

**our place 2020** | how do you see your future community?

**A competition has been launched across the North East to allow you to put your ideas forward for how you would like to live in 2020.**

**30 schools across the North East have signed up to take part in the 'Our Place 2020' project headed in the region by IGNITE, the Regional Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Communities.**

The project will allow Year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to think about the communities where they live, ideas for regeneration and sustainable living in the future.

It will give an opportunity to learn about the impact of climate change on the future communities of North East England and provide inspiration to want to create places in the region to live that meet the challenges faced.

Funded by IGNITE and English Partnerships, the North East Education Business Links Organisation Consortia (EBLOCs) are running the project within schools across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and the Tees Valley from March to July 2008.

The regional competition will allow students to put their best

ideas forward for how they see their future community in 2020. An interim final in June will see eight schools chosen to go head-to-head in a regional final and prize giving event on July 9 where they have the chance of winning £1000.

Committed professionals across the broad field of regeneration and sustainability are working with schools and will help students research, plan and develop their own ideas and projects for sustainable communities of the future. They will also highlight the range of career opportunities in this broad field.

The Tyne and Wear Launch has seen 280 pupils from 10 schools across Tyne and Wear take part in four challenges: The Pay Me Game - giving an insight into the financial impact of the use of energy and how to save energy,



Barbara McClennan, Chief Executive, Education Business Connections with pupils from schools across Tyne and Wear

There's No Such Thing as Rubbish - challenging the pupils to turn a bag of rubbish into something new, Building a Better Future - challenging pupils to design a sustainable home for their future family and There's a Job For Me - challenging pupils to think about the huge range of careers available in the field of sustainable communities.

The Tees Valley Launch saw 98 pupils from Acklam Grange, Brierton, Thornaby Community School and Sacred Heart schools take part in three challenges based around Tees Valley hosting four football World Cup team matches in 2020. The young people had to assess economic impacts, the environment, transport and connectivity associated with staging these football matches.

Bryan Alderson, Operations Manager of Tyne and Wear Education Business Link Organisation, TWEBLO, said: "This project is a rare opportunity for young people to have an influence on what they will inherit in adulthood and we anticipate some really visionary ideas coming out of it."

**For further information on the project and how you can get involved, please see [www.ebcltd.org.uk](http://www.ebcltd.org.uk), or contact Bryan Alderson TWEBLO Operations Manager on 0191 5166166/ 07887595870 or email [ourplace2020@googlemail.com](mailto:ourplace2020@googlemail.com)**



**Citizenship Post -16 "What's it all about?"**

TWEBLO is interested in bringing to life Citizenship learning. One way is for you, the learner, to be in the driving seat. We can assist by bringing in outside agencies for you to listen to, debate with or have a 'Question Time' session. The choice is yours. TWEBLO would like your views on what you would like discussed as part of your PSHE enrichment programme or Citizenship. It could be personal finance, benefits, law, bullying, sexual health, drug/alcohol abuse or anything else you can think of. Email me your ideas to: [bryan.alderson@tweblo.co.uk](mailto:bryan.alderson@tweblo.co.uk)

**Meghan, 17, an FE student said:**  
 "I thought Citizenship was all about boring stuff like politics but now I find it is more about everyday things that affect me and my mates".



Pupils from Acklam Grange, Brierton, Thornaby Community School and Sacred Heart schools with business mentors from Turner & Townsend Construction and Management Consultants