



schools' eco-garden

competition

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund has launched a competition inviting local schools to design environmentally friendly eco-gardens. The designs judged by a panel of judges to have most beneficial impact will be awarded funds of up to £25,000 from the airport's Community Fund to help make them a reality.

The competition closes on Friday 28th October 2022. Finalists will be notified after 21st November and invited to the Finals Events and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 6th December

What are the prizes?

There is a total prize value of £40,000 up for grabs for 3 winning schools. Primary schools have the opportunity to win cash prizes – ranging from £5,000 to £25,000 – to turn their dream eco-garden design into a reality.

How do I enter?

To apply, schools should complete the online application form by 28th October 2022 – scan the QR code or visit <https://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/ecogarden>



Additional info

To enter, schools should design an 'eco-garden' that incorporates clever and innovative ways of making the space they have available more environmentally friendly and provides lasting benefit to their school community.

Things you can consider including are:

- A garden that is designed with consideration of how the climate will change in the future.
- A garden that takes into account the carbon footprint of materials sourced and construction methods.
- How a garden may improve biodiversity and wildlife, for example using plants that attract pollinators.
- Create or improve a forest school or outdoor classroom.
- Greening a small or previously urban space including creating vertical gardens.

Who can take part?

Any school within the Manchester Airport Community Fund's 'area of benefit' can take part in the competition. Please see a map of our area of benefit with eligible post codes online at manchesterairport.co.uk/community-trust-fund

Who will choose the winning schools?

The judging panel includes members of the Manchester Airport Community Fund Committee and representatives from Manchester Airport. A full list of judges is on our website. The judges will select a shortlist of 6 schools who will be invited to a finals event/awards ceremony at the Runway Visitor Park, week commencing 5th December.

Resources:

To help you create your submissions we have shared lots of information on our website including a series of videos with advice from members of our judging panel, variety of topics including common sense hints and tips, different types of green space and ways of designing a garden.

green space, information about climate change, biodiversity, and more information on the many benefits of green space including to our health and wellbeing.

We have also shared links to resources that could help you including the School Grounds Habitat Audit.

What are the judges looking for?

Entries will be judged against these criteria. Judges will also recognise applications that they think have done particularly well against each individual criteria.

- **Creative design** – clever, innovative design.
- **Fun and inspiring** – making protecting the environment and improving biodiversity fun and engaging.
- **Making best use of available space** – designing a garden which uses whatever space you have.
- **Climate positive** – considering what climate change means in our places, leaving a positive footprint. This could include climate change (considering the impact of future climate change) and carbon footprint (how this has influenced design and choice of materials).
- **Championing biodiversity** – designing with a positive impact on biodiversity.
- **Welcoming wildlife** – considering how wildlife can use your garden, and what this means.
- **Leaving a legacy** – designing a space that will benefit tomorrow's students.
- **Student impact** – demonstrating the involvement of and educational benefit to students in designing their eco-garden and preparing the submission.
- **Wellbeing** – demonstrating that the design will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of those using the space.
- **Community impact** – delivering meaningful impact for the school, and potentially wider community. The school community could include pupils and staff as well as their family members, local groups and clubs, and those that live or work around or near the school.