



# Preventing Waste in Schools

## LOCAL AUTHORITY PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMME

Five schools are working with Monaghan Co Co to learn about resource efficiency and waste prevention. This initiative will focus on developing Monaghan Co Co's comprehensive environmental awareness campaign from anti-litter and recycling to demonstration of waste prevention in five schools.



Children were involved in collecting a week's worth of waste and then worked with the LAPD team to sort through it and identify the exact types and amounts of waste as part of a waste characterization surveys. The Schools' Green Team inputted the data onto their computer so that it could be analysed by the LAPD team for prevention opportunities and an action plan was presented to the school. The Environmental Awareness Officer will now work through the plan with the school and develop the case study and a handbook for other schools in the county.

A Waste Prevention schools competition is planned for this academic year. The students are being asked to submit a project on an environmental topic that focuses on prevention.

Monaghan Co Co's initiative "Waste Prevention in Schools and Young People" is a 30-month project that began in July 2006. It is one of a programme entitled "Working Together to Prevent Waste in Co Monaghan" that received €421,127 under phase 1 of the Local Authority Prevention Demonstration Programme.

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