

Celebrating sustainability stories within and beyond our school communities.

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Sustaining Teachers, Sustaining Education

Less is More

Consultative Conference on Education 2024

Ag Cothú Múinteoirí, Ag Cothú an Oideachais

Bíonn Blas ar an mBeagán

Comhdháil Chomhairleach ar Oideachas 2024



Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals to Young Citizens (10-16 years)



A Focus on Teaching Hope, Respect, Empathy and Advocacy in Schools

Edited by
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Invitation to celebrate

Let's recognize some of the brilliant practices taking place in
our schools today.

Time to
celebrate



Context



Daffodils bloom across UK during unseasonal December weather

Flowers usually more associated with Easter than Christmas seen around the country in a week of above-average seasonal temperatures

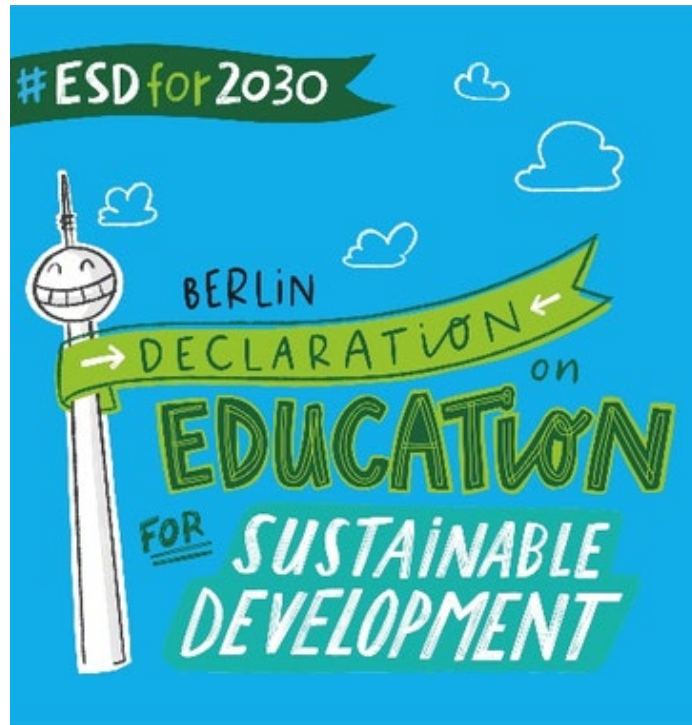


Midleton after Storm Babet last October.

Floods a case of 'when not if'

Midleton feels exactly as vulnerable this year as it did when devastating floods hit the town last October, one of the worst affected residents has said.

Education for Sustainable Development





Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

ESD to 2030: Implementation Plan 2022-2026



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

ESD to 2030: Second National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development



##EXTERNAL EMAIL##: ESD Newsletter - December 2024 - Call for Contributions



ESD <ESD@education.gov.ie>

To: ESD; ESD; Cc: ESD



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Dear ESD Newsletter Subscribers,

The 17th issue of the Department of Education's ESD Newsletter will be published in mid-December!

Articles for inclusion are welcome and should you wish to contribute a piece, please submit it by email to esd@education.gov.ie by **5pm on Friday, November 22nd**.

Please note that articles can be accepted in Word format as an email attachment only. Please do not use file-sharing services or platforms.

ESD in Meath and Monaghan – Calling all Educational Institutions!

Do you attend, work for or collaborate with an educational establishment or institution in Meath or Monaghan that is taking action for sustainable development? If so, we would love to hear from you for the December 2024 issue of the ESD Newsletter.

ESD in Schools

If you would like to share what you are doing in the area of sustainable development in your school and have it featured in the ESD Newsletter, please let us know at ESD@education.gov.ie. You will receive a €500 One-For-All voucher from the Department of Education if we publish your piece!

The ESD Team

Target 4.7

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By 2030 ensure all learners acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including among others through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship, and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.

TARGET 4.7



EDUCATION FOR
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DEVELOPMENT AND
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



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Global Learning themes

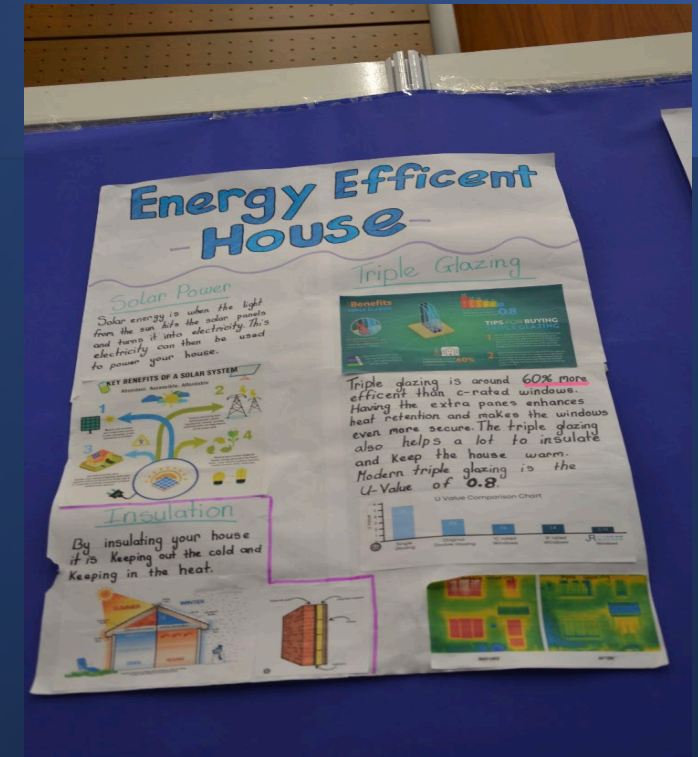
Teaching in Social and Environmental Education is framed by global learning including human rights, democracy, equity, social and environmental justice, and sustainable development empowering children to be informed and active citizens who can contribute to a more equitable and sustainable future.



NEW LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECT



Galway Science and Technology Festival



So you think you can recycle?



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Join our Movement

Do you wish to affect change in your own EU country? Join our Movement here.

Clontuskert
campaign on
Change.org

Ban Plastic on Fruit and Vegetables in Ireland

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Climate Change is a massive

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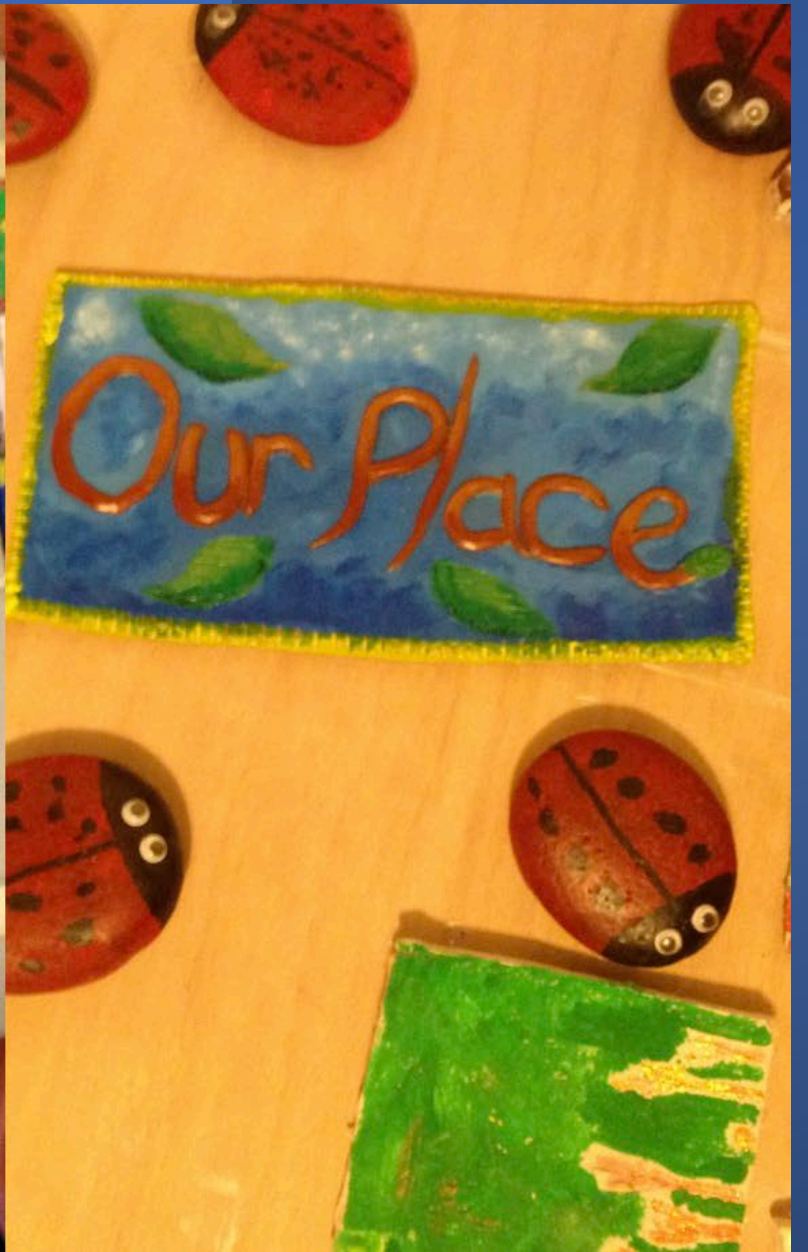
Clontuskert students spotlighted in the Sunday Times

Congratulations to
Clontuskert students and



Clontuskert Students speak at International Climate Action Day

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Learning about rocks



Awe and Wonder





Discovery



SCHOOL
SECURITY

There is a severe PR issue with primary teaching in Ireland



Acknowledging the good work

- How do we recognize, promote and publicise the good sustainability work happening in primary schools:
- At School Level?
- Community Level?
- National Level?
- How we use this as leverage for more resources?
- How can this work become a support and resource for other teachers and student teachers?
- How can this work be mainstreamed in our schools?

It is the view of the INTO that sustainability education will only flourish when it is built upon a well-supported and valued teaching workforce.



**M Ed IN
EDUCATION FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
AND GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP**



Welcome to Global Village

Global Village is a Global Citizenship Education (GCE) programme for primary schools in Ireland. It aims to support primary school pupils to become active global citizens committed to building a fairer and more sustainable world.



THE OUR WORLD IRISH AID AWARDS NATIONAL FINAL!

One week to go!



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Trócaire
Working for a just world.

GLOBAL
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PLAN





🔥 Few tickets left



Thursday, January 23

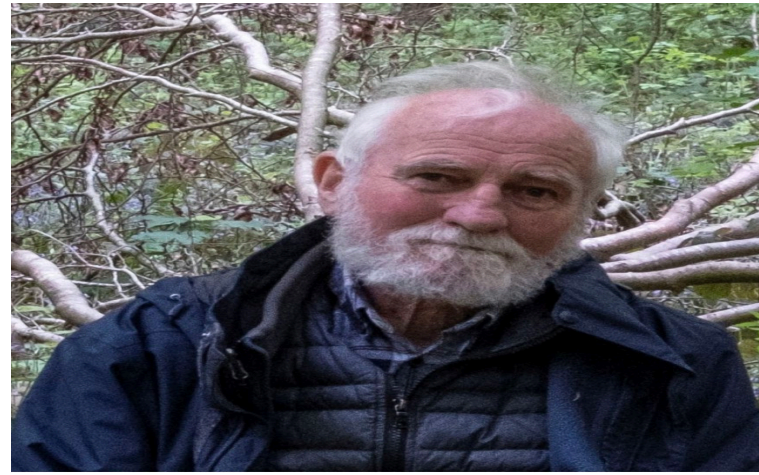
Global Village Teach Meet 2025

General Admission - 1 +

Free ⓘ

HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

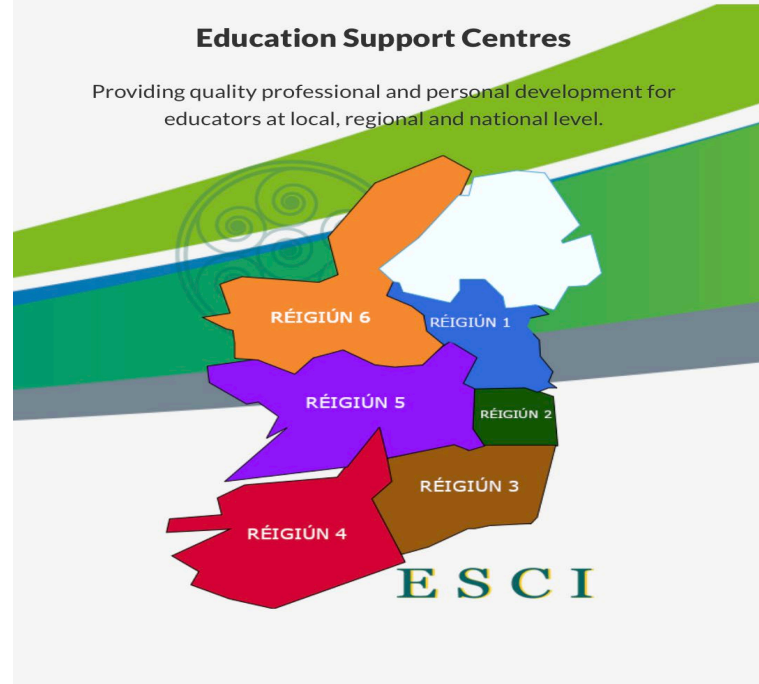


Ionaid Tacaíochta Oideachais

Forbairt ghairmiúil agus phearsanta ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar d'oideachasóirí ag leibhéal áitiúil, réigiúnach agus náisiúnta.

Education Support Centres

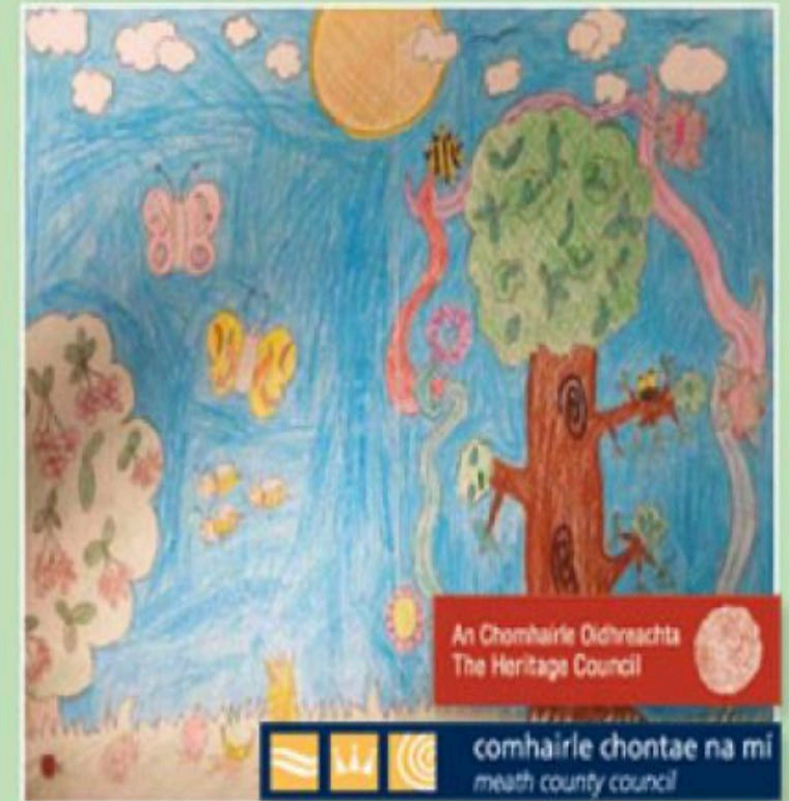
Providing quality professional and personal development for educators at local, regional and national level.



Wild Teaching

Cross-curricular Lessons Outdoors
for Agoraphobic Teachers

By Paul O'Donnell





Outdoor learning in the Burren

Burrenbeo Trust

Connecting with the Ocean

Explorers Outreach in Schools



The Explorers Education Programme offers a range of marine themed modules for primary school students and teachers in the classroom, through blended learning as well as out-door education. We also provide schools with the opportunity to take part in a school project where teachers have an opportunity to enter their school into a collaborative school project.

If you are keen to get your toes 'wet', try out a marine themed class project, seashores safari, aquarium in the class, a STEM marine workshop... or dive in to a healthy ocean school project with your students, colleagues and local community.



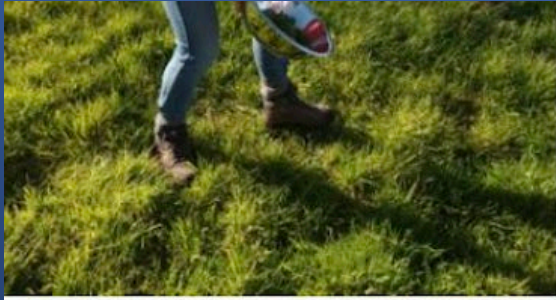
Completing SDG Challenges



LEAF Learning about Forests.
Leafireland.org

Visiting other schools







CLIMATE & NATURE SUMMIT



A WEEK OF FREE WORKSHOPS AND RESOURCES TO SPARK DISCUSSION
AND DRIVE CLIMATE ACTION IN SCHOOLS ACROSS IRELAND

WWW.ISSN.IE



Primary School

This year's Climate and Nature Summit will coincide with COP 29. The ISSN is delighted to present two video lessons and one animated video based on the theme of 'Soil'. There are lesson notes to accompany the video 'Soil: don't treat me like dirt' as well as a workbook on soil.



Soil is one of the earth's most precious resources. In this lesson, Brigid Barry from Farming for Nature explores the importance of soil to our health and the health of our planet.

[Lesson notes.](#)

[Workbook.](#)



Go on a journey with artist and entomologist Nessa Darcy to explore the amazing underground world of ants. Don't forget to have your paper and pencils ready so you can design your own colony.

[Colouring template](#)



Check out this beautiful animated video that looks at how farmers can support nature on their farm and why this is good for us all.



If you'd like to join the ISSN whatsapp group to get alerts for resources, funding or access teachers who might be able to answer your questions....



SCAN ME



Community of Practice: ISSN

To: Department of Education; Department of Health;
Department of Environment, Climate and
Communications

Ban Pesticide Use in Schools

MM Campaign created by
Mary Moore, Irish Schools Sustainability Network ✉



Ban the use of pesticides on school grounds around the country.

Why is this important?

The risks posed by pesticides, including the widely used chemical glyphosate, to both human health and the environment are too significant to be ignored, particularly in areas where our children spend a considerable amount of their time. The Irish Schools Sustainability Network, other environmental groups and educational organisations aim to bring about a national ban of pesticide use in these sensitive environments.

Health Risks to Children

Numerous studies have raised alarm about the potential health hazards of glyphosate. Classified as a "probable human carcinogen" by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), exposure to glyphosate has been linked to an increased risk of non-Hodgkin lymphoma and other cancers. Children are particularly vulnerable to environmental toxins due to their developing bodies, the vulnerability of their immune systems and the fact that they may come into direct contact with treated grass, soil and outdoor equipment. The long-term effects of even low-level exposure to glyphosate remain poorly understood, but the precautionary principle dictates that we must err on the side of safety, especially when the health of children is at stake.

22 of 100
signatures

Rose F. signed a few seconds ago
Elena E. signed 2 minutes ago
Karla D. signed 4 minutes ago

Sign the petition

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

What is your constituency?

We use this information to inform you of local issues happening in your area.

I'd like to be emailed to let me know how taking this action is having a positive impact on people's lives and how I can support more people-powered campaigns at Uplift.

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Let's take action together now! Sign a petition to ban pesticides in schools across the country.

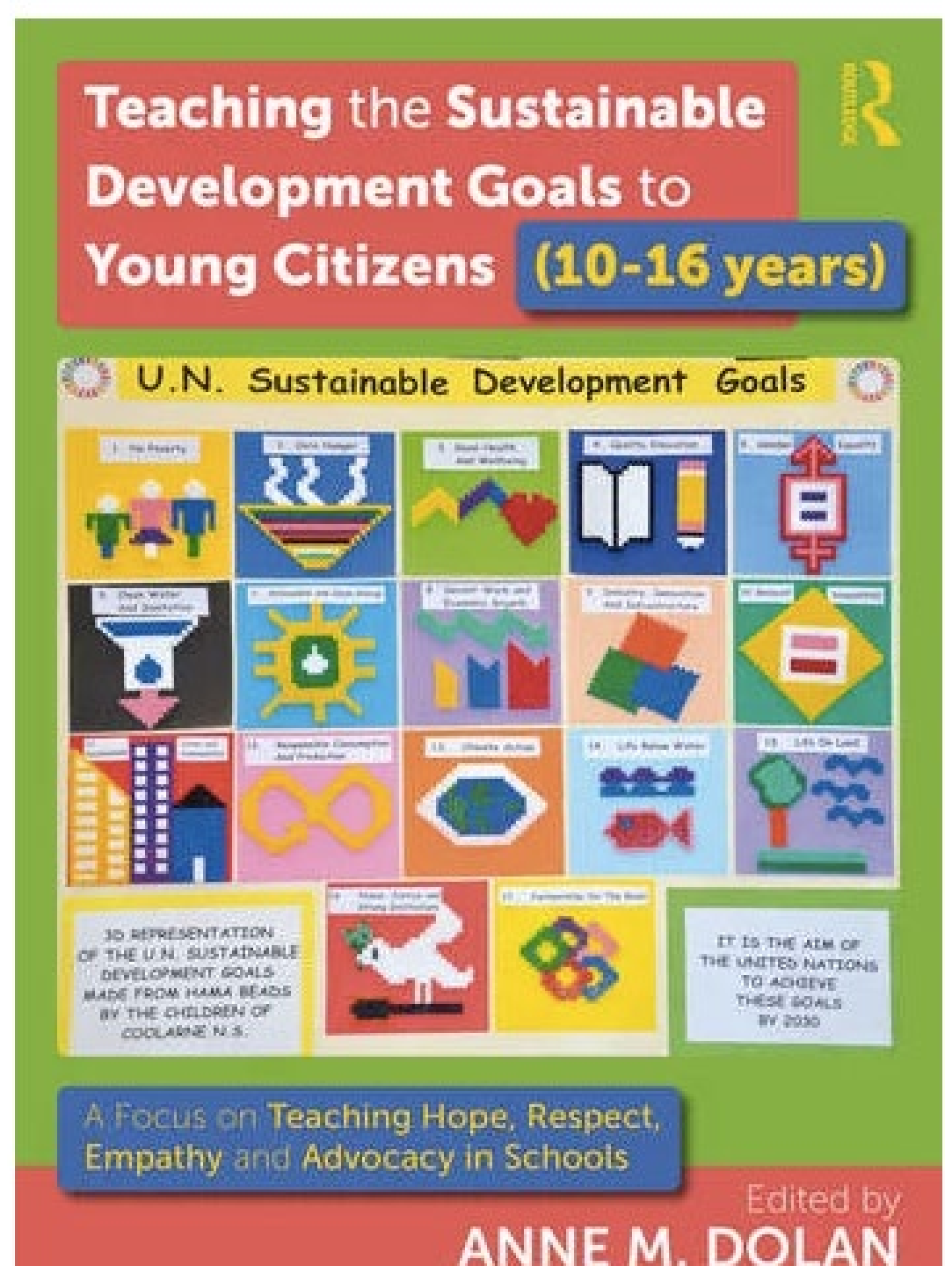
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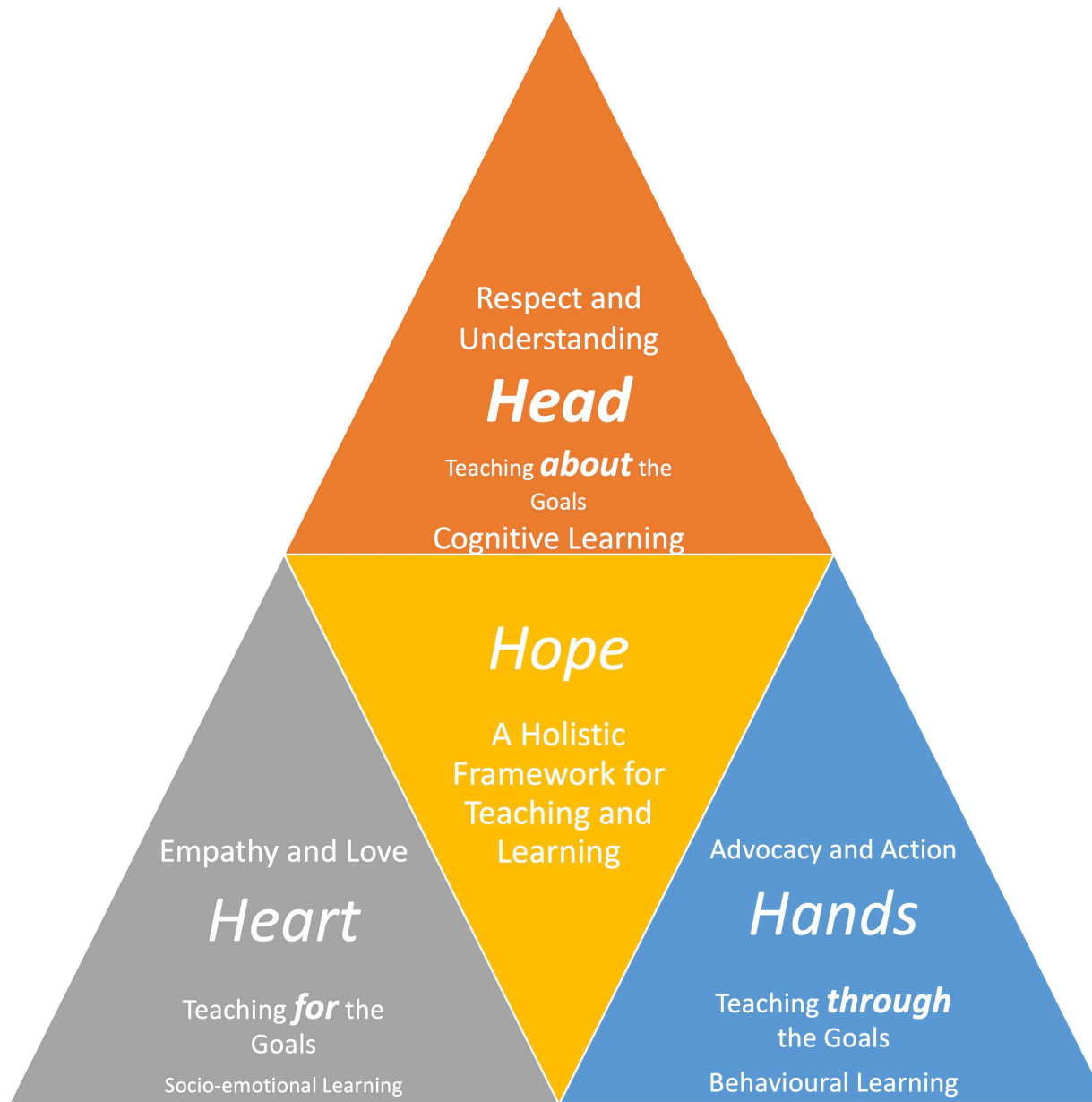


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



New Handbook for Teachers





Teaching the Global Goals

Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals in Schools

General Resources

Videos

SDG 1 No Poverty

SDG 2 Zero Hunger

SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 5 Gender Equality

SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 7 Affordable and Clean Energy

World's Largest Lesson



<https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/>

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Resources from Practical Action

Practical ACTION

practicalaction.org

Global goals display materials

<https://practicalaction.org/schools/global-goals-display-materials/>

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The World's Largest Lesson



Emma Watson introduces The World's Largest Lesson 2016 n.2

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The World's Largest Lesson



The World's Largest Lesson Introduced by Malala Yousafzai

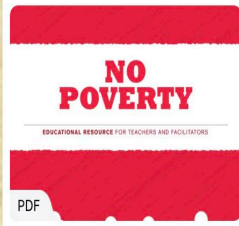
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Bringing the SDGs to life: real change for real people



SDG 1 Resource from Concen



3. SDG1 - No Poverty Resource

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UNESCO Teaching resources



en.unesco.org

SDG Resources for Educators - Clean Water and Sanitation

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Understanding Goal 1 (Primary)



Sustainable Agriculture



Sustainable Agriculture Self Help Africa

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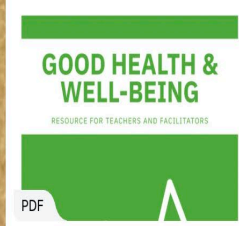
A Transition Year Resource from Self Help Africa

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SDG 2 Resource from Concern



SDG 3 Resource from Concern



5. SDG 3 - Good Health and Well Being Resource 2019 FAST version

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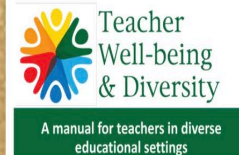
Understanding Goal 3 (Primary)



Understand Goal 3: Good health and well-being (Primary)

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Teacher Well-being and Diversity

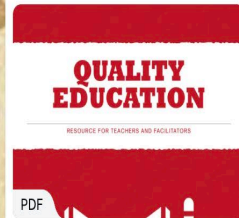


SDG 4 Targets



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SDG 4 Resource from Concern



6. SDG4 - Quality Education

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Understanding Goal 4 (Primary)



Understand Goal 4: Quality education (Primary)

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GENDER EQUALITY



7. SDG 5 - Gender Equality Resource 2019

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UNESCO Resources



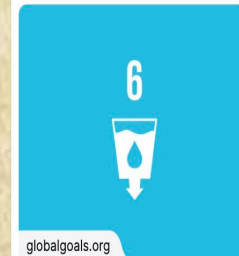
SDG Resources for Educators - Good Health and Well-Being

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Understanding Goal 5 (Primary)



SDG 6 in action



Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation - The Global Goals

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CLEAN WATER & SANITATION



8. SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation Resource

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Understanding SDG 6 (Primary)



Understand Goal 6: Clean water and

SDG 7 in action



Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy - The Global Goals

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UNESCO: Resources for Educators



en.unesco.org

Sustainable Development Goals - Resources for educators

<https://en.unesco.org/themes/education/sdgs/material>

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Teaching Climate Change in Primary Schools: an Interdisciplinary Approach.
A menu of approaches for teaching climate change education in primary schools

General Resources

Teaching about climate change in primary schools (Trócaire)

Teaching about



https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/resources/edu/teaching_about_climate_change.pdf

Creating Futures Resources



Creating Futures

10 lessons inspiring **inquiry, creativity & cooperation** in response to climate change for senior primary classrooms

<https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/education/resources/creating-futures>

ECO Detectives (Centre for

Climate Change Video Links for Teachers

David Attenborough's speech to COP26



YouTube
Sir David Attenborough's Address to World Leaders at COP26 – Speech in Full

Greta Thunberg: Speech delivered during COP26 (Fridays for Future)



YouTube
COP26 - Climate activist Greta Thunberg's speech after Fridays For Future protest on November 5th

Before the Flood



<https://archive.org/details/youtube>

Climate Change Videos for Children

Climate change according to a kid



<https://youtu.be/Sv7OHfpIRfU>

What is climate change



<https://youtu.be/Sv7OHfpIRfU>

Global Warming for Kids

the light from the sun heats the earth



<https://youtu.be/Vh8XVkzsn1Y>

Causes and effects of climate change



<https://youtu.be/Vh8XVkzsn1Y>

The world's religious traditions and global climate disruption

Laudato Si: Religious Education Resource



https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/education/ent2016/laudato-si-youth_resource-2016.pdf

Catholic Social Teaching Lesson Plans



<https://www.crs.org/resource-center/catholic-social-teaching-lesson-plans>

Catholic Creation Care



Climate Change Games

Twisted Game of Climate Change



https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/resources/edu/twisted_game_of_climate_change.pdf

Project Honduras



<https://www.trocaire.org/education/project-honduras>

Teacher Notes for Project Honduras

https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/teachers_guide_for_project_honduras.pdf



[Invitation to be a hummingbird](#)

Thank you

