/ihXp1sXnnD) [<https://forms.office.com/r/ihXp1sXnnD>].
There is no fee for joining.

We look forward to welcoming your staff and students to UKSSN.

Yours sincerely,

Student and staff members of the UK Schools Sustainability Network