Green Nexus Education

Learn. Connect. Empower. Transform.

ABOUT US

Inspiring young minds to build a greener, fairer and more sustainable world.

Education with purpose. Sustainability with action.

About Us

At Green Nexus Education, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to understand the world they live in, connect with nature and discover the power they have to shape a better future.

We are a UK-based environmental education initiative working to make sustainability learning accessible, engaging and practical for children and educators. Through interactive lessons, creative activities, educational resources and international collaboration, we turn environmental awareness into meaningful action.

Our approach goes beyond teaching children about environmental challenges. We empower them to explore solutions, develop green skills, think critically and become confident changemakers in their schools and communities.

A sustainable future does not begin when children become adults. It begins with the learning, choices and actions we inspire today.

Meet the Founder

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Hello, I'm Gyulnas Vaklinova, founder of Green Nexus Education.

I am an educator with more than a decade of teaching experience, a Montessori-trained teacher, a holder of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), and a graduate of the University of Sussex, where I completed my Master's degree in Sustainable Development, with a focus on education.

Throughout my teaching journey, I have seen how powerful education can be in shaping the way children understand themselves, their communities and the world around them. I have worked with children from diverse backgrounds, including children with additional learning needs and those for whom English is an additional language.

These experiences have strengthened my belief that education should be inclusive, meaningful and connected to real life. Children learn best when they are encouraged to ask questions, explore their surroundings, experiment with ideas and discover that their voices matter.

My passion for sustainability grew from the conviction that environmental education should not be an occasional topic in the classroom. It should be part of how we think, learn, live and care for one another.

I wanted to bring together my experience in education and my commitment to sustainable development to create learning opportunities that help children understand environmental challenges without feeling powerless in the face of them. That vision became Green Nexus Education.

Through this initiative, I aim to connect education with environmental responsibility, creativity, community engagement and practical action. From exploring energy use and reducing waste to discovering biodiversity and understanding the importance of trees, I want children to experience sustainability as something they can actively practise.

I also believe that education has no borders. By building relationships with schools, educators and organisations in different countries, we can share knowledge, learn from different communities and create opportunities for children who might otherwise have limited access to environmental education.

My mission is simple: to help children discover that they are not too young to make a difference, and that the knowledge they gain today can become the positive change our world needs tomorrow.

Green Nexus Education is my way of bringing that belief to life, one lesson, one school and one meaningful action at a time.

Our Mission

Making sustainability education accessible to every child.

Our mission is to empower children and educators with the knowledge, skills and confidence to understand sustainability and turn learning into positive environmental and social action.

We achieve this by developing accessible, engaging and practical educational experiences that connect environmental science, sustainable living, creativity and real-world problem-solving.

We work towards a future where every child, regardless of background or geographical location, has the opportunity to develop environmental awareness, critical thinking, green skills and a sense of responsibility for the world we share.

- Accessible environmental education: Offering free learning opportunities and developing resources that help more children engage with sustainability.
- Practical, action-based learning: Connecting every topic with activities, experiments, investigations or achievable actions.
- Teacher and school support: Helping educators bring sustainability into everyday teaching and school life.
- International collaboration: Connecting schools, educators and community organisations to share ideas, resources and experiences across borders.
- Nature connection and community action: Encouraging children to care for biodiversity, reduce waste, conserve resources and contribute to greener communities.
- Lifelong green skills: Nurturing the creativity, collaboration, problem-solving and critical thinking needed for a sustainable future.

Our Vision

A generation that cares, understands and takes action.

We envision a world where children grow up with a deep connection to nature, an understanding of sustainability and the confidence to contribute to positive change.

We want environmental learning to become a natural part of childhood and education, empowering young people to see challenges not simply as problems, but as opportunities to innovate, collaborate and create solutions.

Our long-term vision is to build a growing international network of schools, teachers, NGOs and communities working together to make sustainability education more inclusive and impactful.

We aspire to support a generation that values people and planet, understands the importance of fairness and responsibility, and has the knowledge and practical skills to build a more sustainable world.

We are not simply teaching children about the future. We are helping them shape it.

Our Values

Environmental Responsibility

We believe caring for our planet is a shared responsibility. We help children understand the connections between human actions, natural systems and the wellbeing of future generations.

Inclusion and Equal Opportunities

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, participate and contribute. We aim to create accessible and inclusive learning experiences that recognise different needs, backgrounds, languages and abilities.

Learning Through Action

Knowledge becomes powerful when it leads to action. We connect environmental topics with practical activities, investigations and achievable everyday changes that children can experience for themselves.

Connection with Nature

Nature is not only something to study; it is something to experience, appreciate and protect. We encourage curiosity, outdoor exploration and a sense of belonging within the natural world.

Creativity and Critical Thinking

We encourage children to ask questions, challenge assumptions, investigate problems and imagine new possibilities. We see creativity and critical thinking as essential skills for building sustainable solutions.

Collaboration Without Borders

Sustainability is a global challenge that requires collective effort. We value partnerships between schools, teachers, families, NGOs and communities, recognising that we can learn from one another across cultures and countries.

Hope, Agency and Empowerment

Environmental challenges can feel overwhelming, even for adults. We aim to replace helplessness with understanding, possibility and purposeful action, helping children recognise that their contributions matter.

Education for Future Generations

We believe education is one of the most powerful investments in a sustainable future. By empowering children today, we help nurture the knowledge, values and skills that future generations will need.

Our Educational Approach

From learning about sustainability to living it.

At Green Nexus Education, sustainability is not just a subject. It is an opportunity for children to investigate, create, collaborate and make a difference.

Our approach combines environmental education, child-centred learning, practical exploration and real-world problem-solving.

Explore. Investigate. Create. Act. Reflect.

- Explore: Discover the natural world and the environmental systems that sustain life.
- Investigate: Ask questions, conduct simple experiments, collect observations and explore evidence.

- Create: Develop ideas, design solutions and work collaboratively on challenges.
- Act: Put learning into practice through meaningful activities at school, at home or in the local community.
- Reflect: Celebrate achievements, consider what has been learned and identify the next opportunity to make a difference.

Inspired by child-centred and Montessori-informed educational principles, we encourage active participation, independence, curiosity and learning through experience.

Our activities are designed to make complex sustainability concepts understandable and relevant to children's everyday lives.

Whether children are investigating how energy is used in their school, exploring the journey of waste, learning about biodiversity or discovering the importance of trees, our goal is to help them connect knowledge with action.

We want every lesson to leave children with something more than information: a new question, a practical skill, a fresh perspective or an idea they can put into practice.

What We Do

Creating opportunities for environmental learning and action.

Interactive Environmental Lessons

We develop engaging online and in-person learning experiences that introduce children to environmental science, sustainable living, climate awareness, energy, waste, biodiversity and other sustainability themes.

Practical Sustainability Activities

We connect lessons with hands-on investigations, creative challenges, school projects and everyday actions that help children apply what they have learned.

Educational Books and Resources

Through our educational publishing work, including The Energy Detectives and Roots and Wings, we aim to bring sustainability to life through stories, exploration and child-friendly learning materials.

School and Community Projects

We seek to support initiatives that connect environmental learning with practical community action, including nature-based activities, tree-related projects, biodiversity awareness and more sustainable school practices.

Educator Collaboration and Development

We aim to share ideas, resources and practical approaches that help teachers integrate sustainability into their teaching and inspire pupils to become active participants in positive change.

International Partnerships

We are developing connections with schools, educators and organisations across countries, with the aim of sharing educational opportunities, exchanging knowledge and making sustainability learning accessible to more children.

Education Beyond Borders

Connecting children, educators and communities through sustainability.

Environmental challenges do not stop at national borders, and neither should opportunities to learn about them.

Green Nexus Education is developing an international outlook, connecting educational experiences and potential partnerships across communities in the UK and beyond.

We believe that children can learn enormously from one another. Different cultures, landscapes and communities bring valuable perspectives on nature, resources, resilience and sustainable living.

By encouraging collaboration between schools, educators and organisations, we aim to create opportunities for shared learning, cross-cultural understanding and practical environmental action.

Our ambition is to contribute to a world where access to meaningful sustainability education is not determined by where a child is born or the resources available in their school.

This ambition aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly:

- SDG 4 – Quality Education: Supporting inclusive and equitable learning opportunities and education for sustainable development.
- SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production: Encouraging responsible choices and more sustainable use of resources.
- SDG 13 – Climate Action: Building understanding of climate change and the importance of taking action.
- SDG 15 – Life on Land: Encouraging appreciation and protection of terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.
- SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals: Building relationships that help turn shared ambitions into meaningful action.

Our goal is to connect global challenges with local learning, helping children understand that their actions matter both where they live and as part of a wider world.

Why Green Nexus Education?

We believe children deserve more than information about environmental problems. They deserve the opportunity to understand them, explore possible solutions and take part in creating change.

What makes our approach meaningful is the connection between professional educational experience, sustainability knowledge and practical learning.

We bring together:

- More than a decade of teaching experience.
- Professional knowledge of sustainable development.
- Montessori-informed and child-centred educational principles.
- A commitment to inclusive and accessible learning.
- Practical activities that encourage children to apply their knowledge.
- An ambition to connect schools and communities through international collaboration.

We want to make sustainability education engaging rather than overwhelming, practical rather than abstract, and empowering rather than frightening.

Above all, we want children to feel that they belong in conversations about the future, because they will help shape the world that future generations inherit.

Join Our Mission

Small actions. Growing knowledge. Lasting change.

A more sustainable future is something we build together.

We welcome opportunities to connect with schools, teachers, parents, NGOs, community organisations and others who share our commitment to inclusive education and environmental responsibility.

Whether you would like to arrange an environmental learning session, collaborate on a school project, share educational resources or explore an international partnership, we would love to hear from you.

Together, we can create learning experiences that inspire curiosity, develop green skills and encourage children to turn their ideas into positive action.

Let's help the next generation learn boldly, act locally and grow globally.

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