

## Feedback from ESD workshop March SD Day

### ***What was the most interesting aspect of the workshop for you?***

The workshop was not at all what I was expecting. Since the workshop I am not sure what I did expect. It was interesting to note that every person attending had differing views which were all pertinent. Additionally that we can easily ensure that we are including sustainability throughout our teaching.

The most interesting aspect for me was learning more about Sustainability and how it relates to teaching and learning eg values. What I really enjoyed was listening to the comments and ideas of the other group members on the subject.

The task on choosing an image and discussing the images in the workshop, hearing how different members of the workshop interpret the different images I found enlightening. It was amazing to see how wide the sustainability net covers, yet touching our lives in so many different ways.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore themes of sustainability in education with members of different teams across the college, getting their insights and interpretations of a challenging and interesting subject.

### ***2) Would you recommend the workshop to other members of staff? If so what do you think they would find most useful?***

Yes, I would recommend this workshop. It was very interesting and useful in many ways. One of the things I found was that I re-evaluated my (both personal and professional) thinking, perception and values.

I definitely would recommend it to others and probably what would be most useful would be learning about how to embed awareness into teaching, again stemming from our own core values and how we weave those in to our work with students.

I already have recommended the workshop to colleagues. The most useful aspect initially is how we can make a difference to our teaching and learning, within our organisation. Embedding it into our curriculum or even just by having an increased awareness, focus of the bigger picture inside and outside our own institution.

I would absolutely recommend this workshop to other members of staff and will be encouraging the teaching staff of the CLaWD team to participate should it run again. I believe sustainability is a subject which people do not fully understand and certainly do not consider in their teaching practice quite as much as they should. Allowing individuals to explore the themes and make personal connections with them allows people to be more mindful of their impact on their practice.

Again I also think giving staff the opportunity to work with other members of different teams allows for diverse interpretations and interesting discussion.

**3) Was there an aspect of ESD you would like covered that was not covered in the workshop?**

I think this was a workshop that could have gone on for much longer- but, that said, I had to leave a little early and was sad that I may have missed things.

As illustrated by group members, raising awareness can start in basic ways and then develop eg using curriculum content as a starting point for discussion on areas of importance and relevance to Sustainability.

As discussed in the session access to some sort of Moodle site with topics/posts and reference material would be good and also opening up more options to share good practice. (We need to encourage a cross college approach to sustainability in education)

No

**4) Any other comments you feel are applicable:**

I really liked the activity provided, the visual imagery had real impact. This is a workshop that staff could attend and attend again. Allowing for development and personal/professional growth.

I can't say there was an aspect of ESD I would have liked covered because I went along to learn more and I did !

The whole subject is quite new to me so I felt it was a great introduction.

I really enjoyed the discussions we had over the postcards and it was fascinating to see how pictures can spark off so many thoughts and ideas. I have often discovered this in my own teaching so it was really good to do the same thing in more of a "learner's" role. I also liked the fact that you created a comfortable friendly atmosphere to work in Sarah, in which you involved us all and everybody seemed happy to participate in the activities.

I really enjoyed the session and although I know there are restraints on time I believe that more staff members would benefit from this training...if nothing more than to raise awareness of the themes and the college's efforts to tackle the topic (such as the Champions).

NO