

Learning for Sustainability Scotland

Steering Group Information Pack

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Welcome

to the Learning for Sustainability Scotland Steering Group.

As Scotland's UN University-recognised Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development, we rely on the insight, leadership, and commitment of our Steering Group to help guide our strategic direction and ensure our work continues to make a meaningful contribution to a fairer, greener, healthier, and more sustainable Scotland.

Steering Group members play a vital role in shaping our priorities, strengthening our partnerships, and supporting our mission to weave and embed learning for sustainability across all sectors of education.

About Learning for Sustainability Scotland

Learning for Sustainability Scotland (LfS Scotland) is a member-based network that brings together educators, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders who share a commitment to sustainability and social justice. We work across Scotland and are part of a global UN University-recognised network of 200 Regional Centres of Expertise across 78 countries.

We work to:

- **Connect** people and organisations across Scotland and with our national and international partners
- **Influence, advocate, and provide strategic** advice for effective learning for sustainability policy and practice
- **Co-produce new knowledge**, and create opportunities for the sharing of skills, learning and resources
- **Lead, monitor, and evaluate** projects and programmes.

Our Steering Group embodies the values that guide our network.

These values shape how we work as a group and how we support our wider network.

Our values



Collaboration



Respect



Integrity



Creativity



Compassion

- **Collaboration** – recognising that we can achieve our aims through working together; acknowledging that we may share a broad vision and ethos but seeing that we may have different perspectives on pathways to sustainability
- **Respect** – for ourselves, for each other, for our members, for the community and for the natural environment of Scotland and beyond
- **Integrity** - in our intentions and behaviour; respecting and being true to our roles and responsibilities whilst declaring conflicts of interest where appropriate
- **Creativity** – in our thinking and action; drawing on the heritage of indigenous and New Scots and of our international friends, engaging with arts and culture, enabling us to envision and innovate for a sustainable future
- **Compassion** – for ourselves, others and the non-human world, seeking kind interactions with others and attempting to heal hurts across generations, nations and groups.

In addition, we weave the following through all of our activity:

- **Equity and justice** — ensuring our activity is fair and inclusive
- **Participation** — valuing diverse voices and lived experiences
- **Global citizenship** — connecting Scotland to global sustainability efforts
- **Lifelong learning** — recognising learning as a continuous journey.

The Role of a Steering Group Member

Steering Group members contribute strategic insight, sector knowledge, and collaborative leadership. As a Steering Group member, you help to ensure that our work remains strategic, relevant, and impactful.

Your role may include:

Strategic Guidance

- Helping shape LfS Scotland's strategic priorities
- Providing insight into emerging issues, opportunities, and challenges
- Supporting alignment with national and international sustainability agendas

Governance & Oversight

- Contributing to good governance and organisational accountability
- Reviewing progress against strategic plans
- Supporting risk awareness and responsible decision-making

Advocacy & Representation

- Acting as an ambassador for LfS Scotland
- Strengthening connections across sectors and networks
- Championing LfS in your own professional context

Support for Action Groups & Programmes

- Offering guidance to Action Groups
- Helping to identify opportunities for collaboration
- Supporting the development of new initiatives

Critical Friendship

- Providing constructive challenge
- Asking thoughtful questions that strengthen our work
- Helping ensure our activities remain values-driven and impactful
- Providing advice to secure our organisational and financial sustainability

Key Areas of Work You May Have the Opportunity to Influence:

Area of Work	Steering Group Contribution
<u>Strategic Direction</u>	Guiding priorities and long-term planning
<u>Action Groups</u>	Supporting themes, connections, and alignment
<u>Professional Learning</u>	Advising on needs, opportunities, and partnerships
<u>Policy & Advocacy</u>	Strengthening our voice and influence
<u>Network Development</u>	Helping grow and diversify our membership

What You Gain as a Steering Group Member

Being part of our Steering Group offers opportunities to:

- **Shape national conversations** on Learning for Sustainability (LfS).
- **Build relationships** with colleagues across multiple educational sectors: including early learning and schools, further and higher education, community, policy, and research.
- **Develop strategic leadership skills** in a collaborative, values-driven environment.
- **Contribute to Scotland's role** in advocating for, developing, and sustaining national and international LfS activity of all kinds
- **Support meaningful change** in learning, practice, and policy.
- **Lead and contribute to cutting-edge projects** in research, practice and policy making.

Many Steering Group members describe the experience as energising, purposeful, and deeply connected to their personal and professional values.

Expectations and Commitment

We ask Steering Group members to:

- Attend **four Steering Group meetings per year, plus our AGM**. These are usually online, but occasionally in-person
- **Read papers in advance** of meetings and offer thoughtful input
- **Contribute** to discussions and decision-making
- **Support LfS Scotland** through attendance as our representative at occasional events or activities
- **Uphold our values** and act in the best interests of LfSS
- **Share our work** and encourage others to join LfSS
- **Actively contribute** to selected projects, events and activities outside of Steering Group meetings

We recognise that Steering Group members are busy professionals, and we aim to keep the commitment manageable, purposeful, and rewarding. Your thoughts and ideas on how best to achieve this are most welcome.

Support for Steering Group Members

We provide:

- **A full induction** to our work, priorities, and governance
- **Clear documentation** for meetings and decision-making
- **Opportunities to connect with and contribute to** [Action Groups and member-related activity](#)
- **Ongoing support** from the LfS Scotland core staff and wider membership

You will always be supported in your role — we work collaboratively and value the diverse expertise each Steering Group Member brings.

Practical Information

Time Commitment

- A minimum of **40 hours per year**, including preparation for and attendance at meetings (four per year, plus our AGM)
- Optional involvement in events or Action Groups

Location

- Steering Group Meetings are primarily **online**
- We aim to have one in person Steering Group meeting per year
- Activity meetings are often online but may include in person gatherings

Term Length

- Steering Group members typically serve a **two-year term**, with the option to stand again for election after a two-year cycle.

Eligibility

- Prospective Steering Group members should already be members of Learning for Sustainability Scotland.

Useful Resources

The following resources will be available to help Steering Group members engage with and share the work of LfS Scotland.

- [Learning for Sustainability Scotland website](#)
- **Slide deck** – to help us raise the profile of LfSS through your networks, which can be added to any relevant presentations you may give
- **Communications pack** – where you can find LfS Scotland logos, an email signature and links to all our social media feeds
- [Strategic plan](#)
- [Annual reports](#)
- **Business cards** – our universal digital business card.

Contact Information

You can reach the Core Team through the contact details on the Learning for Sustainability Scotland website at [Learning for Sustainability Scotland](https://www.learningforsustainabilityscotland.org) or directly through the following addresses:

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We also welcome your assistance and support with contributing to and sharing our social media content.

We can be found on the following platforms:

LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/learning-for-sustainability-scotland-lfss/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/learningforsustainabilityscotland/
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/lfs_scotland/
Bluesky	https://bsky.app/profile/lfsscotland.bsky.social

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information.

We look forward to working with you.