



Environmental Task Force

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The Environmental Task Force (ETF) was launched in June 2016. The ETF marks a new approach by the Council Family and partner organisations in tackling environmental issues across the city.

The ETF has set a broad range of objectives which will improve communities. These are

- To tackle environmental incivility such as dog fouling, littering, fly-tipping and general environmental dereliction.
- To improve neighbourhoods through environmental enhancement in both public and private spaces.
- To carry out effective citizen engagement and communication that encourages citizen involvement.
- To improve service delivery through coordinated partnership arrangements at a Ward level.
- To work with schools on maintaining a green environment.
- Enhanced enforcement measures.

Schools and Nurseries

It is widely recognised that schools and nurseries have a pivotal role to play in the success of the ETF.

The Curriculum for Excellence lists 'Responsible Citizens' as one of the four capacities which all children and young people should develop.

The Environmental Task Force (ETF) aims to encourage 'Responsible Citizenship' by supporting Glasgow's Schools and Nurseries to influence behaviour by encouraging children to take pride in the look and feel of their local environment.

The Schools Charter

What we would like schools and nurseries to commit to:

Educational establishments that sign up to the ETF Schools Charter are giving a commitment to carry out three environmental activities a year which will improve the local community. These activities must include at least one community clean up, but the others should be decided by the children and young people, through their Eco Committee or Pupil Council. Examples of this kind of work include tree planting, establishing a biodiversity garden, growing vegetables, recycling etc. These can take place in the school, in a local greenspace or in the wider community.

This work aligns with Learning for Sustainability, and will also assist you in working towards or maintaining an Eco Schools Green Flag.

Our commitment to you

By committing to the Charter and carrying out three environmental activities, each participating school will receive a personalised Environmental Task Force Award. As a participating ETF school you can also request a raised bed or planter to enhance your school grounds. There can be few more rewarding experiences for either children or adults than watching the seeds they have sown push up through the soil and grow into beautiful flowers or vegetables.

Enhancing your school

If you would like to request a raised bed or planter:

1. Decide which item would best suit the space you have available.
2. Download and complete the request form: www.envtaskforce.org/schools-charter/
3. Email completed form to: CommsafetyCommunityPaybackServices@glasgow.gov.uk



Raised Bed



Large Planter

Celebrating and publicising what your school is doing is an important part of being an ETF School. Consider how to let your parents/carers and the wider community know what you are doing, for example through newsletters, displays and celebration events.

With social media playing such an integral part in the new Environmental Task Force, this provides an exciting way to promote the great work your school is undertaking.

1. If you have a school Facebook or Twitter account, post a photo of your environmental activities taking place and tag Envtaskforce (Facebook) @theenvtaskforce (Twitter), including the hashtag #ETFschoolscharter
2. If your school doesn't have a Facebook or Twitter account, send an email to: gcsafetys@gmail.com with a photo of the environmental activities taking place attached.

The Neighbourhood Improvement and Enforcement Service will continue to provide a range of support to all participating schools. Officers will be available to provide advice, carry out risk assessments, arrange a loan of equipment and organise waste uplift if required.

**The Environmental Task Force School Charter Coordinator is Michael Hamilton.
Please get in touch with Michael to discuss what support you require.
Phone: 0141 276 7537 Email: michael.hamilton@glasgow.gov.uk**



If you are concerned about litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, dog fouling or any other environmental issue, we want to hear from you. Use our social media pages to report any issues



Report using Twitter
[@theenvtaskforce](https://twitter.com/theenvtaskforce)



Report using Facebook
[envtaskforce](https://www.facebook.com/envtaskforce)

Phone **0300 343 7027** or use the **MyGlasgow** app.

What can **The Environmental Task Force** help with?

- ✓ Fly tipping
- ✓ Litter
- ✓ Graffiti
- ✓ Dog fouling
- ✓ Fly posting
- ✓ Environmental enhancement
- ✓ Needle uplift

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