



OMEP-UK Education for Sustainable Citizenship Award

Think children's futures today!



Sign up to take part in this unique Early Childhood Education for Sustainable Citizenship Award. The OMEP-UK ESC Award covers all three pillars of sustainability: Social-cultural, Environmental, and Economic providing firm foundations for global citizenship. We welcome registrations from all those working with young children, whether this is a childminder's setting, a nursery school, day-care, reception class, or pre-prep school—this Award is for you.

A truly child-centred approach to ESD in the Early Years, building upon what children already 'know' and 'can do' so that they have real agency in their sustainable citizenship.

What is involved

Each setting will receive a self-audit tool to assess their own ESC practice and will at first decide upon the specific areas of provision they wish to improve in support of children's learning and development. A trainer will support you in creating a development plan and provide concrete ideas for making the most of the environmental resources that you already have, as well as suggesting how you might extend them. OMEP-UK is a voluntary organisation committed to promoting the Rights of the Child, and is providing ESC Award accreditation for independent trainers across the UK in collaboration with SchemaPlay. Alternative arrangements may be agreed to support preschool settings that have already developed their ESC practice significantly with their own or preferred local trainers. For more information on this, or for information about the trainers providing support in your area please email: escomepuk@gmail.com

Accredited trainers offer 'in-house' training to support the observation of children's schemes and schemas, so that all the ESC activities offered are anchored in what children already know about and can already do. This is important to support meaningful learning and children's agency in their own sustainable citizenship.

Each setting will be provided with a set of 'I-care' booklets (photocopiable) to engage their children in sustainable fun (no cost) activities at home with their family, and with their key person in the setting. There are five books at each Award level across the 'pillars' of ESD: Economics, Environmental, Social-Cultural, and in support of Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5 and 10 in Literacy and Numeracy. To achieve each Award level, at least 60% of children over three years of age should be engaging in 'I-care' activities.

Each child also receives their very own ESC Passport and as each 'I-care' booklet is completed they will receive a sticker record of achievement for their passport. The passports will also provide discounted entry into venues, including conservation parks, so they can be used by families at the weekend or whilst visiting new areas on holiday. Passports/stickers are charged at £40 for a pack of ten.

What does it cost?

The cost to register for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award, is £35 per setting at each award level. The Award registration also includes OMEP early years setting membership for the year.

To start your ESC Award today, please register at: escomepuk@gmail.com