ESD to 2030
Progress Report

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Priority Action Areas

Priority action area 1	Priority action area 2	Priority action area 3	Priority action area 4	Priority action area 5
Advancing policy	Transforming learning environments	Building capacities of educators	Empowering and mobilizing youth	Accelerating local level actions

Advancing Policy…

Collaboration - established

- Governance Structures for ESD to 2030

Communication

- ESD National Stakeholder Forum, Dublin Castle, Dec 2022, with over 200 participants
- ESD Newsletter issued quarterly

Priority action area 1

Advancing policy

Advancing Policy

Policy alignment

- ESD to 2030 adopted by UNESCO as Ireland's Country Initiative for ESD

- ESD to 2030 included in Ireland's SDG Voluntary National Review

- Alignment across government with related policy areas e.g. Biodiversity and Bioeconomy Action Plans and Climate Action Plan

Research

- Irish Research Council New Foundations Awards

- Impact 2030 – addressing Climate / SDGs

- HEA Principles of Good Practice in Research updated to reflect Sustainability principles

Priority action area 1
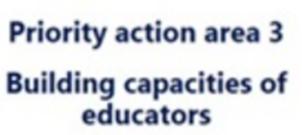
Advancing policy

Building capacities of educators

- National Forum - SATLE funding & ESD actions

- NTUTORR project – Sustainability focus

- Mapping of ESD CPD for teachers

- Inclusion of sustainability as a criteria for teacher summer courses and Refund of Fees

- Peer Learning Activities – Learning for Sustainability

- SDSN Ireland launched, Feb 2023 – UCC and Queens

Priority action area 3
Building capacities of educators

Transforming Learning Environments

Embedding ESD / Green Skills:

- Across Springboard + and HCI Pillar 1 2023/24, there are over 1100 green skills related places being funded.

- Under HCI Pillar 3 – 12 projects include a focus on sustainability/ green skills

- FET Green Skills for Life & NZEB Centres of Excellence

Priority action area 2
Transforming learning environments

Transforming Learning Environments

Embedding ESD:

- Continued updating of Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

- New area of learning at Primary level – Social and Environmental Education.

- New Leaving Certificate Subject announced – Climate Action and Sustainable Development

Priority action area 2
Transforming learning environments

Transforming Learning Environments

Whole institution approaches

- School Sector Climate Action Mandate – Sustainability Toolkit for Schools published.

- Delivery of circa €1m in ESD funding to schools and organisations for projects across the country

- HE System Performance Framework

- Public Sector Mandate & Climate Action Roadmaps

❖ Buildings

❖ Procurement

❖ Energy & Waste

❖ Solar Panels

❖ Outdoor Learning

❖ Travel

❖ Biodiversity

Priority action area 2
Transforming learning environments

Empowering and Mobilising Young People

- First Five Garden of Wonder & Discovery – Bord Bia Bloom

- National Youth Assembly on Climate

- ISSU representative appointed to the NCCA

- Youth Delegate appointed to the UNECE Youth Platform for ESD

Priority action area 4
Empowering and mobilizing youth

Accelerating Local Level Actions

- First Five Little Libraries initiative #MyLittleLibrary

- Wild Child Award

- UNESCO Learning City initiatives

Priority action area 5
Accelerating local level actions

Further Information

➢ ESD to 2030 webpage: [gov.ie - National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development in Ireland (www.gov.ie)](www.gov.ie)

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