Biodiversity in Schools (BIS) Coill na nÓg 2025 (CNN)

Terms and Conditions Tree & Hedgerow Kits Competition

• Eligibility:

The competition is open to pre, primary, secondary, and homeschools across the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and Northern Ireland (NI).

Applicants must be class teachers or school representatives.

Application Process:

To apply for a free CNN kit, class teachers must submit their application through the form found on the CNN webpage.

Applications must be submitted by the closing date of 12 noon 24th October 2025.

• Kit Availability:

There are 270 kits available for schools.

Each selected school will receive one kit.

Selection Process:

The selection of schools to receive the free kits will be done randomly.

Only 270 schools will be chosen from all eligible applications received by the closing date.

Notification:

Selected schools will be notified via email.

Acceptance of Terms:

By submitting an application, class teachers and schools agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

The decision of the selection panel is final and binding.

• Data Protection:

Personal information collected during the application process will be used solely for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be shared with third parties without consent.

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Terms and Conditions - Social Media Competition

Eligibility

The competition is open to all preschools, primary and secondary schools across Ireland. Homeschools are not eligible for the social media competition.

• How to Enter:

To enter the Outdoor Classroom competition, schools or teachers can either:

Email photographs (5 max) or videos (90 seconds max) directly to Biodiversity in Schools at collab@biodiversityinschools.com, or Post photographs (5 max) or videos (90 seconds max) from an official school or teacher account on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), or Instagram.

All entries must:

- Be submitted by 12 noon on 12th December 2025.
- Show students or their work exploring, planting, or helping trees or hedgerows. Students may be identifiable or not, depending on your school's policy.

Social Posts must:

- Use permanent posts (not time-limited stories or disappearing content).
 Tag both Biodiversity in Schools and eFlow.
 Include the hashtag #CoillnaNog."

Submission Guidelines:

Posts must show your students or work exploring/ planting/ helping trees or hedgerows, with or without identifiable students, depending on your school policy. Captions should describe the efforts made. Entries should be original and not infringe upon any third-party rights.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged based on the creativity, effectiveness, and impact of the school's efforts in helping trees and hedgerows. The decision of the judging panel is final and binding.

Prize

Three prizes of equal value are available. Each prize consists of one of our outdoor classrooms/ school gardens to the value of €3,333 excl VAT. The prize is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash or alternative prizes.

Publicity

Acceptance of the prize constitutes permission to use the relevant winners' names, and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion or publicity in any media (including social media) without additional compensation and prize winners agree to take part in such related promotional activities as BIS may require.

Notification:

The winning school will be notified via email and phone call. The winner must respond within one week (seven days) to claim their prize. Failure to respond to BIS within one week may result in another winner being chosen. A photocall with the winning school will be organised, where the prize will be presented.

• Data Protection:

Personal information collected during the Competition will be used solely for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be shared with third parties without consent. Personal data collected in conjunction with the Competition will be deleted three months after the winner is announced.

• Acceptance of Terms:

By entering the competition, participants agree to abide by these terms and conditions. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with Meta (Instagram, Facebook) or X (formerly Twitter).