



Environmental Pillar/Limerick PPN
Sustainable Development Goals workshop description
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Creating a Local Sustainable Future using Global Goals:

An introduction to the UN Sustainable Development Goals,
their connection to local environmental sustainability,
and their potential to help us collaborate on diverse issues.

The Global Goals, also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are a universal plan of action for people and planet to be achieved by the year 2030. These 17 goals aim to end poverty, combat climate change and ensure that we leave peaceful, just and equal societies for future generations.

The scope of the Global Goals encompasses a wide range of diverse issues. Focusing on practical outcomes that can be used throughout your voluntary and community work, these workshops will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the Goals, and lead you through the steps for achieving the Goals in your community. The workshops focus on creating opportunities to collaborate using the SDGs, and include particular mention to the environmental targets.

Common language for a common purpose

The SDGs represent converging challenges such as rural regeneration, mental health, wellbeing, and others that are of interest to all. They can assist in the creation of shared plans for diverse groups and for the community, such as the Community Vision for Wellbeing. They offer a common language that can be used to expand your conversation to achieve a common purpose between diverse issues.

One of these purposes relates to ensuring a healthy and sustainable environment. Our shared environment links us all together, no matter our background, our race, or our religion. The earth is our common home, and everything we do has a direct link to it. We rely on it for our survival, but also for our standard of living, for our health, and for our happiness. Sustainable Development is at the heart of a future which can support the human race.

The Global Goals are structured to reflect the need for caring for our biosphere, acknowledging that our society relies on the environment for its survival, and that our economy was created to serve our society. The Global Goals acknowledges this, and promotes partnership between

these areas to achieve our collective goals. Every aspect of our lives relies on the environment in some way, and this is an essential area to protect and use wisely to ensure that future generations can survive and thrive.

What do these workshops cover?

This series consists of two workshops, each 1 hour 30 minutes in length. They focus on imparting an understanding of what the SDGs are and how they can be used in your community. They provide practical outcomes that you can take away and use in the development of your community groups. We will explore the interconnection of all issues represented by attendees, and look at how to expand the conversation to collaborate with groups who are not usually represented in your work.

Environmental targets are included in almost all of the SDGs, and will be explored in greater detail. We will look at the interconnection between attendees' work and environmental goals, and explore them using the SDGs as a common language for a common purpose.

You will leave this workshop with a deeper understanding of the Global Goals and how they can be used in your local work. You will also receive materials to assist you in using and achieving the Goals in your community.

These workshops are interactive, involving group work and conversation. We encourage all attendees to join the discussions, and to bring pen and paper for personal notes. We ask attendees to join us for both sessions if possible.

Follow up material (reports, worksheets, recordings) will also be provided so that others can use the materials to continue learning and using the SDGs effectively in their work.

Workshop Overview

Workshop 1:

This session focuses on the basic understanding of the SDGs and beginning to explore their practical uses. We also focus on exploring the links between your work and the environment.

- Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals: What are they and why use them
- Exploring the Goals and their overlap - Group exercise: Mapping local issues to the SDGs
- Q&A
- SDGs and the Environment: Exploring the overlap of issues through an environmental lens
- The SDGs as a common language, part 1: Building Connections Between Issues. How to use the SDGs to identify and build connections between diverse issues. We will

explore how your work relates to environmental goals, and where these could be strengthened.

Total time: 1 hour 30 mins

Workshop 2:

Building on the work from the previous workshop, we will take a deeper look at the targets within the SDGs. We will focus on using the SDGs as a common language. We will explore how to use them to expand upon your work, begin conversations with other groups, and collaborate with others on mutually beneficial projects.

- SDGs - A closer look: Introduction to targets. An introduction to targets and how to use them, using the environmental targets as an example.
- SDGs as a Common Language, part 2: Leave No one Behind. Expanding the conversation beyond your own goals to encompass others' as well. Why and how.
- Leave No one Behind - Group exercise: Identifying groups of people who are normally missing from your conversations. Brainstorm these groups, and use them to identify who you could include in a future project
- Collaborating across diverse issues. Exploring the connections that exist between attendees, and identifying connections with those who are missing from the conversation. Using the SDGs, we will identify common issues and targets to create a collaborative project. (This project can be imagined for the purpose of the exercise, there is no pressure to continue with it after the workshop.)

Total time: 1 hour 30 minutes