



# Forest in a Glass. Why Is It Worth Planting Trees?

*Environmental Competition*

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**When:** 8 June 2026, 10:00 – 14:00

**Where:** Primary School No. 2 named after M. Konopnicka, Szkolna 6, 41-250 Czeladź

**Host:** Henryk Michalski, eco-manager of the Czeladź Municipality

*The initiative is an official EU Green Week Partner Event.*

Can a forest be captured inside a glass container – and help us better understand how nature works? This is exactly the challenge awaiting participants of the ecological competition "Forest in a Jar – Why Should We Plant Trees?", organised as part of the campaign "Green Lungs of Czeladź."

The competition is aimed at primary school students and combines environmental education with creativity. Participants will design their own miniature ecosystem in a glass vessel – a so-called forest in a jar. Such plant compositions allow young participants to observe how nature functions on a small scale: how water circulates, how plants produce oxygen and how a natural balance can develop within a closed environment.

By creating their own miniature world, students will discover that even a small space can reflect the complexity of a real ecosystem. Plants, moss, stones and natural decorative elements will form a tiny landscape that can continue to develop over time with minimal human intervention. This hands-on experience helps participants understand why ecological balance is so important and what role plants and trees play within natural systems.

The competition also has an artistic dimension. Participants will be able to express their creativity while designing unique plant compositions and miniature green gardens. Each project will become a personal interpretation of nature, showing how differently young people can observe and imagine the natural world.

At the heart of the competition lies a broader reflection on the role of trees and green spaces in our environment. Trees improve air quality, regulate temperatures in urban areas, support biodiversity and create healthier places to live. For this reason, protecting green areas and planting new trees are among the most important investments in nature and in our environmental future.

The competition "Forest in a Jar – Why Should We Plant Trees?" demonstrates that investing in nature can begin with education, imagination and small actions that build environmental awareness from an early age. A tiny forest enclosed in glass becomes a symbol of a larger idea – caring for green spaces and taking responsibility for the environment in which we live.

***The event is organised as part of the project "Silesia. Blue Sky Restored".***



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