

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Tuesday 6, June 2017

Online via Cisco WebEx

SDG Scotland Network Meeting

Meeting notes

Date: Tuesday 6, June 2017

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Agenda

1	3pm 5 mins	Welcome <i>Dugald MacGilp, Eco-Schools Scotland</i>
2	3:05pm 5 mins	Updates received: <i>Quick review of any updates received ahead of meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The presentations and a brief report from LfSS seminar in early March, hosted jointly with TEESNet http://teesnet.liverpoolworldcentre.org/ sharing progress with colleagues from across the UK on Meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in Initial Teacher Education can be found here http://learningforsustainabilityscotland.org/meeting-the-uns-sustainable-development-goals-in-initial-teacher-education-in-the-uk-progress-and-opportunities/.• Learning for Sustainability Scotland held a well-attended workshop on the SDGs and the Further and Higher Education sector in collaboration with EAUC Scotland in May. A Report will be available shortly.• LfS Scotland is hosting a meeting of representatives from other UN Regional Centres of Expertise from across the UK in Edinburgh at Moray House in a few weeks on 20th/21st June with the theme 'Transforming together: the values and actions needed to respond to the UN SDGs in UK'. The aim is to promote increased joint working across the UK RCEs.• LfS Scotland (Rehema White and Betsy King at joint conference with EAUC) recently publicly acknowledged their recognition of the KSB contribution areas towards action the SDGs, including The Eco-Schools programme.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the same forum CIFAL/UNITAR acknowledged the central contribution of Eco-schools Scotland to the Global Goals momentum in Scotland. • They also recognised the ESS role in the UNICEF Global Action Programme where Eco-Schools have responsibilities under priority action 4 (Motivation). UNITAR like FEE have responsibilities for the GAP. • A KSB Parliamentary reception will be hosted by Kate Forbes MSP to showcase Education for Sustainable Development to MSPs (27/6/17) • Consider support from Assistant Secretary-General Thomas Gass with responsibility for UNDESA for the work of groups and alliances such SDG Scotland Network
3	<p>3:10pm 10 mins</p>	<p>SDGs & political environment: <i>Discussion on political environment following the recent parliamentary event.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National consultation from the ONS on the SDGs has been held up due to the snap election • Scotland Malawi Partnership held a very successful exhibition in the Scottish Parliament, "Scotland, Malawi and the Global Goals". They managed to get around 100 of the 129 MSPs to record videos championing an SDG. Here's the videos of the MSPs supporting the SDGs, and SMP's page on what the Scotland Malawi Partnership is doing to support implementation. • During the election campaign the First Minister tweeted about her commitment to the goals: #GlobalGoals, vision of the world Scotland shares, including ending poverty & reducing inequality. Original Tweet: https://twitter.com/ScotGovFM/status/872085847314751492 • IDEAS, SMP and NIDOS amongst others are to give evidence to the Europe and External Relations Committee next week and will encourage them to be more proactive on the SDGs. • Each of the major parties have the SDGs in the Scottish manifestos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Labour: <i>"We fully support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed globally to eradicate poverty and protect the environment. Labour will develop a cross-government strategy for ensuring the SDGs are implemented, and report annually to Parliament on our performance."</i> • SNP: <i>"In 2015, Scotland's First Minister confirmed that the Scottish Government would be one of the first anywhere in the world to commit to meeting the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development, both at home and overseas. The Global Goals should be a key focus for international development policy and spending, and the particular role of women and girls in development must be recognised."</i> • Scottish Conservatives: <i>"We will continue to use our aid budget in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, to end extreme poverty, save children's lives, and provide an education for girls."</i> • Scottish Liberal Democrats: <i>"We believe that the UK must continue to play a leading role in ending poverty and promoting environmentally sustainable development, through implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals." "We will...introduce Sustainable Development Goals audits of new trade,</i>

		<p><i>investment and development deals, reviewing the impact of the deal on People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCVO looking at how the organisation imbeds the SDGs in its policy and public affairs work, and will be presenting on the goals to all SCVO staff at an away day later this month. • What more can we do with Government and Parliament? Opportunities to work with the SPICE team, as well as International Development Colleagues. But we need civil servant commitment to the SDGs to permeate out. • Cohort of politicians are ex-teachers – this gives them a head start in this area. • Business is also an area we should think of linking up with. Ruchir will be writing a joint article with Oxfam that considers the link between economy and SDGs. An event is taking place in Glasgow at GCU later this month where businesses will come together to discuss making the goals local business.
4	<p>3:20pm 5 mins</p>	<p>Sharing resources: <i>A group member put forward an item on methods for sharing resources. Suggestion to use Knowledge Hub library rather than another platform.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion about the need to keep the number of platforms to a minimum, and this should stay as the Knowledge Hub and GlobalGoals.Scot. The Knowledge Hub has a library function where we can share resources within the group, but we need to think about what it is we would like to share.
5	<p>3:25pm 10 mins</p>	<p>GlobalGoals.Scot: <i>Progress and next steps, request for content (blogs/articles) and partners' logos, key stats and input into engagement plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure of the site is ready and we're now looking for good content before we make efforts to publicise this much more widely and seek content. • Paul will provide a one-pager on the globalgoals.scot website that's being developed. • Need to balance content with good grassroots content. We need proactive drive and clear ask. How do we contribute to this and how will it will be used? • The group agreed it would be helpful if people could think about submitting a piece of content for the site ahead of our next meeting. The one-pager will outline how you can go about this. • It would be helpful in the long-term to secure content from Scottish Government on what they are doing for the Goals. Engage Civil Servant named leads. • Must also consider citizen journalism – how can we make up the deficit in the fourth estate?

6	3:35pm 10 mins	<p>Events and key dates: <i>Updates from the group on any upcoming events/key dates to be aware of, attend or collaborate on.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDEAS will be holding an event on Friday 9th June at Dunfermline High School. • LfS Scotland will be holding an event with UK RCEs on 20th/21st June to focus on the SDGs.
7	3:45pm 10 mins	<p>Next steps: <i>Discussion on what the group needs to do next to build and maintain momentum.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David to write a piece on the political environment post-election. • Paul to develop one-pager on network and on globalgoals.scot to push for content and membership • Lisa to consider how Oxfam can feed into site • Paul to pick up meetings with interested individuals.
8	3:55pm 5 mins	<p>Date and time of next meeting: <i>The next meeting will take place in July and will be face-to-face. Please volunteer to chair a future meeting.</i></p>