



LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2022-23

WELCOME TO WASTEBUSTER

[Wastebuster](#) is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company constituted to inform, inspire and empower young people to care for the environment by adopting more sustainable lifestyle choices. Wastebuster has been delivering its local authority waste education programme since 2008 to address the significant challenges in developing and delivering strategies to reduce waste. With a combined network of over 17,800 registered schools in the UK, Wastebuster is one of the largest network providers of environmental education.

Working with local authorities, Wastebuster help communities take practical action to reduce material, energy, carbon and water waste to help mitigate against climate change. Delivering annualised campaigns and offering high-quality education resources for the classroom on energy, waste, water, biodiversity, climate science and a range of other environmental topics, with a particular focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Wastebuster also specialise in engaging, informing, and inspiring children and young people to carry their learning beyond the school gates, so they might activate positive change in the home.

All Pod resources are curriculum linked and aimed at 4 – 16-year-olds. With lesson plans, practical activities, campaign toolkits, waste and energy audits, assemblies, films, games, and information packs as well as posters, stickers, and badges and enriching home learning activities, that engage the whole family.

The Wastebuster local authority service contract recognises the need to be responsive to local needs, to effectively tackle unique local challenges and support positive attitude and behaviour change in local communities. Wastebuster's annualised, industry funded, cross-sector supported campaigns on its multi-award-winning platform, the Pod include *Switch-Off Fortnight*, *Waste Week*, *What's Under Your Feet?* in association with BBC Countryfile, *Recycle to Read* and (coming soon) *Water Week* have assisted over 200 UK local authorities to help schools, parents, and their local community to engage with important sustainability issues since 2008. Visit [Wastebuster](#) or [the Pod](#) for further information.

SUPPORTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TURN THE DIAL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Over 300 UK local authorities have declared a climate emergency. Never has it been more important to prepare young people and communities with the tools and mindset to work towards a more sustainable future.

With young people ever aware of climate change, wider sustainability issues and increasing calling for communities to act Wastebuster provides local authorities with a fully integrated programme, covering a wide range of sustainability issues that can be powerfully coupled with Wastebusters campaigns that focus on activating change and unlocking considerable social, economic, and environmental benefits for local communities.



By informing, educating, and empowering young people and their families to act, and by providing the tools, infrastructure, and data management platform, Wastebuster can deliver data measuring savings (waste reduction, recycling, energy, carbon and water savings) for every participating school and family. That can be used to demonstrate progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Wastebuster advocate a collective impact approach to help turn the dial on climate change. All partner local authorities will also benefit from the annualised, industry funded, cross-sector supported national Wastebuster campaigns that provide tools, education resources and rewards for highly engaged schools, families, and communities.

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Free Membership Includes:

- ✓ Access to Wastebusters education resource library
- ✓ Member e-newsletters promoting Pod campaigns

Local Authority Membership Includes:

Includes a full waste education programme for schools that can be used to complement existing activity, support cross-departmental working, and provide environmental savings data in support of your authority's climate change mitigation strategy that measures progress towards the UN SDGs:

- ✓ Dedicated programme management team
- ✓ School Liaison Officer support for all local primary and secondary schools
- ✓ Localised communications plan
- ✓ Teacher training, interactive assemblies, and workshops
- ✓ Dual branded school engagement communications and Waste Week/ Switch Off Fortnight/ What's Under Your Feet and Recycle to Read campaign packs
- ✓ Local authority area homepage to promote local activity/ services and interactive Schools Year Planner linked to national and international days and weeks
- ✓ Home learning platform to support family engagement
- ✓ Local competition to award high performing schools with the greatest environmental savings
- ✓ Climate Enterprise Summit & Challenge event to support delivery of youth-led projects that tackle local waste challenges
- ✓ Access to all Wastebuster Pod education and campaign resources
- ✓ Dual-branded press and media packs for all Wastebuster Pod campaigns

MANAGEMENT & IMPACT MEASURES

- ✓ Monthly contract management team meetings
- ✓ Monthly performance reporting including school and community participation and environmental impact (waste reduction, recycling, energy, carbon and water savings)
- ✓ Your local authority's profile in the member's section of the Pod
- ✓ Consultation report (opportunity to gather qualitative and quantitative data from schools and householders and other key stakeholders)
- ✓ Annual impact report measuring progress towards UN SDGs 4/ 11/ 12/13/14/15

Cost: £135 (excl. VAT) per school per annum.

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