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## ENO Tree Planting Day 2006: Plant a tree for environment and peace!



ENO-Environment Online is a global virtual school for sustainable development where currently 300 schools in 90 countries work together, gather information from their environment and share it on the website. Children and youth are ambassadors for environment and sustainability.

The next school year will be officially opened 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2006 which happens to be the United Nations day as the international day for peace. To celebrate this day, children and youth from around the world are invited to plant trees in their communities. The first trees will be planted in New Zealand and Australia. Then, following the Sun, trees will be planted in Asia, Europe and Africa. Finally this chain of trees will reach North and South America. The last trees will be planted in Hawaii. Last year about 200 schools in 60 countries joined this activity and planted over 4000 trees.

A tree reminds us of nature and the importance of environmental protection and secondly, it is a symbol for global co-operation and cultural diversity.

This event is open for schools, clubs and child/youth associations. A special database for participants is available on the web where events are registered. You can get information about other events and see photos. Additional material is also available on the web (<http://eno.joensuu.fi/treeceremony.htm>), including a tree planting song.



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You are welcome to join this special event. Please register in advance here: <http://eno.joensuu.fi/treedatabase.htm>. For more information contact Mika Vanhanen (on [enoprogramme@gmail.com](mailto:enoprogramme@gmail.com)). Schools from Malta might decide to contact the person in charge of the **3 4 U Scheme** at the Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Environment (2295 2333) or Nature Trust Offices for information about how they can obtain trees.

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## The Volvo Adventure



The Volvo Adventure, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, is an educational programme that rewards environmental activities undertaken by young people to improve their local environment. The projects are published on these webpages and the best projects will be selected for an all expenses paid trip to Sweden. The Volvo Adventure is open to young people around the world aged between 10 and 16 years. Teams must be between 2 to 5 young people with one adult as a supervisor.

If you are interested all you need to do is to login the website ([www.volvoadventure.org](http://www.volvoadventure.org)) and click the text "Work with your project" to access the submission tool and start writing your entry. If you need more guidance in starting your project, all you have to do is to go to the resources section in the website and look at the Getting Started download

The best projects each year are invited to the final conference in Gothenburg, Sweden. Here the best projects will be awarded 10,000 USD for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 6,000 USD for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4,000 USD for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline for submitting projects is **May 2007**.

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## Environmental Education Resources

The WISIONS website offers a wealth of information and educational material for teachers who are looking for ideas related to environmental education. WISIONS is pleased to present its 6th PREP brochure on the topic 'Energy in Schools' containing good practice projects from India, Germany, France and Uganda.



This new as well as previous PREP-brochures can be downloaded at WISIONS' homepage at: [www.wisions.net/pages/Downloads.htm](http://www.wisions.net/pages/Downloads.htm). More information and contact details of these and additional good practice projects are available at: <http://www.wisions.net/pages/GoodPractice.htm>.

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## The 6th eLearning Awards is now open for schools



The eLearning Awards is Europe's premier competition rewarding excellent use of new technologies by schools. Over €200,000 have been awarded to schools since it was first organised in 2000. Schools are invited to submit their projects to the 2006 competition via the eLearning Awards website. All entries are showcased in the project gallery.

The Awards include a main category for the 'Best use of ICT' as well as awards for Mathematics, Science, Culture and Whole class teaching. The Awards are open to all schools in all European countries.

The eLearning Awards are an initiative of European Schoolnet, a network of 26 European ministries of education. The competition is supported by several partners: such as Young Digital Planet, Intel, Promethean, Oracle and Michael.

The deadline for entries is 13th October 2006. Winners will be invited to a gala ceremony which will take place during European Schoolnet's 10th Anniversary Conference in Belgium in December 2006. Full information about regulations and prizes can be found on the website at: <http://elearningawards.eun.org> or contact: [sylvia.binger@eun.org](mailto:sylvia.binger@eun.org).

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## European Environmental School Competition



The European school network "JEM! – Joint Environmental Management according to EMAS" is inviting you to participate in a European school competition called: **Our Road to an Eco-Friendly School**.

The competition is open for 14 and 19 year old pupils who can participate either as individuals or small groups or classes. You can submit a contribution in English (conception, report, documentation, model or other) about a current or concluded project. Long-term projects, which have already reached presentable results, can also be submitted before the project's conclusion.

An independent jury will evaluate the entries based on the content and presentation of the written report (supplemented with photo documentation, video, CD-ROM). The projects will be judged on innovation and self-initiative; sustainability and practical use; public impact; and its multiplier effect. The winners will be invited to Vienna to a three-day meeting in November 2006, where they will be trained in a two-day event together with the other European school representatives to become environmental auditors. In addition, the pupils will get the opportunity to get to know both Vienna and the winners of the other European schools. Consolation awards and certificates of participation will also be assigned.

School contributions are to be presented by 4th October 2006. The official call for project proposals is available on the JEM!-website (<http://www.jem-eu.org/>).

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## ManagEnergy



ManagEnergy is an initiative of the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy and Transport, which aims to support the work of actors working on energy efficiency and renewable energies at the local and regional level. The main tools are training workshops and online events. Additionally information is provided on case studies, good practice, European legislation and programmes.

This website includes a partner search system with some 2700 organisations, including 350 energy agencies, which can provide valuable expertise and partnerships on energy activities at local and regional levels. You can register for the ManagEnergy Initiative including the monthly newsletter. ManagEnergy also offers free internet broadcast facilities including some 500 individual video presentations, speeches and interviews on topical energy matters.

The ManagEnergy KidsCorner Energy Education websites are now available in the Maltese language. Check these out:

For 7-11 year old students: <http://www.managenergy.net/kidscorner/mt/u11/u11.html>

For 12-16 year old students: <http://www.managenergy.net/kidscorner/mt/o11/o11.html>

For teachers: <http://www.managenergy.net/kidscorner/te2.html>

ManagEnergy is also organizing the first Online ManagEnergy Drawing and Photo Competition 2006: **Changing the European Energy Landscape**. This exciting new online competition for school children across Europe has been launched by the European Commission Directorate-General for Energy and Transport under the ManagEnergy initiative. The competition challenges young artists to create images of sustainable energy use in their local environment. It includes:

- A drawing and painting competition for 7-11 year olds
- A photo competition for children aged 12-16

The overall aim is to educate children in the Member States and the EEA countries on sustainable energy solutions and encourage them to become future sustainable citizens. For more information about rules, prizes and registration visit:

[http://www.managenergy.net/competition/competition\\_en.html](http://www.managenergy.net/competition/competition_en.html)

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**The EkoSkola Steering Committee would like to  
thank all the children and staff of the schools  
participating in the programme for  
their never ending support and co-operation.  
Wishing you all a pleasant Summer Recess  
... see you at the start of  
the next scholastic year.**

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