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Local school children get to the 'SAUCE' of climate change

Between the 22 and 26 June, 700 school children from Islington and Hackney and the surrounding area joined experts at London Metropolitan University to discuss recent discoveries and ongoing problems relating to climate change and energy supplies.

The UK 'SAUCE' (Schools at University for Climate and Energy) programme is based in London Metropolitan University's Department of Applied Social Sciences (DASS) and was designed to develop education in climate awareness, offer smart energy choices for 10 to 13 year olds, and promote the adoption of similar programmes in schools across Europe.

Pupils participated in exciting lectures, experiments and performances with climate researchers and energy education experts. They also engaged in activities to show what measures they could take themselves, at school, at home and in the community, to help combat climate change.

SAUCE is funded by the EU Intelligent Energy Europe programme and is being delivered across Europe by partner universities in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Latvia and the Netherlands as well as in the UK. The programme will provide opportunities to work with schools in these countries as well as the developing countries which are most affected by climate change.

The event included a range of speakers who specialise in energy and science education, such as Dr Andreas Sella, Rohan Knox and Dr Nicholas Watts. In addition, representatives from related NGOs that promote climate awareness and energy efficiency were present, including ActionAid, Cape Farewell Education, The Centre for Alternative Technology and Project Genie.

The SAUCE programme will continue for four more sessions over the next two years in which it will continue to develop and provide opportunities for London Met and its students to build links with these organisations. SAUCE also provides an important bridge for schools encouraging local children to identify with the University as part of their wider community.

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