

Birmingham Careers Hub Cornerstone Employers

Single Use Plastic Work Experience



Introduction

By working through this programme, you will be finding out about the impact of plastic pollution and identify what you and others can do to do reduce plastic consumption.

You will hear what different people are currently doing to reduce the use of single use plastic and reflect on what else individuals, organisations, and communities could do.

When you have completed all the sessions you will summarise what you have learned in a presentation which you can show to your teacher and employers for feedback.



Click the image link to play the video

Session 1: Introducing the Issue



Click the image link to play the video

Activity 1a: Plastic Oceans

Watch the Plastic Ocean Film which introduces the impact of single use plastic on our environment. Make notes in the table below on your reactions to the film:

| Plastic Oceans | | |
|---|---|---|
| How do I feel? | What have I learned? | What will I do? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••• |

Activity 1b: World Against Single Use Plastic (WASUP)

WASUP works with schools and communities to help to recycle, reuse, reduce and refuse to use single use plastics.

Before you meet Professor Gatrad, Founder of WASUP, find out what you can about WASUP [WASUP - World Against Single Use Plastic \(wasupme.com\)](http://wasupme.com) and record in the table below 6 things that you have found out about Prof Gatrad and WASUP, and 6 things that you would ask Prof Gatrad if you met him.

| World Against Single Use Plastic | |
|---|---|
| Information about WASUP/Prof Gatrad | Questions |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••• |

Activity 1c: Single Use Plastic Log

As you complete the programme keep a log of the single use plastic that you are using - or see being used - at home, school or in your community.

| Single Use Plastic Log | |
|---|---|
| My/others use of SUP | What could be done differently |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••• |

Session 2: World Against Single Use Plastic

Meet Prof Gatrad, find out more about the WASUP project and how you can get involved.



Click the image link to play the video

Activity 2a: World Against Single Use Plastic

Watch Prof Gatrad's presentation and record in the table below what you learn about plastic pollution, what WASUP is doing to help and how you can get involved.

| Information about Plastic Pollution | What is WASUP doing to help? | How can I support WASUP? |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• |



Click the image link to play the video

Activity 2b: Find out about other businesses working to fight pollution

Investigate other local organisations and what they are doing to reduce waste; examples could include:

- National Sea Life Centre
- Clean Kilo Zero Waste Supermarket
- Canal and Rivers Trust

Record your findings below.

Organisation:

What they are doing:

-
-
-
-
-
-

Session 3: Introducing The Perry Barr Residential Scheme

Find out about a local project and meet some of the employers involved.



Click the image link to play the video

Activity 3a: Overview of the Site

Look at the film of the site. There are about 20 different jobs on the film. Make a note of some of them below and what qualifications or training is needed for the job. Also, what questions would you like to ask the employers about their job?

Do some research to help you:

[Go Construct](#)

[National Careers Service](#)



Click the image link to play the video

| Perry Barr Residential Scheme | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Different jobs | Qualifications/Training | Questions? |
| • | • | • |
| • | • | • |
| • | • | • |
| • | • | • |
| • | • | • |
| • | • | • |

Activity 3b: Meet the Employers

Watch the films of the employers and record in the table below what they do and how they are involved in reducing waste.



Click the image link to play the video

| | Employer 1 | Employer 2 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Name | | |
| Job | | |
| How are they supporting what Prof Gatrad and WASUP are doing? | | |
| What would you advise a business to do to help the environment – either directly or through the people that the organisation works with? | | |
| | | |

Activity 3c: Find out more

Do some further research into one of the jobs you have seen and record in the table below.

| Job Role | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| What does the job involve | | |
| What skills are needed | | |
| What qualifications are needed | | |
| Why I would be good at this job | | |
| What more do I need to find out? | | |

Session 4: Me plc

The ME plc programme is a great way of focusing on you as an individual and what you could bring to a range of jobs including those you have discovered in the previous session.



[Click the image link to play the video](#)

Activity 4a

To help you do this, follow the link to the Me plc personal branding programme where employers will guide you through the process of producing a 29 second pitch to introduce yourself.

- What is your story/journey so far?
- How do you behave in different situations and with different people?
- What skills and qualities do you have that make you unique?
- What are your career aspirations?

This will be an excellent introduction to your presentation.

[Click here for Me plc programme](#)

Session 5: Your Presentation

The final part of the programme is where you bring together all the information you have learned this week to complete a presentation.

What have you learned about current use of single use plastics?



Click the image link to play the video

Activity 5a

Some ideas to get you started:

- Start with your 29 second pitch to introduce yourself and then summarise what you have learned and any recommendations/next steps?
- What have you learned about current use of single use plastics?
- How will it influence your behaviour in the future?
- Is there anything you will be doing differently at home, school, in your community?
- What have you found out about different organisations use of single use plastics?
- What could other businesses learn from then?
- What could they change to help them improve their use of single use plastics?
- What have you learned about different careers?
- Is there a particular job that interests you? Why?
- What are you going to do to follow up? Research? Arrange some work experience or work shadowing when you can?

Keep it short and to the point. About 3 minutes and use different ways of getting your ideas across – pictures, music, poetry, IT – to engage your listeners.

Give an outline of your presentation below.

Single Use Plastics Presentation

Blank area for the presentation outline.