



## **Education for Sustainable Development**

### **Request for submissions to inform the development of a National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development in Ireland**

#### **Template for submissions**

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Submissions should be returned by e-mail to [esd@education.gov.ie](mailto:esd@education.gov.ie) or by post to Fatima Mendes, QCAP Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 by close of business on Friday 27 September 2013. Any queries can be directed to Fatima Mendes at (01) 889 6453 or to the e-mail address above.

**Outlined below are a number of key questions. You are invited to provide your feedback on each question. There is also a space at the end of the template for any other more general comments you may wish to make that are relevant to the issue of education for sustainable development.**

**I. Definition**

1. A definition of sustainable development is provided on the background paper as `development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. (Defined by the Our Common Future (The Brundtland Report) - Report of the 1987 World Commission on Environment and Development; Quoted in Our Sustainable Future - A Framework for Sustainable Development in Ireland, p.10)

How would you **define `education for sustainable development`?**

- 2 What is the **key priority** for making education for sustainable development a reality?

**II. Objectives, challenges and actions**

Objective 1: Embedding education for sustainable development at every level of the education system

3. How can education for sustainable development be most effectively embedded at every level of the education system? Please give practical examples if possible.

4. What are the key challenges relating to this objective?

5. What actions are required to address the challenges?

Objective 2: Promoting public awareness of education for sustainable development

6. How can the public awareness of education for sustainable development be promoted?

7. Who are the key stakeholders in promoting public awareness of education for sustainable development?

8. What are the key challenges relating to this objective?

9. What actions are required to address the challenges?

Objective 3: Promoting capacity building in support of education for sustainable development

10. How can we promote capacity building in support of education for sustainable development? Please give practical examples of how this can be done.

11. What are the key challenges relating to this objective?

12. What actions are required to address the challenges?

Objective 4: Promoting high standards of environmental management in education institutions

13. How can we most effectively promote high standards of environmental management in education institutions? Please give practical examples if possible.

14. What are the key challenges relating to this objective?

15. What actions are required to address the challenges?

**III. Additional views**

16. Comments on the background paper would be appreciated:

17. Please make any other point you consider relevant to the issue of education for sustainable development.

18. If there is documentation you are aware of relevant for this topic could you please provide a web link or reference:

**Thank you** for taking the time to complete this template. Your feedback will help to inform the development of the National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development.