

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Tuesday 25, April 2017

Online via Cisco WebEx

Agenda and meeting notes

Meeting agenda

Date: Tuesday 25, April 2017

Time: 13:30 – 14:30

Venue: Online via Cisco WebEx

1	5 mins	Welcome <i>Paul Bradley, Project Coordinator (SVCO)</i>
2	30 mins	Update on latest developments <i>Opened by Paul Bradley</i>
3	10 mins	Office of National Statistics SDG consultation <i>Update from David Hope-Jones, Principal Officer (Scotland Malawi Partnership)</i>
4	10 mins	Update on planning page, SDG forum and hub site <i>Overview by Paul Bradley</i>
5	5 mins	Date and time of next meeting

Meeting Notes

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 online via Cisco WebEx

Present Paul Bradley – Chair (Project Coordinator, SCVO), May East (Chief Executive, Gaia Education), David Hope-Jones (Principal Officer, Scotland Malawi Partnership), Betsy King (Development Manager, Learning for Sustainability Scotland), Dugald MacGilp (Assessment & Development Officer, Eco-Schools Scotland, Keep Scotland Beautiful), Emily Mnyayi (Youth and Schools Officer, Scotland Malawi Partnership), Dr Alec Wersun (Senior Lecturer, GCU)

Apologies Doreen Grove (Head of Ingage, Scottish Government), Susan McIntosh (Co-ordinator, SCOTDEC), Martin Rhodes (Director, Scottish Fair Trade Forum), Lucinda Rivers (Head of Unicef UK in Scotland), Jane Salmonson (Chief Executive, NIDOS), Lisa Stewart (Campaigns and Communications Manager, Oxfam Scotland), Dr Rehema M. White (University of St Andrews)

1 Welcome

2 New agenda item: Administration

- Paul chaired the meeting on this occasion to avoid complication, but we agreed that the role of Chair would rotate. Dugald will chair the next meeting followed by May.
 - **Please contact Paul if you would be willing to chair a future meeting.**
- We agreed that SCVO would help to facilitate management of the group, to ensure consistency between the rotating Chairs. Paul will liaise with the Chair to support them, and a call for agenda items will be circulated at least one week in advance of the meeting.
 - **Paul to circulate doodle poll for the next set of meetings. Please complete the doodle poll and we will report back with calendar invitations as soon as possible.**
- We agree that the group had been set up on the back of the 2015 group, with three broad aims:
 1. Coordination: Space to share who's doing what and link people together
 2. Outreach: Work together to increase public awareness and engagement
 3. Delivery and scrutiny: Supporting the implementation in Scotland
- We agreed that to build momentum and energy we should meet monthly. However, every third meeting would take place in person whilst the previous two would take place online. This means that we are meeting regularly enough but it's easier for people with busy diaries (all of us!)

- We discussed the potential difficulties with using online systems to hold meetings, and that guidance could be provided to support people using systems such as Cisco WebEx, a system that has been paid for and does not require others to subscribe/pay.
 - **Paul to circulate guidance on using Cisco WebEx as a guest, creating a free account or dialling in by phone.**

3 Update on latest developments

- David explained that Scotland Malawi Partnership will be touring around Scotland with a pop-up stand and encouraging partners to use the SDG kit to spread the word.
- The Scotland Malawi Partnership is also hosting an exhibition on 9th 10th 11th May in the Members Area at the Scottish Parliament. Call to action will be for MSPs to visit the small exhibition to choose one SDG they think is important and get that MSP to post selfie or image.
 - **To support the Scotland-Malawi Partnership with their exhibition at the Scottish Parliament next week, contact David.**
- In light of the snap election, Scotland Malawi Partnership had been working closely with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), the International Development Education Association of Scotland (IDEAS) and the Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS) to issue a public letter asking for commitment to the UK's 0.7% aid pledge, to SDGs and wider civil society engagement on ODA and SDGs. The letter was not sent in light of UK commitment to aid pledge.
- A paper from DfID was released at the end of March. This outlined examples for each of the SDGs on how the UK government is looking to deliver SDGs – first official thing from UK Government. Within report it does make commitments at cabinet level and departmental responsibilities.
- Emily updated us on Scotland Malawi Partnership's continued individual work with schools. Twilight sessions in Inverness (3rd May in partnership with DUC). One of the areas is on SDGs and they will film twilight session to ensure people can join in the learning.
- Paul updated the group on current work with CEMVO, Young Scot and Inclusion Scotland to host an event with each, using the SDGs as the framework to engage these groups to build a picture of the issues that people care about most and the barriers in their way of participating and influencing change in those areas.
- Paul also explained that SCVO was working with Project Scotland, Young Scot and IDEAS around a possible youth strand to the Open Government project supported by British Council funding.
- Alec Wersun of Glasgow Caledonian University updated the group on joint work with UNGC Network UK and PRME UKI. GCU are hosting a Making Global Goals Local Business event in Glasgow on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 from 14:00 to 17:30.

- The event will feature local business people speaking about how they are already aligning their activities and strategies with the Goals. All welcome regardless of sector and this is an opportunity to bridge the gap between business and other sectors.
 - **To attend the Making Global Goals Local Business (business focused) event in Glasgow sign up [here](#).**
- May explained that there had been no real developments in Scotland from her side, but they have run a SDGs seminar in Brazil and attended a large regional meeting in Latin America.
- May informed the group that she was looking for partners to run a full or half day session on the SDGs in Scotland. This will be more than just awareness raising – looking at three major lines: policy, resources and activities, and a plan for prioritising SDGs in Scotland.
 - **Please [contact May](#) if you wish to support the delivery of a full or half day session on the SDGs in Scotland. May to circulate more information to the group.**
- Dugald explained that this may be interesting for CCF (Climate Challenge Fund) groups.
- Fracking Consultation currently taking place in Scotland. May will be facilitating Community Council led consultations about fracking

4 Office of National Statistics SDG consultation

- On the 9th May the Office of National Statistics will launch a 12-week consultation of NGOs, government bodies, media and citizens, asking how best the UK should measure SDGs implementation.
- The consultation will be looking for views on how ONS might best fulfil its responsibilities to collect data, develop it where none exists and report back. There will be questions on how the data should be presented, broken down by SDG, or by topic then refer under that topic to whichever SDG? What do people want and what will be most useful. The task will be very substantial in cases where there are indicators but currently no data.
- Respondents will be encouraged to use the citizenspace on ONS website. This is led by Abigail Self (abigail.self@ons.gov.uk) at ONS.
 - **Those interested in feeding into the consultation on how best the UK should measure SDGs implementation should visit [here](#).**

5 Update on planning page, SDG Forum and hub site

- Paul updated the group with the following developments:

A) Planning Wiki:

- Group encouraged to update the planning page with their own information/contribution (some already have). The Planning Page is fairly straightforward to use, as you do not need to create an account to add/edit information. Just click 'Edit' (not 'edit source') and you will be able to add anything you like (see below).
 - **Please visit the Planning Page and add your details to the "Creation of Scotland's Goals for Sustainable Development Network" table.**

B) Website:

- SCVO leading with the development of the www.globalgoals.scot website which will be a national platform, sharing info about the SDGs delivery in Scotland and linking to other sites.
 - **Read the update on the Planning Page regarding the digital platform, and feedback your views in the table 'Crowdsourcing views/comments/feedback on GlobalGoals.Scot development.' Alternatively, email Paul to feed in your views and share your content.**

C) Knowledge Hub:

- This is an online space to join discussions around the SDGs in Scotland, and to ensure that we can open up our communications to reach more people who may be interested in joining the group.
 - **Sign up to the SDG Knowledge Hub forum so we can all keep up to speed with developments. Click here to join the group (you will need to join the Knowledge Hub if you haven't already)**

6 Date and time of next meeting

Doodle Poll to be sent out and all to respond.