

Learning for Sustainability

Learning for Sustainability (LfS) is an inclusive educational approach that fosters the growth of learners, educators, schools, and their communities in constructing a fair, sustainable, and just society. It embraces a comprehensive school-wide and community-oriented strategy by integrating global citizenship, sustainable development education and outdoor learning.

developing political literacy embedded in the curriculum values-based understanding interdependence protecting biodiversity outdoor learning resilience addressing discrimination and prejudice human rights sustainable energy and water use local to global human rights skills for work fair trade eradicating poverty and inequity children's rights skills for work contact with nature links between environment, society and economy creativity Peace and conflict learning for a better world critical thinking respect ethical issues identity and heritage social justice sustainable buildings and grounds sustainable development education learners as leaders sustainable development education learners as leaders growing food community partnerships systems thinking global citizenship social and cultural diversity cooperative, collaborative and active learning play health and wellbeing culture engaging with democracy equality and fairness improving attainment and achievement problem solving responsible use of our planet's resources

Scotland's Learning for Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2030

A newly refreshed <u>Learning for Sustainability Action Plan</u> was launched in December 2023 to make sustainability a central focus in the Scottish education system.

The plan aims to build an inspiring movement for change so every 3 to 18 place of education becomes a sustainable learning setting by 2030.

This curriculum map has been organised by stages. Within each stage, there are suggested learning opportunities under the titles of:

- Sustainable Development Education
- Global Citizenship
- Outdoor Learning



 A short introductory video outlining Learning for Sustainability can be found <u>here</u>.



Education Scotland's Self-Evaluation Framework for LfS

This framework can be used to stimulate dialogue and action towards a whole school and community approach to LfS. The progression statements from 'Starting the journey' through to 'Features of highly effective practice' are categorised under Leadership, Learning, and Achievements, aligning with improvement priorities. It offers flexibility and includes questions for discussion. A summary version format available here.

- LOOKING INWARDS: Self-evaluation
- LOOKING OUTWARDS: Learning from others
- LOOKING FORWARDS: Planning for the future

The Green Flag Award

<u>The Green Flag Award</u> is an internationally recognised achievement for schools and nurseries committed to Learning for Sustainability.

To achieve a Green Flag Award, take action on three topics and meet the <u>award criteria</u>, which are structured around seven elements.



Education Scotland's LfS Sketchnote

Education Scotland's Outdoor Learning for Sustainability Wakelet

This Outdoor LfS Wakelet, provided by Education Scotland, is a collection of online resources aimed at supporting outdoor learning and LfS. You'll find links to resources on the National Improvement Hub, Glow, various websites, and YouTube—all conveniently gathered in one place for easy access. Please ensure to review the suitability and availability of these materials, considering age and stage appropriateness.



Using the Learning for Sustainability Curriculum Map



Global Citizenship

Education for global citizenship aims to equip learners to critically engage with the challenges and opportunities of our fast-changing, interdependent world. It's transformative, fostering the development of essential knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes for full participation in a globalized society and economy. Moreover, it seeks to empower individuals to contribute to creating a fairer, more secure, and sustainable world.

Included in this curriculum map, is a suggestion of **one Global Citizenship programme** each year that could be incorporated into learning.

A short video from WOSDEC can be found <a href="https://www.here.com/here.c

Sustainable Development Education

The main teaching resource featured in this section is **Jacob's 'The Butterfly Effect'**. It consists of eight themed sections, each containing a lesson corresponding to a stage in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. This resource is designed to be user-friendly, themed structured, fully virtual, and adaptable in terms of delivery order. To achieve full completion, **each stage should cover all eight lessons per year, one lesson per theme**.

Educating students about the **Sustainable Development Goals** holds significance as it empowers them to acknowledge their role in shaping the future and encourages collective efforts towards fostering a more sustainable and improved world for all.

Outdoor Learning

Being outdoors and active is an essential part of growing up and leading a healthy and fulfilling life. Outdoor learning benefits children, young people and adults alike. It engages our hearts through what we feel, our heads through what we think, and our hands through our physical experiences. Outdoor learning can take place anywhere from school grounds to local green spaces, high streets to national parks, from your front door to the rest of the world.

Links within this planner can help facilitate this learning by sharing ideas and lesson plans in addition to links on the Outdoor LfS Wakelet.

Primary



South Lanarkshire Council Learning for Sustainability Curriculum Map

Sustainable Development Education

SLC Provocation Cards

- RHET Early Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Seeds for Change

Developing Global Citizenship through Play at Early Level

 Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- North Ayrshire Council's Early Years Outdoor Science Resource
- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge

Sustainable Development Education

P.1 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- RHET Early Level Resources
- · Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Seeds for Change

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 Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- North Ayrshire Council's Early Years Outdoor Science
 Resource
- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge
- RAiSE STEM Trail 'Percy Park Keeper'

Sustainable Development Education

P.2 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- RHET First Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Scotdec's 'Pants to Poverty! (p1 - P3)

Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge
- RAiSE STEM Trail 'Stickman'

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Primary



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Sustainable Development Education

P.3 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- RHET First Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Enterprise – Farm to Fork Challenge

Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- <u>Learning Through Landscapes</u>
- RSPB Wild Challenge
- RAiSE STEM Trail 'Super Worm'

Sustainable Development Education

P.4 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- · RHET First Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Enterprise -YES 'The Fiver Challenge'

Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge
- RAiSE STEM Trail 'The Highway Rat'

Sustainable Development Education

P.5 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- · Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- RHET Second Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Enterprise -YES 'The Inventors Challenge'

- Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Ready Classrooms
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge



Sustainable Development Education

P.6 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- RHET Second Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Enterprise -YES 'Circular Economy Challenge'

Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Ready Classrooms
Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- Learning Through Landscapes
- RSPB Wild Challenge

Sustainable Development Education

P.7 Resources Jacob's Butterfly Effect

- Food Waste Project with Zero Waste Scotland
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- RHET Second Level Resources
- Keep Scotland Beautiful Live Lessons

Global Citizenship

Generation Earthshot

Keep Scotland Beautiful Climate Ready Classrooms
Keep Scotland Beautiful Global Citizenship Live Lessons

Outdoor Learning

- <u>Learning Through Landscapes</u>
- RSPB Wild Challenge