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A collaboration between CREATE and 6 local councils to deliver the energy efficiency message to schools and homes in Hampshire.

Looking to develop resource materials to teach home energy efficiency, local council officers in Hampshire approached CREATE to develop an energy education programme. A pilot project was established working with a small number of flagship schools. The project aimed to move schools and their communities towards becoming more energy conscious and to meet targets for savings, both at school and at home.

With CREATE's support the schools developed energy policies and a quality energy project involving the whole school. Children conducted energy surveys of their school and homes and developed presentations to share their findings with others.

As a result of working closely with HECA* officers and the county energy manager, the project is delivering the following key benefits:

- Developing whole school energy policies
- Providing training in energy management for teachers and school managers
- Delivering home and school energy surveys
- Establishing an energy saving target of 5-10% through low and no cost measures
- Providing curriculum support materials

Nearly sixty schools in Hampshire have now registered their interest in the programme and six local authorities fund the programme. Participating schools are working towards 'Flagship' status, and their projects are promoted to inspire others to achieve similar aims and reduce energy use in their communities.

"This programme is a contribution to understanding and controlling energy costs and I am pleased that the initiative has been taken by our local authority partners."

Andrew Seber, Director of Education, Hampshire County Council

* HECA – The Home Energy Conservation Act requires authorities to improve the energy efficiency of their local housing by 30% by 2010.