

ADVOCATES FOR THE CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT



ACE AWARDS

Introductory
Document

What is the ACE Award?

ACE stands for the 'Advocates for the Climate and Environment' and is a school accreditation which not only reduces a school's negative impact on the planet but increases its positive one. Created by Calderdale Youth Council in partnership with the Regional Youth Climate Assembly (RYCA) and Calderdale Council. The ACE Awards require student leadership and cooperation from school leaders to drive down emissions.

By signing up to the ACE Award you become part of a wider project and gain access to events and resources. These resources cover everything from climate education to funding streams.

A school can receive different levels of the ACE Award (bronze to platinum) depending on their commitment and how well they complete the criteria of ACE.



How do you get an ACE Award?

To receive an ACE Award a school must:

- First sign up. This gives you access to resources you don't receive an award yet
- Complete the activities below and fill out an application form.
- Each of the activities will be graded 'incomplete' (0 points); decent (5 points); good (10 points) and excellent (15)
- Your points will be added up and you will be awarded an ACE Award

Bronze = 50-74 | **Silver** = 75-99

Gold = 100-149 | **Platinum** = 150+

Stop all trips involving flying
Education about climate change
Reduce plastics in the canteen
Introduce plant based options
Increase active and public transport
when getting to and from school
Stop cars leaving their engines on when
waiting outside the school
Set up a climate/ environmental student
leadership group
Start biodiversity projects
Fundraise for climate/ environmental
charities
Increase energy efficiency
Use of green energy

The application form requires evidence that you're completing the activities like student testimonials, pictures, videos and any other way you convey your progress.