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Our Palm Oil Journey

This month, Chester Zoo have officially announced that Chester has become the World's First Sustainable Palm Oil City.

This is the culmination of 7 years of hard work by Chester Zoo in educating and supporting restaurants, schools, hotels and cafes across the City of Chester in using sustainable palm oil to protect the rainforests and wildlife of Borneo and Sumatra. Edsential are proud to be listed as a 'Public Institution' Champion for this project.

Our Palm Oil Challenge:

The Sustainable Palm Oil City Project has inspired us at Edsential. We are in the process of becoming fully certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (<u>RSPO</u>) as the World's First Certified Fully Sustainable School Catering Provider.

We believe passionately in providing our children and young people with quality, ethical food that helps them be the best they can be.

Managing Director – Ian McGrady, commented:

"Chester Zoo inspired us and our schools with their campaign. We are in the privileged position of feeding most of Chester's primary school children every day and we felt that we could make a real contribution to this project. Our children, parents and schools want to do something practical to help with rainforest conservation; the Sustainable Palm Oil City project has allowed us to support them to do just that."

We will keep you updated on our Palm Oil journey as it progresses.

Who are the RPSO?

The **Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)** was established in 2004 with the objective of promoting the growth and use of sustainable palm oil products through credible global standards and engagement. There RSPO has 4,000 members worldwide who represent all links along the palm oil supply chain – Edsential is proud to be one of these members. Each member is committed to produce, source and/or use sustainable palm oil certified by the RSPO.

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