







Learning for Sustainability 'Connect':

Responding to the LfS 'Call to Action' in secondary settings

Welcome!

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- Please introduce yourself in the chat box
- Mute your audio
- Put any questions in the chat box
- We will be recording the main webinar but not group discussions.

Aims of today's session:

- Hear a context update:
 - Scotland's national vision for Learning for Sustainability and the 'Call to Action'.
 - How the 'Call to Action' and this national vision align to the Professional Standards
- Be inspired by our contributor's 'Call to Action' journey
- Share your thoughts and ideas on how your setting could respond to the Call to Action in breakout groups with other practitioners.

Session overview

- **16:00** Welcome and 'Setting the scene' Betsy King, Learning for Sustainability Scotland
- **16:05** The Professional Standards and 'Target 2030' Suzanne Aldous, GTC Scotland
- **16:20** Responding to the LfS 'Call to Action' Keith Turner, Speyside High School, Moray
- **16:35** Group conversations
- 17:00 Plenary and next steps
- 17:15 Close







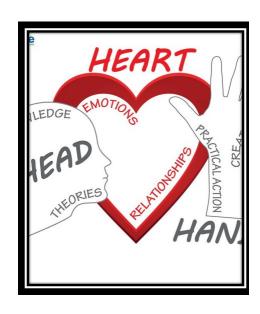


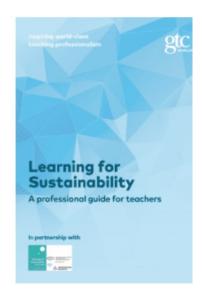
'Setting the scene'

Betsy King
Learning for Sustainability Scotland

What is 'Learning for Sustainability'?

"... a cross-curricular approach which enables learners, educators, learning settings and their wider community to build a socially-just, sustainable and equitable society; and as an effective whole-setting approach which weaves together global citizenship, sustainable development and outdoor learning to create coherent, rewarding and transformative learning experiences." *Scottish Government* 2023





Learning for Sustainability – and building a movement for change.

<u>'Target 2030: a movement for people, planet and prosperity':</u>
Scotland's refreshed national Learning for Sustainability action plan

"To build an inspiring movement for change so every 3-18 place of education becomes a Sustainable Learning Setting by 2030."

"A Sustainable Learning Setting is about every aspect of the learning context. It is about what and how students learn, how the setting manages its physical environment and resources, how staff and learners relate to each other, how they work with their local community, and how they reach out to the wider world."



The Call to Action...

JOIN the inspiring movement for change

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

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The Professional Standards and 'Target 2030'

Suzanne Aldous
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Learning for Sustainability Scotland Connect Session:

The Professional Standards and Target 2030.

Suzy Aldous
Teaching Standards Education Officer
April 2024



Target 2023 – the Call to Action

"Climate and social justice, equality and outdoor learning... .as a real and meaningful part of daily learning experiences."

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The Professional Standards and Target 2030



"In line with the new General Teaching Council Professional Standards, every practitioner, school and education leader should demonstrate learning for sustainability in their practice." Target 2030



Heart – Being a Teacher in Scotland

Head –
Professional
Knowledge and
Understanding

Hand –
Professional
Skills and Abilities









Which parts of the Plan connect to my own work?

Sustainable Learning Settings - The concept

Curriculum - Learning, teaching, assessment, pedagogy

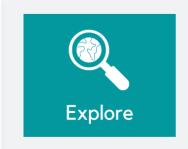
Culture - Learner voice, UNCRC, ethos, relationships

Community - Place, partnerships, families, local action

Campus - Buildings, grounds, transport, energy & water use







What does learning for sustainability mean for me?

What is LfS and how does it relate to the Professional Standards for teachers? Watch a short animation and read our professional guide.

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Where am I on my learning for sustainability journey?

Read an overview of learning for sustainability and the Professional Standards for teachers. Use a self-evaluation tool.

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Making learning for sustainability part of my teaching

Take an in-depth professional learning module. Access professional reading and learning and teaching resources.

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Join the learning for sustainability conversation

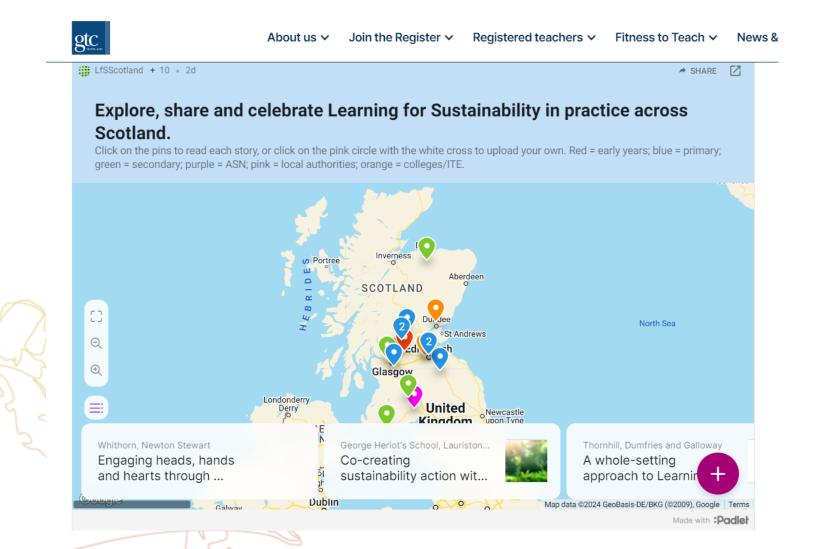
Connect with other teachers and contributors to collaborate on, inspire, inform and celebrate LfS across your teaching, setting and learning community.

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Sharing your LfS Experience





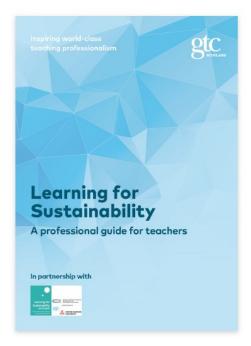
GTC Scotland Professional Guides

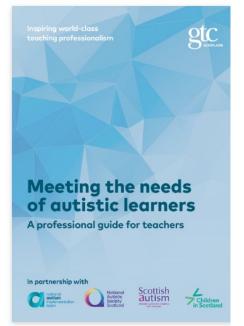






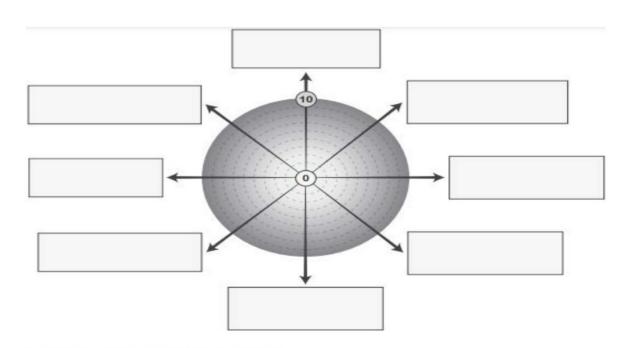






"Learning for Sustainability is an entitlement for learners. As such, it is a professional requirement for all teachers to demonstrate in their practice the professional values, skills, knowledge and understanding and actions that are compatible with a sustainable and equitable world, as part of an effective wholeschool and community commitment."

GTC Scotland Self-Evaluation Tools



4. Take a few minutes to complete your wheel.

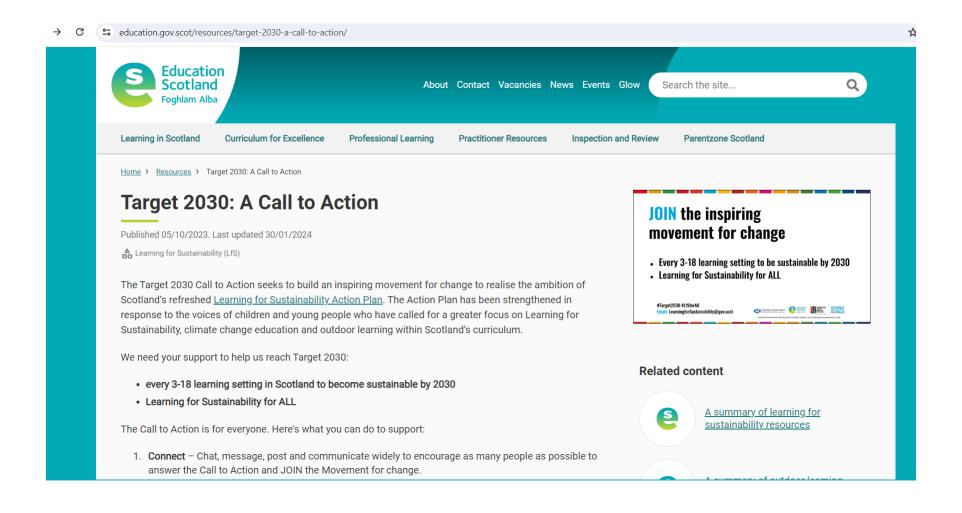
Consider each point on the wheel in turn and mark on the wheel how you might gauge yourself on a scale of 1-10, where:

- 0 = really not confident/lots of areas to develop or work on;
- 10 = feel very confident/accomplished in this area.

- Reflect on what you have done to date
- Think about what you might do next
- Consider your own progress and development
- Deeply understand your professional practice, your professional learning and the impact of this on: your thinking; professional actions; those you work with/support; and pupils/students and their learning



Policy and Curriculum Support





Thanks and keep up the great work!













Responding to the 'Call to Action'

Keith Turner Speyside High School, Moray

LfS in a Secondary Context

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LfS as an entitlement within the curriculum

- S1 Global Goals course
- Opportunities as a Cairngorms school
- Opportunities in Senior Phase

LfS as a pedagogy

- What we do, not what we teach
- Moray Probationers Sessions
- Working across the ASG

New Global Goals: 2024-25 onwards

S1 Global Goals

2 x 1 periods

- Food Waste
- Eco-living & Crafting
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Renewable Energy

- Day of Nature Connection
- BIG QUESTIONS (Term 4)

S2 Global Goals

Double Period

- Anti-Racist Education
- Nature Connectivity
- Mentors in Violence Prevention
- Community First Aid
- Crest Award (energy / water)
- Day of Action (volunteering)
- BIG QUESTIONS (Term 4)

Global Goals in the BGE

- Embed KU around UN SDGs into the curriculum of every student,
- Involve a range of departments & colleagues,
- Evolving into a vehicle for:
 - Evidencing Metaskills
 - Evidencing Numeracy / Literacy ROA outcomes
 - Structured & planned IDL (Big Questions format)
- BUT... it runs the risk that colleagues not involved are not motivated to build LfS into their practice.

Other LfS initiatives at Speyside

- Cairngorms 2030 Initiative
 - Being a CNPA school has always helped
 - Junior Ranger Programme
 - Huge potential going forward to 2030

- There are lots of opportunities out there
 - SQA NPA Climate Change & Sustainability Level 4
 - KSB Biodiversity Action Level 4
 - International Sustainability Diploma at Level 6

LfS as a pedagogy & ethos

- Education Scotland LfS Peer Mentor
- Session with Moray Probationers (primary & secondary)
- Discussion with ASG Head Teachers
 - Session with ASG Primary colleagues
- Attending Moray Head Teachers' briefing in May...

 Need to lift LfS out of the Geography / Biology silo

For what it's worth...!

- Get enthusiastic! We are on the right side of history!
- Get linked up with others share mistakes,
- Get onto your School Development Plan,
- It takes time don't let yourself get caught by current practices...
- Focus on "Head, Hand, Heart"
 - Don't forget the content building "informed opinions"

- Use your kids!
 - o"Pupil Voice" is a powerful motivator















Group Conversations

All

Group conversations

Using the inputs from Suzanne and Keith as a 'stimulus', please discuss the following:

- What are the opportunities for responding to the 'Call to Action' and weaving LfS across the everyday life of your setting?
- What support will you need to take this forward?
- What will be your next steps in taking action on this?

Share your thoughts on the Jamboard (link in the chat)









Plenary

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Join the Call to Action

Target 2030: A Call to Action | Resources | Education Scotland

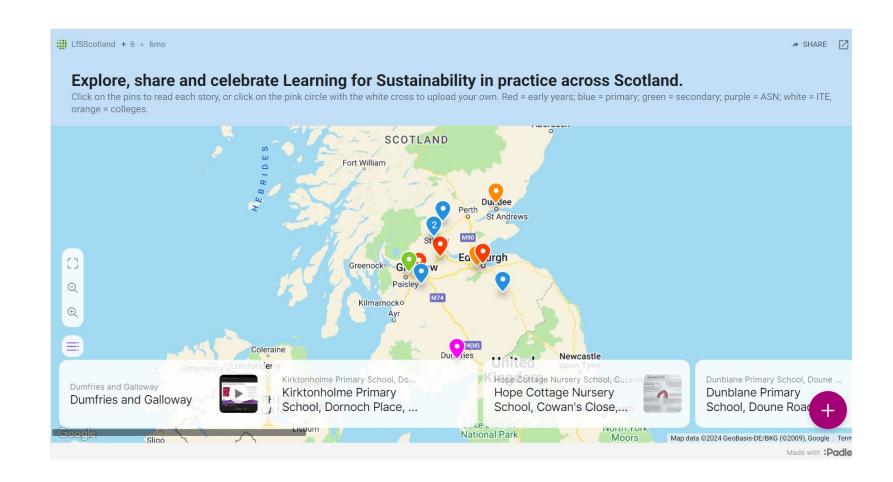
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Be inspiring – and inspired!

Join the Learning for
Sustainability
conversation - The
General Teaching
Council for Scotland
(gtcs.org.uk)

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Join other like-minded individuals...

Find out more at:

- <u>Learning for Sustainability Scotland Events</u>
- Become a member of Learning for Sustainability
 Scotland









Telling your Story:

monitoring and evaluating the impact of your Learning for Sustainability activities

09 May 16:00 – 17:00 online



Next Connect session date for your diary:

Thursday May 30th 2024









Thank you and good-bye!

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