

Introduction

This document aims to provide an **overview of resources around Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for university and college staff.**

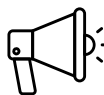
The focus is on resources that can support you at the beginning of your ESD journey, or broaden your knowledge and find out more about what is going on in the ESD field.

There are many more resources out there - this is only a starting point. If you have useful resources you would like to add, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please email kmobius@eauc.org.uk.

When looking through these resources, we hope that these **symbols give you an indicator of how the resource or initiative can be useful to you:**



Knowledge: Find out more about ESD, read about examples, frameworks, policies, or aims.



Updates: Subscribe to newsletters or bulletins to stay up to date on ESD developments.



Practice: Find practical guidance as well as tips and tricks and frameworks to inform your ESD practice.

We thank our ESD Topic Support Network convenors and participants as well as Learning for Sustainability Scotland for supporting the collection of resources!

Global context



UNESCO's work and reporting can spark collaborations across the world. Their [roadmap](#) sets out what we need to do achieve a more "just and sustainable world" in five priority action areas. This can help you to further develop ESD in your institution, as well as map to see where you are already making progress through a more international lens.

Highlights: [ESD roadmap](#), [Newsletter](#), [ESD for 2030 network](#), [ESD toolbox](#)



The United Nations University (UNU) is a global think tank and postgraduate teaching organisation headquartered in Japan. UN University works with leading universities and research institutes, functioning as a bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations system.

Highlights: [Insights newsletter \(past examples\)](#), [Connect newsletter \(past examples\)](#)



If you are looking for inspiration or collaboration with other projects or just want to know what is happening regarding ESD all over the world, there are over 170 RCEs across the world doing valuable work on ESD. See their locations [here](#).

Highlights: [Resources](#), [RCE bulletin](#)

European context



Council of Europe

The Council of Europe has an agenda for sustainable development and education where they outline their vision, with one of the goals including education for sustainable development. Efforts in other European countries can be potential collaboration partners or sources of inspiration and learning

Highlights: Global Education Week, Mapping of Education Activities Education for sustainable development



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

UNECE has a steering committee on ESD and provide updates and resources on the SDGs and ESD in Europe. They further provide guidance on ESD across the different stages of education for educators and showcase good practice across Europe.

Highlights: Educator competences guide, Good practices in mainstreaming gender equality in ESD

UK & Scotland context



Resources & networks



QAA guidance

This guidance has a very practical focus and was developed with Advance HE and a group of experts from various communities, and addresses curriculum design and teaching, learning and assessment approaches. The literature list at the end provides excellent sources for further reading.



Education & Training Foundation ESD resources

ETF provides a variety of resources that helps equip and enable those who work in the Further Education and Training sector to delivery high quality, impactful ESD.



EAUC Scotland events & mailing lists

EAUC Scotland run a variety of events and that can help support you in your ESD practice. Among others, there is the [ESD Topic Support Network](#), the [Realigning Curricula for the Future](#) event series, and the EAUC conferences in [England](#) and [Scotland](#), and the resource database, [Sustainability Exchange](#). Furthermore, you can stay up to date and ask questions through the EAUCs [Jisc mailing lists](#) on a variety of topics, including ESD.



SHED (Sustainability in Higher Education Developers)

The SHED network is a group of higher and further education staff from across the UK who aim to help education become more relevant to the challenges of the twenty-first century. Communication in the group occurs through a dedicated mailing list (SHED Share).

UK & Scotland context



Organisations and Initiatives



Learning for Sustainability Scotland

As an RCE in Scotland, LfSS is a network of educators, practitioners and key partners, all working together to embed learning for sustainability and the UN Sustainable Development Goals into their practice across all types of education. They run task groups, local and national events, and are also involved in policy work.

Highlights: Monthly bulletin, Consultancy work, Task groups & Courses for educators



College Development Network (CDN)

CDN is a skills and sector development agency with the mission to maximise the impact of education for learners across the vocational and college system in Scotland. They provide online training and development opportunities and events for college staff.

Highlights: Introduction to Sustainability Online Course, Pedagogy Matters podcast, Newsletter



Scottish Qualifications Authority

SQA are the national accreditation and awarding body for Scotland and engage with learners, schools, colleges and training providers. They have taken steps to map sustainability across educational programmes and have been working to include it in their standards.

Highlights: Integrating LfS in Qualifications as part of the Vision 2030+ report

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Advance HE

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Advance HE is a member-led, sector-owned charity that with the mission to improve higher education for staff, students and society, with a particular focus on enhancing teaching and learning, leadership development and tackling inequalities. They also manage and lead the development of the UK Professional Standards Framework (PSF).

Highlights: UK Professional Standards Framework, Education for Mental Health Toolkit, Future Fit Framework



Scottish Funding Council

the SFC is Scotland's tertiary education and research authority. They hold colleges, universities and other funded bodies to account for their delivery of required outcomes and work closely with the UK-wide Higher Education Statistical Authority (HESA), to provide data and statistics for government, decision-makers, and the wider public.

Highlights: Impact of Scottish Research Report, Outcome Agreements, Widening access to higher education programme

CESAP Education subgroup

The Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan wants to make sure we have the skills we need to transition to net zero and a greener economy. The Education Subgroup feeds into the Implementation Steering Group and the Implementation Plan on how this can be embedded across the education sector.



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Students Organising for Sustainability

SOS-UK is a student-led education charity focusing on sustainability as well as issues of justice and wellbeing across all forms of education from early years to workplace learning.

Highlights: Sustainability & Intersectionality Resource Hub, Changemaker programme, SDG curriculum mapping support package



Sustainable Leadership Scorecard

Developed in partnership with EAUC, the purpose of the Sustainability Leadership Scorecard (SLS) is to measure the sustainability performance within higher and further education institutions and provide a framework for continued sustainability effort, with outputs mapping onto the SDGs.

SDG Accord

The SDG Accord aims to inspire, celebrate and advance the critical role that education has in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Accord is a commitment learning institutions are making to one another to do more to deliver the goals, to annually report on each signatory's progress.

The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

Locally developed resources & initiatives



SDG toolkit by University College Cork

The SDG digital toolkit aims to give you concise actionable resources while providing insights into the underpinning theories, including [mapping tools](#).



Transition Network at FHE institutions

Transition is a movement using participatory methods to imagine and implement the changes we need. They work with FHE institutions, such as the [University of St Andrews](#), and have produced a guide: [How to do Transition in your College or University](#).



Resource Collection by Edinburgh College

Staff at Edinburgh College have collectively created this padlet, containing a variety of useful resources for ESD and sustainability.



ESD toolkit by Nottingham Trent University

This toolkit was developed by Alex Meredith, a psychology and sustainability professor at Nottingham Trent University. It contains scaffolded, adaptable activities and pedagogical elements to consider when embedding ESD in your curricula (see word document in downloads section [here](#)).

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