



Lucy - School sustainability improvements

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

The original project that I was going to do was going to be revegetation and bird boxes but because I was doing it in a reserve that was owned by the Council, I had to get approval and they haven't really got back to me yet so I'm still waiting, so that's my long-term goal that I'm hopefully going to do eventually.

So what I decided to instead for YEC was do some stuff at my school with revegetating our gardens and getting new bins and green bins and stuff like that and doing Nude Food Days.

We've re-vegetated both our gardens - we have a sensory garden and a vegetable garden and we also won a grant to get new bins with lids, because we did a survey and most kids said they wanted bins with lids because all the rubbish is flying out. So we got a grant to buy new bins and we also have green bins in four of the major classes, we still need to get more of those though.

I worked with my sustainability team at our school and I also worked with the science teacher and the Principal. So we had to send her letters and stuff to try and convince her that we could get new bins and stuff like that. They contributed a lot - we did days where we went and told kids about waste and nude food days.

Our teacher also organized most of the grant stuff and getting our Principal on board too, and also our gardens, we had to do this in the sustainability group too and doing days where kids could come and do some weeding and planting in the garden.

What promotion have you done?

We have promoted it by doing these posters for Nude Food, at an assembly we did a presentation of showing kids the rubbish that's in the school and trying to get them to put their rubbish in the bin instead, and also promoting it to the Scouts and saying 'can we get 10c bins?'

Biggest success?

Our biggest success was actually winning the grant and being able to re-do the gardens and stuff because that all had to be in our budgets, and getting the Principal on board.

Next steps?

We are trying to get Nude Food Fridays ahead a bit more and also getting green bins in all of the classrooms instead of just some, as well as winning some more grants so we can get some more trees to plant on our back oval.

What did you enjoy most?

I've enjoyed replanting the garden, doing days with little kids and teaching them how to plant stuff and working with my Sustainability Group.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Lucy's words and opinions.