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Life Through A Lens - New Closing date 17th April 2009



We have extended the closing date for the 2009 competition to 17th April. This is to promote our new prizes - we have five Power Of One branded bicycles to give away

- Four bikes will be raffled between all entrants to the competition
- One bike will be awarded to the school with the highest number of entries to raffle among their students

Enter now online at www.sei.ie/schools

Make a Pledge to Save Energy



We have launched our 'Pledge page' which allows all students and teachers to make a pledge to save energy in their lives.

Sample pledges include pledging to 'Turn off your TV instead of leaving it on standby'

Although specifically aimed at Secondary school students who have attended a SEI Energy and

Climate Change workshop, this page is open to everyone.

You can enter your own email address to have the pledge emailed to you as a reminder

Each month we will tally the pledges to see which ones are the most popular and for schools who have attended a Secondary Schools Workshop we will have their school name and how many pledges there were from that school

[Click on this link to go to make a pledge now](#)

Energy Game

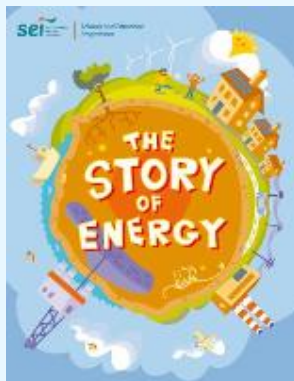
You can now play our 'Energy Game' online



This interactive game brings you through rooms in the house where you need to save energy. This game is part of our resource 'The Story of Energy' [Click here to start playing](#)

Story of Energy movie online

Our animated movie - The Story of Energy is now online. This short cartoon illustrates what happens when you 'click a switch'. This movie is part of our resource 'The Story of Energy'.



- [click here to view low resolution version](#)
- [click here to view high resolution version](#)

Secondary School Web packs online

Our secondary school site has online resources for a number of subjects. We have now condensed some of subject area into a printable document which you can download and use as a lesson plan instead of printing each page of our site. The packs contain worksheets, activities and crosswords from the site all in pdf version. More subjects to be added soon...



Web packs are available for the following subjects click on the subject to go to that page

- [Transition year module on Energy and Climate Change](#)
- [Architectural Technology](#)
- [Geography Junior Cert](#)
- [CSPE](#)

The following subjects will have web packs added soon: Geography Leaving Cert; Home Economics Junior Cert; Home Economics Leaving Cert; Physics and Science Junior Cert

Children become leaders - Severn Cullis-Suzuki



Your students may not have heard of Severn Cullis-Suzuki who is a great example of how young people can be a positive influence for change. She co-founded ECO, the Environmental Children's Organization, with school friends at age 10. Their first project was to buy a water filter for natives in the Malaysian tropical rain forest whose water supply was threatened by over logging and the effluence of an ever-encroaching population.

In 1992, when she was only 12, she brought world leaders to tears with a speech at the first Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in which she chastised them for failing to protect her and her friends from the looming environmental catastrophe.

"I'm only a child and I don't have all the solutions, but I want you to realize neither do you...if

you don't now how to fix it then please stop breaking it," she pleaded with the delegates.

more information on these websites

- <http://www.thegreatwarming.com/localhero-interviewsevernsuzuki.html>
- <http://followtheprocess.blogspot.com/2007/11/let-this-12-year-old-teach-un-world.html>
- <http://www.time.com/time/2002/greencentury/engeneration.html>
- <http://www.collagefoundation.org/people/people-scsuzuki.html>

New secondary school online resources

Transition year and CSPE teachers can now avail of our Lesson plans which have been added to the site. These lesson plans are both around the subject of Energy and Climate change and are available to download from the site.

- TY module
- CSPE lesson plans

We have also added a new **Geography Leaving Certificate section** , this subject is very closely linked with energy and the module prepared for our site is both topical and curriculum linked.

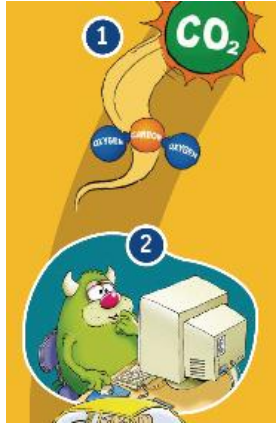
Energy in Action -new online case studies



- Secondary - [O'Fiach College in Dundalk](#) have set up an 'Energy Bureau' read the information on the site to see how they are saving energy and raising awareness
- Primary - [Guzzler Pictures from Attyrory NS in Ballinasloe](#) - the class sent in some really colourful pictures of Guzzler after his visit
- Primary- [Energy projects from Castle Park School in Dalkey](#)- the school used SEI resources to research projects on renewable energy and saving energy

We would love some more of your pictures, photos and stories for our Energy in Action section please send to schools@sei.ie

New Primary School Posters



"Energy and CO₂" and "CO₂ and Climate Change" are the two new posters for primary schools. They explain how burning fossil fuels creates lots of Carbon Dioxide or CO₂ and why too much CO₂ is bad for the climate. If you would like a copy of these colourful posters please email schools@sei.ie - dont forget to add a full postal address for your school

