

Dear teacher,

Welcome back! I hope you are enjoying your weather station, and that you are all set up. Now is the time to put your weather station to good use with the lesson plans that are now live and are ready for you to download! You can find them on our website here <https://esbnetworksweatherwatch.ie/resources/>.

We also have an exciting 'ESB Networks' Weather Watch Challenge'. This competition challenges your students to use their weather-watching skills to compete for a portion of a €10,000 prize fund for your school, with the first-place winner receiving €3,000.

So what do you need to know to compete?

The challenge is for your students to create a short, fun weather broadcast using the real data from your school's weather station - like you'd see on RTÉ or Ireland AM. Try to keep the video under 90 seconds, and in short-form portrait (e.g. like YouTube shorts or TikTok format).

Why take part?

- Put Geography as a subject on the map! Showcase students analysing real-world data, and thinking critically about weather trends.
- Students learn how weather affects electricity generation and discover how they can use energy more sustainably.
- Big Prizes! The €10,000 prize fund includes €3,000 for the winning entry as well as other exciting prizes!

How to enter:

- Gather data – Use your school's weather station for up-to-date weather conditions.
- Create a short-form video (90 second max) reporting the weather. Group, individual, and class entries are welcome.
- Submissions open 12th January, 2026. Submit by March 27th, 2026.
- Keep an eye on your emails for the link to the online submission form.

Entries will be judged on:

- Creativity** – The more engaging the video, the better! Reports can be serious, artistic, or humorous. No professional equipment is needed—just a camera, curiosity, and creativity!
- Renewable energy advice** – Report if it's a good time for renewable electricity generation
- Don't forget to include:**
 - 'Is this a good time'
 - 'ESB Networks' Weather Watch'
 - Real data from your weather station

We look forward to seeing your students bring weather and renewable energy to life. For any questions, please do contact us at esbnweatherwatch@realnation.ie!