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Dear Kent schools,

Are your students worried by the climate emergency?

Are you looking to develop biodiversity on your school site?

Are you looking for ways to support students in turning their concerns about the climate into concrete actions?

We would like to work with your school to increase biodiversity, support innovation and collaborate on a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) centered 'New Dimensions' space we are creating which will be a community hub for creative arts and sciences.

When our students won the KCC Hackathon in March 2022, their plan was to develop a way to bring together young people from across the globe, the result is the biojoyversity.org website. It is now live! This platform for schools and young people allows you to share ideas and receive advice about developing your school's site, share ideas on climate action, and, excitingly to receive advice from a phenomenal panel of expert climate scientists, scientists, industrialists and educationalists.

We are looking for all schools to join our partnership, creating a network that will act to look after the planet for the future. We know that by working together we are stronger, and through this we can support our students to move beyond campaign and protesting about the climate emergency to actually creating change and leading innovation.

Through the biojoyversity.org website your school and students can submit ideas to be published online, as well as submitting suggestions for change, with the best ideas shared with our panel of innovation advisors.

Every day the number of schools signing up is increasing, our aim is for all schools in Kent to be active partners, before taking biojoyversity.org global. Only by thinking outside of the accepted norms can we hope to see the changes required to save our planet.

Alongside this virtual site, we are also working to develop a physical 'New Dimensions' space, an initiative that we hope will result in a phenomenal resource for the whole of Kent. 'New Dimensions' is a plan to create a community of arts, culture, education, nature and sciences, joined in a common goal for the promotion of Nature, Diversity and Innovation. We believe this is something new for a school collaboration and we would love to work with you. Since the beginning of human history, nature has informed music, the arts and sciences. We are looking to use the complexities of biodiversity to inform our journeys, joining together the creative arts and sciences to promote creativity and wellbeing. We will use the 'New Dimensions' space to support interdisciplinary connections between arts, culture, nature and sciences through performances, workshops, exhibitions and multi-media opportunities, and through this communicate the urgent need to make the changes required to secure our planet's future.

If you are interested in being a part of the biojoyversity.org journey, you can express your interest at [Get in Touch with us at Biojoyversity](#) .

Together we can change the world. Visit biojoyversity.org to be the change.

Kind regards

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