



Think Smart, Live Green: Technology shaping a sustainable built environment.

Free national schools competition

The Built Environment Schools Trust is thrilled to announce the launch of the annual My Environment My Future (MEMF) School Competition – a nationwide opportunity for young people aged 11 to 18 to explore how technology and sustainability can shape the future of our towns, cities, and communities.

The Challenge

Students redesign a local building or space using technology and sustainable design ideas to make it more future-ready, inclusive, and environmentally friendly.

Why Get Involved?

- Cross-curriculum links (STEM, Geography, Design, IT)
- Free and up-to-date supporting materials and resources to enrich your teaching
- Builds teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills
- Inspires awareness of careers in the Built Environment – a sector shaping the places we all live, learn, and work
- Links to Gatsby Benchmark 4,5 & 6

Why Technology & Sustainability as a theme?

Technology and sustainable design are two of the most pressing topics for the next generation. We are empowering young people to share their ideas and placing them at the heart of the discussion. It's not about having all the right answers or knowing lots about emerging technologies – it's about creativity, big ideas, and imagining what could be possible.

Prizes

- £50 voucher per winning student
- £100 voucher Teacher award for innovative use of MEMF
- Winners invited to careers talks with industry experts

About Us

The Built Environment Schools Trust charity runs My Environment My Future (MEMF) to bring careers awareness into classrooms and widen access to opportunities, especially for under-represented young people. Take a look: www.beschoolstrust.org.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Age categories are:

- 11-14
- 15-16
- 17-18

Entries can be submitted as a poster, presentation, or short video – by individuals or groups of up to 4.

KEY DATES 2026

Competition Opens: 12th January

Submission Deadline: 1st May

Winners Announced: 5th June



What students say...

I really enjoyed the competition, and feel I learned lots that I wouldn't have found out otherwise. I enjoyed the teamwork aspect as we brought different ideas and strengths to the project and were able to work well together to create a result which we felt proud of." - Year 10

What teachers said ...

"Since taking part, our Geography uptake nearly doubled. Students now see clear career pathways."

"The competition inspired my STEM club and gave students real insight into future careers."

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