

Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards – raise the environmental profile of your secondary and primary school

The deadline for entering the Eco Awards is nearing, and we are still looking for applications from Primary and Secondary schools.

Winning an Eco Award is an excellent opportunity to raise the public profile of your school while also receiving recognition for all of your and your student's hard work.

The aim is to celebrate and recognise projects and schemes with a strong ecological or environmentally-friendly ethos or groups and organisations which can show they adopt a sound eco -approach to all their operations.

There are six entry categories, these are:

Outstanding eco primary school sponsored by Recycle for Norfolk
Outstanding eco secondary school sponsored by Cleantech East
Outstanding eco community group sponsored by Voluntary Norfolk
Outstanding eco small/medium business (less than 50 staff) sponsored by BEE
Anglia

Outstanding eco food producer sponsored by <u>Slow Food Norwich and Anglia</u> Outstanding eco home sponsored by Foster, part of the Lakehouse group

Previous winning schools projects have included walking buses, carbon reduction, renewable energy projects, a swift sustainability project, wildlife gardening and waste reduction among other things.

It's free to enter with an easy application process. Winners receive a trophy and certificate as well as Eco Awards branding to use for marketing purposes. For primary schools there is also the chance to win brand new tablet devices sponsored by Updata, the county's preferred ICT who has delivered improved infrastructure to support education in the county. All winners will receive promotion across local and council media.

The 2016-17 Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards are open now for entries and the closing date is Tuesday 14 February 2017. The official awards ceremony will be held at The Forum in Norwich on Thursday 16 March 2017.