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DEEL Newsletter Summer 2015

ALL CHANGE! DEEL has been streamlining resources for the last year and created our "Pick-Up- and- Go" themed boxes and packs for loan to schools and community groups. However, as you may have seen from our website, things are changing. We are going to be part of Traders Fair again (as once we were a few years ago) and although we will still be available for many of our services as before, from this summer, DEEL will no longer be operating as a Development Education Centre (DEC) and our popular workshops and school training events will not continue due to a lack of funding. Advice, loans of themed boxes, breakfast club folders and newsletters will still be available as now from our centre in Greenstead and we will continue to maintain a voice through our website and blog updates. We thank you for your support in the past and look forward to seeing old friends and new for loans and Fairtrade tea as before.



Do you have a breakfast club? Do you know about our Breakfast Club folders that are filled with short, easy to complete activities for KS1 and 2? They have proved to be popular with schools interested in Fair Trade and you can try out a folder for no charge and keep it for up to a month. Book one today to ensure you get yours for the dates you want.



You are invited to our **Super Takeaway Book and Artefact** event

On **Friday 24th July from 10-1pm & Saturday 25th July 10-1pm** find an amazing resource for you and your school. We are asking for donations only for resources that we need to dispose of and there will be an opportunity on these days to look at our themed boxes for loan and see if there are any that could be of use to you next term in class.

RESOURCES

2015
International
Year of Soils



Soil is a precious thing - without it we wouldn't be able to grow crops

and sustain life. Depending on where you are on the planet, it can take between 100 and 1,000 years for just one centimetre of soil to build up. Yet it can be washed or blown away in an instant, and more of it is being built over and put out of use, as cities expand. To raise awareness of the importance of soil and the need to use it sustainably, the United Nations has declared 2015 as [International Year of Soils](http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/intermedia/2015-international-year-of-soils/). The Global Dimension website <http://globaldimension.org.uk> has ideas and resources for your school to both use in the curriculum and for after school events, including how to make keyhole and bag gardens.

Plastics Challenge

Practical Action has developed this great set of teaching resources for pupils aged 8-14 years, challenging them to develop solutions to the problems caused by plastic waste globally. As well as investigating the properties, chemistry and life-cycle of plastics, and the problem of plastic waste, pupils also find out about the experiences of waste collectors in Nepal, explore how bio-plastic is made, and create their own recycled plastic products: <http://practicalaction.org/plastics-challenge>

Oxfam Water Week - free resources to teach about water

Oxfam Water Week provides opportunities for young people to learn and think critically about water issues before taking informed and meaningful action. The resources have been streamlined for 2015 to enable schools to complete activities in just one or two sessions, but they retain flexibility for extension.

There are no set dates for Water Week this year, so you can participate at whatever time best suits your school. Any funds that are raised go towards the Oxfam's water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH) projects. Aimed at KS3 but can be adapted for KS2 pupils.

www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/water-week



PLASTICS CHALLENGE 4RS

The 4Rs (Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) can be used to develop ideas to reduce the negative impact a product has on the environment.

What ideas do you have to make plastic better for people and the environment?

Practical Action



58 million children are still missing out on school. 2015 could change their future. As world leaders meet to discuss the future of the world's children in September, we will be asking children across the UK – if you were a world leader, what would you do to ensure every child could have an education? [Sign up now](http://www.sendmyfriendtoschool.org/) to receive your FREE schools pack with posters, activities and a DVD, and find out how your school can get involved.

“Our students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Send My Friend to School. It has helped them understand democracy... and given them a chance to reflect on how lucky they are to have the school life that they do.”