

ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards 2006

In 2006 Ballycastle High School pupils once again confirmed their position at the forefront of scientific innovation in the British Isles when they were declared outright winners of the Junior All Ireland Young Environmentalist Award.

The team travelled to Dublin for the final judging and awards ceremony, where the Irish Secretary of State was present. Ballycastle High School had not only won the award for the best environmental project in the water category but also the overall Junior section.



The Ballycastle young scientists, Alison Wilson, Ashley Stewart, Sam Poots, Kirsty McCurdy, Ramona Curry and Carla Glass investigated methods of testing water so that farmers would not allow polluting farmyard runoff to enter streams whenever the Nitrates Directive becomes was enforced in 2007. They also produced their own dirty water test kit that farmers could use.

The team were also interviewed by RTE news and the interview was aired on DEN 2, RTE's programme for children.

The Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA) is an all-island environmental awards programme for young people. The YEA has been running since 1999, and attracts hundreds of young people each year.