



STARS and World Environment Day Activity Booster Sheet

WHAT IS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY?

On June 5th, 2022, communities across the globe will celebrate **World Environment Day (WED)** to raise awareness of urgent environmental issues. The UN Environmental Programme has led WED since 1972 to engage governments, businesses and citizens in tackling problems such as climate change, sustainable consumption and marine pollution.

In London, WED is great opportunity to investigate air quality around schools and residential neighbourhoods – for example, students can explore levels of nitrogen dioxide by searching for nitrogen-sensitive and nitrogen-loving lichens on nearby trees.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that marking World Environment Day at your school can also count towards your STARS accreditation? Simply select the STARS activity card that corresponds to the activity you're running in school, tell your story and keep working towards your next STARS accreditation. **World Environment Day** has its own activity card to get you started!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

To do this, sign into your **STARS online account**, select the activity from the list and click on 'Tell your story'. You can include photos, posters, newsletters, risk-assessments and other relevant documents to show how your activity was completed. You can then publish your story in the 'Stories' section to share your achievements.

See the list below for our suggestions of **STARS Activity Cards** that align with World Environment Day.

	EXAMPLE ACTIVITY	STARS ACTIVITY CARD
 CONSULTATION	Set up a School Street to improve air quality outside your school. Use results from your air quality survey to convey the importance of the School Street to parents, local residents and other stakeholders.	School Streets
 PROMOTION	<p>Include information about WED in your school's newsletters, assemblies and publications near the event</p> <p>Display posters, include information in school newsletters, and promote WED via social media</p> <p>Display your air quality findings through your school's newsletter and website, or set up a noticeboard in a high-traffic area to post your results</p>	<p>Communicating with parents/carers</p> <p>Publicity within the local community</p> <p>School travel noticeboard and webpage</p>
 WALKING	Walk to a nearby landmark and complete a second air quality survey. Compare the results with your school survey and note any differences in how people travel	Walking trips
 CYCLING	Organise a Car Free Day to celebrate by sending letters to parents encouraging them to leave the car at home	Car Free Day
 ROAD SAFETY	Create a school Play Street to provide a healthy and safe environment for pupils to play, and show people the benefits of reducing traffic on our streets. Get in touch with your local authority to apply for the permission to close your street	School Play Streets
 CURRICULUM	Work with a group of pupils to run an air quality competition to raise awareness of the ways we can all help to reduce air pollution.	Air quality competition