

The 12th Global RCE Conference:

‘Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: action through learning in a time of global crises’

16-18 November 2021



There has never been a more urgent need for the combined skills and knowledge of the global RCE Network.

Our world is at a crossroads. The climate and associated biodiversity crises, human rights abuses, and political inertia are now evident across the planet.

This conference will:

- Enable and sustain collaborative conversations across the RCE Network
- Share and celebrate good practice regarding action through learning from across the RCE network.
- Explore, beyond COP26, how to strengthen action on the UNESCO ESD for 2030 agenda in the context of the UN SDGs

Conference structure

- Over the three days of the Conference, we will explore the key theme of ‘Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: action through learning in a time of global crises’.
- Each of the three days will focus on a separate sub-theme. Together, these sub-themes will provide an opportunity for holistic consideration of the affective, cognitive and social/behavioural dimensions of Education for Sustainable Development.

- These sub-themes are:

Day 1: ‘Hearts’: What kind of world do we want? How do we engage hearts and minds?

Day 2: ‘Heads’: Visioning, thinking and reflecting: planning for action on Education for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals

Day 3: ‘Hands’: Making it happen: taking action on Education for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Day 1: 'Hearts' – what kind of world do we want? How do we inspire and engage hearts and minds?

Times (GMT)	Item
07:45	Official welcomes from Ministry of Environment, Japan, UNU-IAS and Scottish Government
08:00	Welcome from the organisers
08:10	Interactive activity
08:20	Keynote speaker on the theme of 'Hearts': <i>'What kind of world do we want? How do we inspire and engage hearts and minds?'</i>
08:40	Speaker Q&A
08:50	Panel session: <i>Provocation, discussion and Q&A</i>
09:20	Postcard from Scotland
09:25	Break & networking/ browsing online exhibition space
09:40	RCE 'Action through learning: Practice Share #1': <i>Parallel breakout sessions</i>
10:40	Break & networking/ browsing online exhibition space
11:00	Workshop session #1: 'Heart: what kind of world do we want? How do we inspire and engage hearts and minds?' <i>Parallel breakout sessions</i>
12:00	Reflective interlude
12.05	Summary of day
12.20	Close
12.30 – 13.30	Networking and sharing opportunity

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Day 2: 'Heads' – visioning, thinking and reflecting: planning for action on ESD and the SDGs

Times (GMT)	Item
10:45	Welcome Room opens.
11:00	Welcome & overview of the day
11:10	Interactive activity
11:30	Input from UN SDSN/UNESCO on today's theme: <i>"Heads': visioning, thinking and reflecting: planning for action on ESD and the SDGs."</i>
12:00	Q&A with UN SDSN/UNESCO staff
12:20	Postcard from Scotland
12:25	Break & networking/ browsing online exhibition space
12:45	RCE 'Action through learning: Practice Share #2': <i>Parallel breakout sessions</i>
13:45	Break & networking/ browsing exhibition space
14:00	Workshop session #2: 'Heads' – visioning, thinking and reflecting: planning for action': <i>Parallel breakout sessions</i>
15:00	Reflective interlude
15:05	Summary of day
15:20	Close and invitation to social event
15:30 – 16:30	Social event/networking opportunity

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Day 3: 'Hands' – making it happen: taking action on ESD and the SDGs

Times (GMT)	Item
10:45	Welcome Room opens.
11:00	Welcome & overview of the day
11:10	Update from the Global RCE Service Centre with Q&A
11:30	Keynote speaker & Q&A on today's theme: <i>'Hands': making it happen: taking action on ESD and the SDGs'</i>
12:00	Break & networking/browsing exhibition space
12:15	RCE 'Action through learning: Practice Share #3': <i>Parallel breakout sessions</i>
13:15	Parallel Regional Sessions: <i>Breakout sessions for the four RCE Regional Areas</i>
14:00	Plenary from Regional Sessions
14:40	Postcard from Scotland/break
14:50	RCE Youth Climate Art Challenge
	RCE Awards ceremony
15:30	Summary of conference
16:00	Close
16:00 – 17:00	Networking and sharing opportunity