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IGNITE to launch new schools initiative

Our Place 2020 is a project for 11-13 year old school children (years 7 & 8) aimed at enhancing their understanding of the impact of climate change and resource efficiency - inspiring them to want to create places where they will live which meet these challenges.

IGNITE, the Regional Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Communities in North East England, has commissioned the North East Education Business Links Organisation Consortia (EBLOCs) to run the project within schools across the region from January to July 2008.

It will educate the 11-13 year olds about regeneration and get them to think about the place they live, local community and their ideas for future living.

The project involves a regional competition, where children will put their best ideas forward for how they see their future community in 2020. An interim final will see 8 schools chosen to go head-to-head in a regional final and prize giving event in July.

The project will also offer the school children the chance to work with committed professionals who will help develop their vision and ideas for the sustainable communities of the future and highlight the range of career opportunities in this wide field.

Around 30 schools from across the region will be matched with experts in various aspects of sustainable communities who will help their pupils research, plan and develop their own ideas and projects for sustainable communities of the future.

The programme will be formally launched by IGNITE at events in the four sub-regions in March. In June the schools will compete against each other for a place in the regional final – which will take place in July.

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