



Water Explorer further information

More details...

- a) Funding: Preference for HSBC funding will be given to projects involving community outreach. Proposals for open challenges can also be linked with other existing challenges as provided on the website as long as they have innovative actions included. The schools receiving the funding will be required to sign a contract which binds them to spend the funding money on the proposed water saving project, do other challenges as provided in the Water Explorer website, hold a 'water festival'/open day and at the end submit a written report of the project, an expenses report and the related fiscal receipts.
- b) Water Explorer awards: These awards can be won when a school/team takes challenges from any or all of the four different missions provided on the Water Explorer website and as explained below. It should be noted that it is not necessarily the team with the highest amount of points that wins. The number of points obtained only effects the virtual reservoir and the website which start to take colour and fill up as points increase. Awards will be given depending on actions taken and are at the discretion of the coordination team.
- c) Registration: The person doing the registration will be asked to choose a name for the Water Explorer Team, state the number of students who will be involved in the Water Explorer actions (usually the School population if taken as a whole school approach). To start off, the link person will need to fill in a survey. A minimum of three students are also required to fill in a students' survey. The team can then choose their own avatar and perhaps find a name for it! Once all this is done, the Water Explorer team can start investigating the choice of challenges, think up new challenges and start taking action!





Programme profile...

Water Explorer is a fun, international online programme that inspires thousands of students to become Water Explorers and lead action on water issues. The resources are ideal for 8-14 year olds but can freely be used by younger and older students. Water Explorer is free to all schools taking part and is supported in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Poland, South Africa and the UK.

Water Explorer teams take on challenges to save a virtual reservoir and address water issues in their schools and communities. There are great prizes to be won including a prize for the best school of the month starting from December (for Maltese schools), the chance for representatives from the top school team in Malta to showcase their efforts at the International Celebration Event in 2018. Furthermore, the HSBC Malta Foundation will also be giving extra support funding to the best proposed challenge projects.

Schools are invited to browse in the Water Explorer website <https://www.waterexplorer.org> and see what other schools have been up to. Participating schools will be provided with resources, support materials and workshops, and much more. Schools can also link up with others from across countries and share their ideas and top water-saving tips.

The path the Water Explorer team takes will involve the team creating it's own avatar and work on water conservation missions to help fill up the virtual lake with water. All this can be done on the school's account which is automatically created in the Water Explorer website when the school registers. News and actions will be shared with other schools from all over the world. Bonus points will be giving for good initiatives and actions at the coordinator's discretion.

More details are available here: <https://www.waterexplorer.org/faq>





Missions and Challenges

A. Fresher water

THREAT: POLLUTION AND CHEMICALS ARE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERING OUR WORLD'S FRESHWATER.

MISSION: Calling on all Water Explorers to rescue our clean water supplies! Contaminated water not only affects people but also harms the land, plants and animals. Study the quality of water in your local area and consider factors such as litter and land use to investigate the impact water has on biodiversity. Think about what you are putting down the drain too, things such as fats, oils, and grease block pipes and harm the environment! Would you drink water from a valley or pond?

1. Clean that water up!
2. Grow it yourself!
3. MiniSASS
4. Make your own challenge*

B. Secret Water

THREAT: WE'RE USING WATER WHEN WE DON'T EVEN REALISE.

MISSION: Everything is made using water. That is called the water footprint. We are calling on Water Explorers to discover the secret water hiding in the things we eat, wear, and use in order to rescue our water dependent world. How much water does it take to make those items? Go behind the scenes to investigate where secret water is hiding at school. Reduce your secret water footprint (impact on the environment) by recycling, reusing, and making water-smart





choices. Share what you have learnt with the whole school community and get them to reduce their water footprint too!

1. The water we eat
2. Thirsty paper
3. The water swap
4. Make your own challenge*

C. Global Water

THREAT: LACK OF ACCESS TO SAFE WATER FOR ALL.

MISSION: Calling on all Water Explorers to improve how we use and value water. Connect the dots between clean water and health, quality of life and climate change. Consider not having access to a clean, safe tap water or a toilet. How far would you walk for a glass of water? Take action to save water to reduce your impact on climate change around the world, and ensure healthy and safe livelihoods for everyone.

1. Rap Tap Tap
2. A day in the life
3. Global water fundraiser
4. Make your own challenge*

D. Precious Water

THREAT: WE'RE WASTING TOO MUCH PRECIOUS WATER.

MISSION: Calling on all Water Explorers to take action and save our valuable drinking water! How do we save those drips, leaks and flushes? Saving water also saves other things such as





energy and money. Water Explorers need to go undercover to expose where water is being wasted. Find those dripping taps, stop water being flushed away and help others to save water at home, at school, and in your community.

1. Aqua adverts
2. Water butt challenge
3. Challenge your family
4. Make your own challenge*

* Make your own challenge – Water Explorer teams are invited to create their own challenge by thinking up an action related to the missions. A team can create up to four such challenges, one for each mission.

Team leaders/Eco-Schools link persons should be aware that though resources linked to challenges are provided, it is encouraged to vary from the given resources and adapt to the school situation, priorities and action plan. New ideas and variations are all welcome as long as they promote water saving and sustainable actions.

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