

“Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) is education that will prepare young people for life in the 21st century. It is about values and attitudes, understanding and skills. It recognises that the world is unjust and unequal, but that it can be shaped and changed by the attitudes, values and behaviour of the people who populate it”. (WAG 2008)

What is ESDGC?

Wealth & Poverty

Understanding how people, the environment and the economy are inextricably linked at all levels from local to global.

Identity & Culture

Understanding, respecting and valuing human diversity—cultural, social and economic and recognising the negative impact of discrimination and prejudice on individuals and groups.

Choices & Decisions

Understanding that choices and decisions have consequences and that conflicts are a barrier to development and a risk to us all and why there is a need for their resolution and the promotion of harmony.

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Themes

Health

Understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle and acknowledging that basic needs must be met universally.

Consumption & Waste

Understanding that resources are finite and that this has implications for people's lifestyles, industry and future generations.

Natural Environment

Developing respect for all living things and acknowledging the relationship between people and the environment.

Climate Change

Recognising the importance of taking individual responsibility and action to make the world a better place and understanding the range of alternative ways to both save and generate energy.

(Primarysite.org 2022)

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

(Wikipedia 2022)



What are schools doing?

- P.S.E. Lessons
- School Anti-bullying initiative
- Charity events/fund raising
- Healthy Schools Initiative
- Fair trade awareness and Fair Trade Fortnight
- Eco-schools development and Green Flag awards
- School Council
- Connecting Classrooms Initiative
- Recycling
- Eco Warriors Club
- Rights Respecting Champions
- Community Challenges/Tidy Towns and Links
- Community Garden and flower planting scheme.
- Links to local nursing home



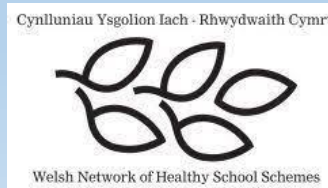
(Fairtrade.org 2022)



(Ecoschools.org 2022)



(Unicef.org 2022)



(NHS Cymru 2020)



(British Council 2020)

What are the benefits of ESDGC and what are the barriers?



(WISERD 2022)



(Sustainable education 2022)

Supporting children and young people's engagement with the wider world through the promotion of participation, campaigning, advocacy, sustainable development and responsible citizenship (UNICEF 2018)



Benefits

- promoting healthy living is extensive and recycling and energy-saving initiatives are widespread. (WAG 2012)
- development of learners' values, including empathy and tolerance towards others that help pupils to respect other people (Estyn 2008)
- enhanced levels of learner responsibility and participation in activities such as recycling or decision making (WAG 2008)

Barriers

- more limited support for education for global citizenship compared with education for sustainable development (Estyn 2008)
- the conflicting priorities for curriculum planning overlapping initiatives (Estyn, 2006)
- Time and money are quoted as the biggest barriers in many of the studies (Cheadle *et al* 2004)

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