

# Education for Sustainable Development

in ETB Schools

## 13 CLIMATE ACTION **LS** 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION GENDER EQUALITY **SUSTAINABLE CITIES** AND COMMUNITIES 7 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **G**OALS



RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

AND PRODUCTION

# SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT GALS





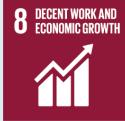
















10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

















#### Challenging the message

- The public has a limited carrying capacity and a finite pool of worry, especially when confronted with extreme and immediate economic threats and risks. Individuals are likely to become desensitised to the message
- 2 Dramatising climate change, in terms of the most extreme impacts and using exaggerated imagery, risks damaging trust in the messenger, be it environmentalists, scientists, political leaders or the media.
- perceived beyond their control—and they are given little information about what can be done—they cope psychologically with that risk by engaging in self-denial (i.e. "Other people will get cancer, but I won't" or "climate change is not real" or "the impacts of climate change won't affect me"), or they cope with the risk by becoming fatalistic and apathetic, believing that there is nothing to be done about a risk such as climate change.

When individuals are confronted with messages that present risks which are

Source: "Fear Won't Do It": Promoting Positive Engagement With Climate Change Through Visual and Iconic Representations, Saffron O'Neill and Sophie Nicholson-Cole, Science Communication, Vol 30, Issue 3, pp. 355



#### **Values in Education for Sustainable Development**

- Allows every human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to shape a sustainable future.
- Means including key sustainable development issues into teaching and learning; for example, climate change, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity, poverty reduction, and sustainable consumption.
- Requires participatory teaching and learning methods that motivate and empower learners to change their behaviour and take action for sustainable development.
- Promotes competencies like critical thinking, imagining future scenarios and making decisions in a collaborative way.

UNESCO is the lead agency for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).



"Indeed, in an art like teaching, the proof comes down to whether an approach works, it matters little whether the theory was correct"

Howard Gardner (Intelligence Reframed, 2000)



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## Audit.....





#### Areas of school that contribute to teaching and learning about sustainability

A whole-school approach to sustainability is practised in a variety of ways. Whole-school approaches usually address the following:

- The formal curriculum contains knowledge, skills, perspectives and values related to sustainability.
- Learning includes real-life issues to enhance pupils' motivation and learning

School management practices reflect sustainability (e.g. procurement, water and energy use, and waste management).

The school has a sustainability ethos which can be seen in the treatment of others, school property, and the environment

School policies reflect environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

- Interactions between the school and the community are fostered.
- Special events and extra-curricular activities apply and enhance classroom learning about sustainability.
- Pupils engage in decision-making affecting school life.



http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/global-passport/

The outcome
document for the SDG
Agenda combines the
breadth of these issues
by declaring that the
SDG framework will
stimulate action on five
key themes:



#### PEOPLE - Social Dimension

"We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment."



#### PLANET - Environmental Dimension

"We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations."



#### PROSPERITY - Economic Dimension

"We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature."



#### PEACE - Ethical Dimension

"We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies, which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development."



#### PARTNERSHIP - Collective/Collaborative Dimension

"We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people."



ETB schools are state, co-educational, multidenominational underpinned by the core values of Excellence in Education, Respect, Care, Equality and Community



#### **Excellence in Education**

- Curriculum is delivered in the most innovative, stimulating ways to enhance pupils' love of learning
- High expectations of our staff and pupils
- Broad range of extra-curricular activities



#### Respect

- Diversity is welcomed and celebrated
- · Voice of all members of the school community is facilitated and encouraged



#### Care

- Pupils are enabled to care for themselves, each other and the environment
- Pupil support structures are in place



#### **Equality**

- · co-educational
- · multidenominational welcoming pupils of all faiths and beliefs
- Inclusive



#### Community

- School communities are guided and united by shared values
- Schools are central to the local community
- Schools belong to a broader network of ETB schools



### **TAKE 1 Programme**

To support ETB schools at both Primary and Post Primary level to establish themselves as Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) schools, who use the formal and non-formal education space to support engagement with the Global Goals by:

- emphasising the role of all 17 SDGs, their collective impact on climate change and the need for their interdependent relationship to achieve success.
- highlighting and supporting, through a programme of training and resources, the inclusion of sustainable development education in every subject, aligned to Junior Cycle learning outcomes
- building the confidence of the school community to establish and integrate the sustainable education agenda as a part of the embedded curriculum and wellbeing programme.





- The Centre for School Leadership (CSL) is charged with supporting the design, development and delivery of quality professional learning for school leaders.
- CSL has a responsibility to bring coherence, consistency and structure to the wide and increasingly expansive leadership professional learning landscape by endorsing this learning.









# Take 1

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Teach 1 Lesson
About 1 SDG
To 1 Class
Over 1 Week



### Tell Us....

March **23**<sup>rd</sup> **27**<sup>th</sup>

#### Let everyone know what your students are learning about the SDGs

- Print the appropriate SDG card for your lesson.
- Photograph the card/topic/students while they are learning (show classwork/white board/background if you don't want to include faces)
- Tweet the photo, your subject, the topic and the SDG to @ETBIreland with the
   #ETB\_SDGS during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>
- If your school doesn't have a twitter account email a photo and short description to sdgschools@etbi.ie

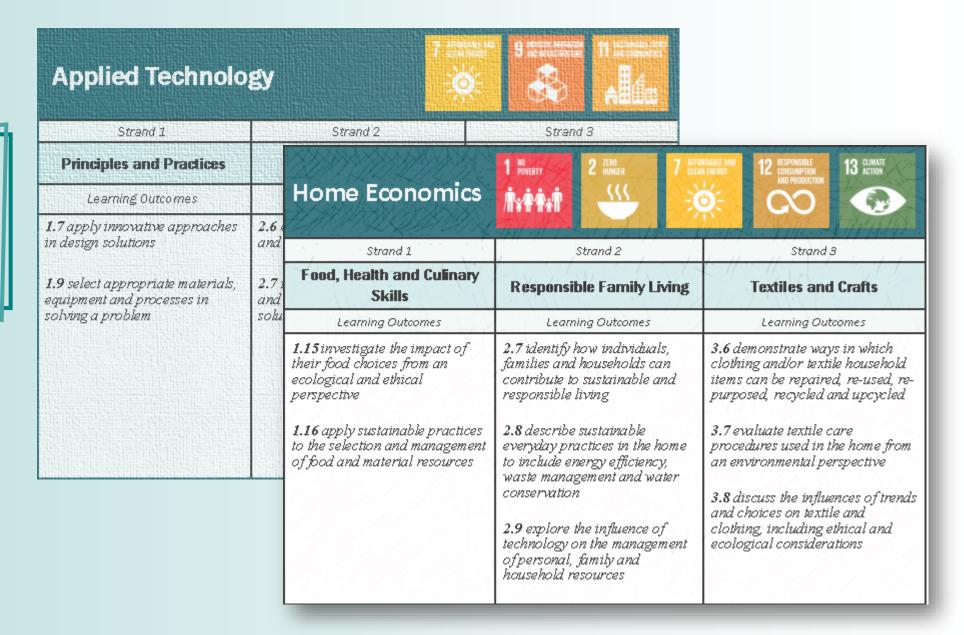
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Subject specifications at Junior Cycle







# (WEEK) Dec 2nd -6th

#### **SUBJECTS REPRESENTED**

Irish **English** Geography Science Visual Art Maths Religion **Engineering Business Studies MFL Home Economics** 

**CSPE Drama History** 

Applied Technology



#### **PARTICIPATING ETBS**

CORK CITY OF DUBLIN **DUBLIN/DUN LAOGHAIRE** GALWAY/ROSCOMMON KFRRY KILKENNY/CARLOW KILDARE/WICKLOW LIMERICK/CLARE LONGFORD/WESTMEATH **TIPPERARY** WATERFORD/WEXFORD

# **141552** Twitter Impressions









## Programme Participants **R**6



#### ETB CORE VALUES

**Excellence in Education** Respect Care Equality Community



#### SDG KEY THEMES

People Planet Prosperity Peace **Partnership** 







