



plasticompACT! school award 2025

#beatplasticpollution #generationrestoration #plasticfree #schools #sustainability

(Competition logo: [@nelyubovagalina](https://www.instagram.com/nelyubovagalina))

Pease read our competition guide, before applying.

1. Introduction

Ignite local action, inspire global change! The plasticompACT! school award 2025 recognizes and showcases exceptional school-led projects that are tackling plastic pollution head-on, demonstrating that impactful solutions start in our own communities.

2. Eligibility

The competition is open to school communities worldwide.

- Open to school classes, after-school groups, and parent communities worldwide.
- Participants must be affiliated with a recognized educational institution (primary, secondary, or equivalent).
- Projects in any stage (active, planned, or completed) are eligible.
- Projects must focus on plastic pollution awareness and/or reduction (e.g., phasing out single-use plastics, behavioural change).
- Student groups with teacher/adult support, or parent communities with a reference from their school, may submit projects.
- Projects must be original works.

3. Competition dates

The competition is run between WorldWasteDay and WorldCleanUpDay 2025.

- Competition starts: March 30, 2025
- Competition ends: August 31, 2025
- Award announcement: September 15, 2025 (prior to World Cleanup Day)

4. How to Participate

Define a project, connect with plasticompACT! & submit your entry online before deadline 31 August 2025.

1. Get creative: Discuss and initiate a project to #beatplasticpollution.
2. Follow Us: Stay updated by following our official social media account [@plasticompact](https://www.instagram.com/plasticompact)
3. Submit Your Entry: Submit the completed competition file before deadline 31 August 2025 via our website www.plasticompact.org

5. Judging Criteria

All entries will be evaluated by the following criteria. In your project entry you may self-assess those criteria, because we are curious not only about your project, but also on how you see it fit into your sustainability agenda.

- Impact: Measurable results in reducing plastic pollution
- Innovation: Creative and original solutions
- Sustainability: Long-term viability and practicality
- Engagement: Community involvement and outreach
- Scalability: Potential for broader implementation
- SDG-relevance: Relevance of the project impact to follow the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- Bonus: Presentation: Clear and effective communication

6. Prize

The winning project will be awarded a 500€ prize to their school, designated for either enhancing their sustainability initiatives or funding an educational class field trip.

7. Jury

The projects will be assessed by a panel of dedicated change-makers, each with extensive experience in sustainability, education, and environmental conservation. Meet our jury members on our social media.

8. Terms and Conditions

Participants agree to the use of their project information and images for promotional purposes.

- Participation is free of charge.
- Submission must be made through our website www.plasticcompact.org . It is possible to add additional information through links or attachments.
- The primary competition language is English. Other languages can be used.
- The jury's decision is final and binding.
- The organizers reserve the right to disqualify any project that breaches these rules, engages in unethical conduct, or infringes upon intellectual property.
- The organizers may modify these rules as necessary, with notifications provided to participants.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring legal compliance, including copyright and data protection.
- The prize will be awarded to the reference school of the winning project, which will be asked to be responsible for its appropriate distribution and use.

9. Partners

The plasticompACT! school award 2025 is organized with support of [@schoolswithleaves](#) . The project evaluation is provided by www.avail.center . Further supporters and prizes will be announced through our social media along the way. Our jury will be presented through our social media along the competition time.

10. Contact Information

For any questions or clarifications, please contact: www.plasticcompact.org