



Eco-Home

### Eco-Home February Bulletin!

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Hello from Eco-Home,

Welcome to our February Eco-Home Bulletin! A big thank you to everyone who has registered with the Eco-Home programme since January.

A special warm welcome to our new student households which have been entered into our prize draw for a 500GB external hard drive and vouchers for Boojum, Starbucks and Subway. We have had over 200 new registrations! By registering your household you are actively helping to preserve our environment and save money. We hope that you have completed the online survey and started to implement the Eco-Home actions suggested on our [website](#) and in the Householder Handbook. Hopefully you are noticing savings and waste reduction in your household. We will be updating the website on a regular basis so please drop by. You can also join us on Facebook at [Eco-Home Northern Ireland](#) and on Twitter [@EcoHomeNI](#).



If you have any queries please feel free to contact us on [eco-home@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:eco-home@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org) or call us on 028 9073 6920.

In this bulletin:

- Read about current Eco-Home Student project activities;
- Read about progress made with the Eco-Home Community project.

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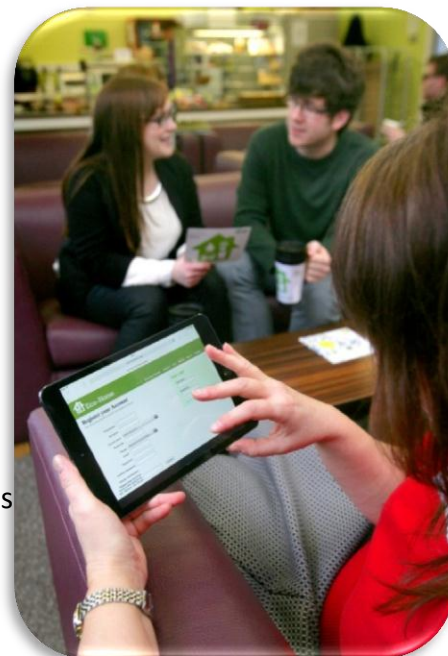
## Eco-Home Student Project Updates

The Eco-Home team have been busy setting up stands and delivering workshops across Belfast college campuses to include Stranmillis University College, Queen's University and Belfast Metropolitan College. The team have been helping students to think about the problems of sending too much waste to landfill and the benefits of recycling more of our waste. A big thank you to all the college staff who have helped the team organise activities and to the representative from the Belfast City Council who has helped at numerous Eco-Home stands.

### Eco-Home Student Quick-Tips

How to **SAVE MONEY** and the **ENVIRONMENT**:

- Write a shopping list to make sure you don't come home from the shops with more than you need. Don't be caught out by special offers or shop when feeling hungry.
- Instead of take-away night have a left-over night instead! See [Love Food Hate Waste](#) for ideas.
- Use both sides of the page, print 2 pages to a page and/or double-sided when printing all those pesky lecture readings. Even better, you can read the journals online or on a tablet and use a pdf highlighting tool.
- Be thrifty and try to buy from charity or second-hand shops and pick up lots of authentic bargains.
- Reuse empty jam jars and old ice-cream tubs for storage or keeping leftovers.



### Upcoming Events



BIG Spring Clean, 12<sup>th</sup> March, Elms residents, Queen's



BIG Spring Clean for Stranmillis Students and/or MET students, TBC



Workshops at Belfast MET Millfield campus, 19<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

## Eco-Home Community Project Update

The Eco-Home team have been making connections with St Malachy's Primary School and the Markets Community Centre to arrange a series of workshops and information sessions for local residents. Over the following weeks we will be out and about spreading the word on how householders can reduce their general waste, save energy and water, and travel more sustainably.



A waste-themed bingo evening is planned for Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March at the Markets Youth Centre. Parents and children are most welcome to join in the fun! Householders can visit [www.eco-homeni.org](http://www.eco-homeni.org) to register for the project and find lots of tips and advice on how to be more eco-friendly and save money!

New households in the Belfast area, registered by 25<sup>th</sup> March, will be entered into a prize draw to win a family day out of their choice so spread the word and register to be in with a chance to win.