

# Connecting and learning together for a better world: Celebrating a decade of Learning for Sustainability Scotland

## Members' Annual General Meeting

January 11<sup>th</sup> 2024



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Welcome

**Rehema White**

**Chair, Learning for Sustainability Scotland**



# Who are we?

## **Learning for Sustainability (LfS) Scotland is a UN University-recognised Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) in Education for Sustainable Development**

We are an open network in which members and partners come together to undertake collaborative projects, research and advocacy that advance and embed Learning for Sustainability practice and policy in Scotland.



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# What we do

1. We **weave connections across sectors** within Scotland and with our international partners
2. We **co-produce, pioneer and practise new knowledge** and approaches and **curate materials and resources** with and for educators, organisations and communities
3. We **advocate and provide strategic advice** for effective learning for sustainability policy
4. We **lead, monitor and evaluate projects** and programmes locally and internationally, often in partnership

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# Programme for today

**14.10** **Learning for Sustainability in 2023- an update:** *Rehema White, Pete Higgins*

**14.30** **Reflecting on a Decade of LfS in Scotland** Interactive session

**14.45** **Connecting and Learning for Sustainability: members' stories:**

*In Communities: Evie Murray, Earth in Common*

*In Schools: Jennifer Hutton, Dunblane Primary School*

*In Local authorities: George Tarvit, Sustainable Scotland Network*

*In Further and Higher Education Greg Mannion, University of Stirling*

*In Policy Ian Menzies, Education Scotland*

*Working across sectors Rob Bushby, Awards Plus*

**15.20** **A Movement for Change** Small group conversations

**15.40** **Sharing Skills:** Pick two workshop sessions

*Impact assessment: Sara Smith, RHET (Main room 1.26)*

*An introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI), and discussion about AI and LfS Jen Ross, University of Edinburgh (PL 1.21)*

*Meaningful engagement with young people and youth voice: Sophia Georgescu (PL 1.19)*

**16.35** **Looking to the Future – the next decade and beyond**

*With students from Boroughmuir High School*

**16.50** **Summary of key points from the day and looking ahead**

**17.00** **Ends**



# Connecting and learning together for a better world

## Sustainability Bingo!

Find someone who....

Write their name under the action...

Shout 'Learning for Sustainability' when you have completed a row







# Learning for Sustainability in 2023 – global context ‘Connecting and learning together for a better world’



General Assembly  
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2023 SDG Summit

## Greening Education Partnership

Getting every learner climate-ready

- Schools
- Curriculum
- Teacher training
- Communities



## ESD for 2030 Global Network



Global UNU Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) in ESD (currently 190)  
*‘partnerships for localising the global agenda’*



# Learning for Sustainability Scotland: making global connections



Learning for a Sustainable Future: Live at COP28



Learning in a Changing Climate:  
an intercultural exchange between  
Peru and Scotland



## 13TH GLOBAL RCE CONFERENCE

Whole Community Approach for ESD  
31 October - 2 November 2023, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## EUROPE REGIONAL MEETING 2023

12-14 SEPTEMBER 2023  
ONLINE







# Learning for Sustainability in Scotland 2023 - policy context 'Connecting and learning together for a better world'

Implementing Education Policies  
Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence into the future

OECD

It's Our Future: Report of the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

Putting Learners at the Centre: Towards a Future Vision for Scottish Education

Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation

Skills Delivery Landscape Review - Final Report

Submitted to Scottish Ministers, May 2023

Report by Professor Gordon Brown, Chair of the Skills Delivery Landscape Review

May 2023

Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba

## "Target 2030" A movement for people, planet and prosperity

### Scotland's Learning for Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2030



Supporting the:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD



**JOIN** the inspiring movement for change

- Every 3-18 learning setting to be sustainable by 2030
- Learning for Sustainability for ALL

#Target2030 #LISforAll

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Education Scotland  
Eòlas na h-Alba

Skills Development Scotland  
Suidheachan na h-Alba

UNESCO  
Sustainable Development Goals

Scottish Government and Education Scotland support the Sustainable Development Goals

Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan 2020-2025

Key Issues And Priority Actions

Skills Development Scotland

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# Learning for Sustainability in Scotland: partnerships connecting policy & practice



College Development



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Highland One World Global Learning Centre



# LfS Scotland in 2023: an Update

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See our 2023 Annual Report at [www.learningforsustainabilityscotland.org](http://www.learningforsustainabilityscotland.org)

- Membership – 1,157 subscribers; 986 in
- Steering Group – 8 elected members in 2023
- Action Groups 2023
- Secretariat
- Projects and events
- Policy support
- Partners



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# Thanks

## Steering Group members January 2023-2025

- **Alan Bainbridge** (*Queen Margaret University*)
- **Eirini Gallou** (*University of Strathclyde*)
- **Fiona Craig** (*Scottish Qualifications Authority*)
- **Jim Milton** (*Webster's High School, Kirriemuir*)
- **Laura Curtis-Moss** (*2050 Climate Group*)
- **Rebecca Petford** (*Greener Kirkcaldy*)
- **Rehema White** (*University of St Andrews*)
- **Sara Smith** (*Royal Highland Education Trust*)