

# RISE for Schools 2026

Each year, our group of universities work together to host the International SEEDS Conference. SEEDS stands for Sustainable Ecological Engineering Design for Society and researchers from across the world come together to showcase examples of new and original ideas and projects of how we can make our environment healthier and more sustainable.

For the fifth year running, we are inviting younger students to also think about ways we can create a sustainable future for our planet. The **RISE for Schools** competition encourages school students to make their voices heard about their research and ideas on how to make a more sustainable world. Ideas in the past have included ways to tackle climate change, develop new materials for construction, reduce plastic use and save water. This year, in particular, we want you to think about **whether science and technology could help us to live more sustainably or does it make it worse?**

The posters from the competition will be displayed at the SEEDS conference for all of our researchers from across the world to see!

**Submissions are encouraged from any aspect to do with the way we can build and live sustainably and poster entries are FREE.**

**Winning schools will receive prizes such as certificates, a trophy and book vouchers.**

**The closing date for entries is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

Email [LSIconference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:LSIconference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk) to receive PowerPoint slides and more info for your class.

## HOW TO ENTER

Create a poster on your idea, project, process or product for how we can live more sustainably. Ideas can be linked to a project you have been studying in class or an individual idea. Entries can be submitted by individuals, pairs or groups of 3 and schools can submit multiple entries.

In order to enter, please produce an A4 or A3 sized poster outlining your idea. Your poster should include text, images and where possible, facts and figures that support your ideas.

Please note electronic copies of posters must be submitted by schools and we cannot accept physical copies.

## Key Points to think about:

- What is your key idea to help us live more sustainably? Can you think of ways technology/science could help us live more sustainably? Or does it make it worse?
- What issue does it help with? (e.g. deforestation, litter, plastic in oceans?) Why is it important to address that issue?
- What are the current and future benefits?

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