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### **WORMY WONDERS TO TEACH CHILDREN WISE WORDS ON WASTE**

Over 1500 children aged 3 -7 years of age, will have the opportunity to enter into the wonderful world of worms with Eco Drama's latest production '**The Worm - An Underground Adventure**' when it tours Glasgow and the Central Belt this January to March. On January 13, Eco Drama will embark on its most impressive tour since the company began in 2008, with over 40 dates and 78 performances of '**The Worm**' scheduled in theatres, venues, nurseries and primary schools.

'**The Worm**' is an immersive, musical tale celebrating the wonder of life beneath our feet. It has bundles of humour, music and interaction. The show follows Wilma and William, two nature lovers, as they find themselves on a journey underground to seek a glimpse of the wonderful wriggly creature they have always dreamed of seeing. To their delight, they encounter a family of friendly, musical worms, who invite them into their tiny underground home, complete with miniature couch, toilet and other surprising delights. Making friends with Wee Wilma, the youngest member of the family, they help her find the courage to explore the grassy world above and she too discovers a new, wonderful world, which comes with its own colourful reward!

With laugh out loud songs, including one about the significance of worm poo, and colourful knitted bobble hats, children will marvel at the wonder of worms and their importance in our natural world. The children even have the opportunity to meet some real-life wriggly worms through a specially designed glass wormery. Selected nurseries and schools in Glasgow will also receive their own wormery courtesy of funding from Glasgow City Council's Land and Environmental Services, the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund and the Educational Institute of Scotland.

As part of the tour, primary students will be encouraged to measure their food waste with the differences from before the show to after the show being monitored and calculated, in order to assess any changes in the students' behaviour following the performances.

'**The Worm**' is devised and directed by Emily Reid, and devised and performed by Caroline Mathison and Alistair Edwards. The colourful and surprising set is designed by Claire Halleran. It also features a range of instruments including cello, ukulele and loop pedal.

The tour is financially supported by Glasgow Life, the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, Glasgow's Land and Environmental Services and the Educational Institute of Scotland. It is also a legacy project for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

'**The Worm**' will be touring nurseries, schools, theatres and venues from January 13 to March 21 with more dates planned throughout 2014.

**Venues include:**

**Eastwood Park Theatre, Giffnock:** Saturday January 18

**Paisley Arts Centre, Paisley:** Tuesday February 18

**Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine:** Wednesday February 19

**Whale Arts, Edinburgh:** Friday March 21

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**Eco Drama** is a touring children's theatre company and social enterprise based in Glasgow, who use theatre to engage and inspire children, young people and the wider community to look after the natural world. Previous productions have included the widely acclaimed '**Isle of Egg**' and '**The Forgotten Orchard**'. In 2013, **Eco Drama** was awarded the Scottish Government's Greener Together Award as well as the best Community Initiative at the Scottish Green Awards.

For more information about '**The Worm - An Underground Adventure**' or **Eco Drama** please visit [www.ecodrama.co.uk](http://www.ecodrama.co.uk)

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