

# ABAE . Associação Bandeira Azul da Europ



# 12 people working in ABAE + volunters

- NGO created in 1990
- FEE member since 1990
- National Operator of 4 FEE Programs

+ 1 national Program













# Education for sustainable development 1500 Schools 230 municipalities



# **FEE network- Foundation for Environmental Education**

With members in 73 countries around the world, our programmes represent the absolute cutting edge in Education for Sustainable Development and Environmental Education. While our Eco-Schools, LEAF and Young Reporters for the Environment programmes educate young people to cultivate a more environmentally conscious approach in their lives, our Green Key and Blue Flag initiatives are known across the world for their promotion of sustainable





### **PRINCIPLES**

The Foundation for Environmental Education, has agreed upon these eight <u>Educational</u> <u>Principles to guide (pdf file)</u> our work towards excellence in Environmental Education/Education for Sustainable Developement. We express our commitment to follow and *champion* these Principles in our programmes.

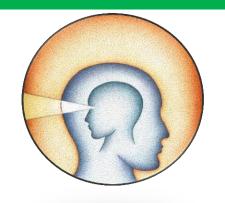
**Ensure that participants are engaged** in the learning/teaching process

- Empower participants to take informed decisions and actions on real life sustainability issues
- Encourage participants to work together actively and **involve their communities in collaborative** solutions
- Support participants to examine their assumptions, knowledge, and experiences, in order to develop critical thinking, and to be open to change
- Encourage participants to **be aware of cultural practices** as an integral part of sustainability issues
- Encourage participants to **share inspirational stories of their achievements**, failures, and values, to learn from them, and to support each other
- Continuously **explore, test, and share innovative approaches, methodologies, and techniques**Ensure that **continuous improvements through monitoring and evaluation** are central to our programmes



# **VISION**

Rethink



Education for Environmental Education

React



Action Oriented projects

Recognize good practisis



Positive Approach



#### **Eco-Schools**

Eco-Schools **encourages young people to engage in their environment** by allowing them the opportunity to actively protect it.

It starts in the classroom where it expands to the school and eventually fosters change in the community at large. Through this programme, young people experience a sense of achievement at being able to have a say in the environmental management policies of their chools, ultimately steering them towards certification and the prestige which comes with being awarded a **Green Flag.** 

The Eco-Schools programme works towards improving the environment in both the school and the local community while at the same time having a life-long positive impact on the lives of young people, their families, school staff and local authorities.

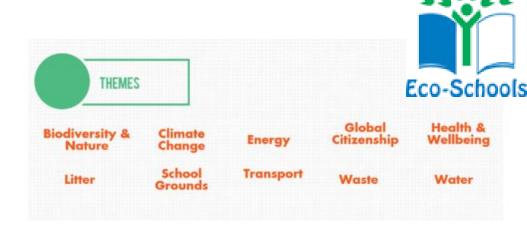


Combining learning with hands-on experiences, the whole programme is run according to an all-inclusive, participatory approach involving students, teachers and the local community at large.



## **Eco-Schools framework**

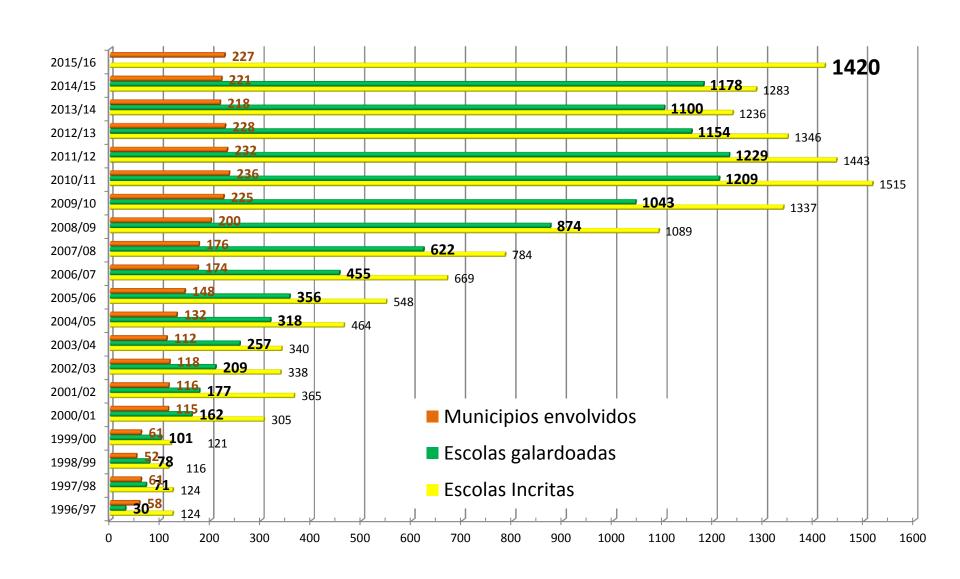


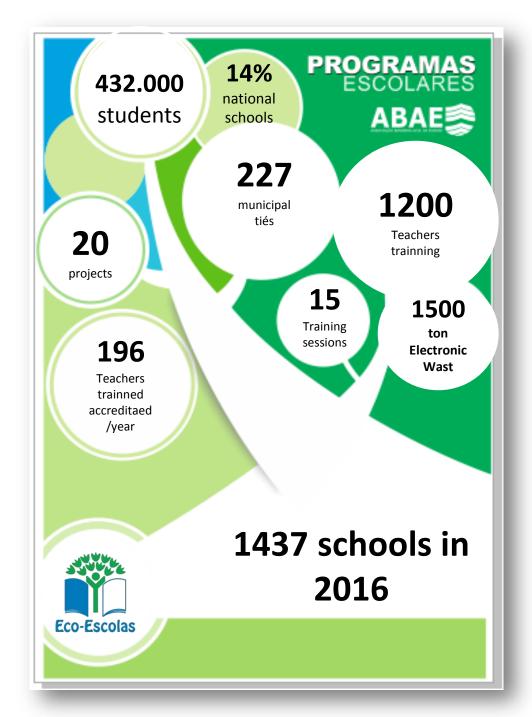


# Engaging the youth of today to protect the climate of tomorrow



# **Eco-Schools in Portugal**











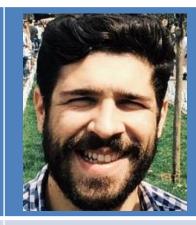




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