

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Monday 18, September 2017

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Venue: Online via Cisco WebEx

Agenda & Notes

1	3pm 5 mins	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>Ruchir Shah, SCVO</i></p>
2	3:05pm 15 mins	<p>Updates: <i>Quick round of updates from those on the call</i></p> <p><u>Paul Bradley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG Training for Multipliers coming up next Tuesday (26th September) in Edinburgh. More training will be set up, likely beginning of 2018. • Global Goals Jam took place in Edinburgh last weekend (15th September). More information from hosts to follow. • Anniversary of the agreement of the SDGs is next Monday 25th – what can we do to #Act4SDGs? <p><u>David Hope-Jones</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMP SDG exhibition still traveling around Scotland. • Supported WOSDEC Conference on SDGs • Good meeting with Paul and Ishani from Scottish Parliament • Exhibition on waiting list to be held in House of Commons – early 2018. <p><u>Betsy King</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of members recently – Sustainable Development Goals a main area of interest for a themed networking forum. Planned for autumn, towards the end of November. • Last year, conference was held with Edinburgh City Council on connections to nature for teachers. Group is keen for the next conference (11th May 2018) to link to the SDGs. 200+ audience. • Vision 2030+ report, which looks at learning for sustainability in schools, launched this week in the context of the SDGs. Launched by Shirley Ann-Summerville.

- Liverpool – Sustainable Development Conference about the SDGs took place. It was interesting as contained input from group that organises the world's largest lesson. Involved sharing of what's being done for SDGs in terms of teacher education at universities and in schools.
- 24th October – global education monitoring report will be published. This has been produced in relation to MDGs for years, and last year was the first report produced for the SDGs and included all countries. Produced each year.

Alec Wersun

- New chair of UK and Ireland on United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRiME).
- PRiME writing competing launched with Oxford Brookes – one competition for universities and colleges, another one for schools. No school input to date – how can we promote this? Possibly through IDEAS 6 development education hubs.
- Substantial piece of work carried forward by Swiss partners and government and Lozan Business School using a spider's web to come up with assessments using secondary data such as World Bank and OECD to map all the SDGs against national performance – website is called gap frame.

Dugald MacGilp

- Schools are back. Conference in Highland region last Saturday with a focus on learning for sustainability. Another conference after WosDec conference in Glasgow with input from secondary modern studies. SDG profile is good and increasing.
- Second anniversary to invigorate and measure action. The world we want survey – where do you think your country has got in the last 12 months? Initial results are interesting.
- Scottish learning festival will include the launch of online system for eco schools – helps people link their action plans to the SDGs.

Lewis Ryder-Jones

- Annual conference and rebrand has been priority
- Held first international development CPG meeting last week.
- Taken over secretariat from Oxfam – plan for CPG could include taking apart the SDGs and have meetings around certain themes. Potential speakers on issues when they come up. Watch this space for dates and times.

Rehema White

- Working on a new task group on communities which will look at communities and SDGs, learning in particular – SDGs, what are they and how do you engage with them? Community development colleagues interested.
- Looking at how further and higher education sector can engage with the SDGs. Meetings coming up in England and elsewhere to

		<p>look at education pre and post 16 and how we bring SDGs into this.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>3:20pm 20 mins</p>	<p>Network engagement plans: <i>Discussion on draft engagement plans (to be circulated Monday morning)</i></p> <p><u>Paul Bradley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last few months have been about setting up structures – the forum, globalgoals.scot, meetings. • Also had a session on planning for the network – what members thought was needed from a network? • Papers including this feedback were circulated a couple of weeks ago. • This feedback has gone into the initial part of an engagement timeline. • Quite a few papers but want to ensure everything is recorded and accessible at later date. • Focus of this covers what has already happened, but of most importance is determining what should happen next between now and January 2018. • The goal by December should be to have a prominent and visible network in place, with shared vision, a clear purpose and joined up with activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Start from the network aim:</u> to work as a collective voice in empowering communities and organisations to make use of the Sustainable Development Goals. • Network aim is quite broad, reflecting all the different activities we’re undertaking as members and together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For Network objectives,</u> we’re left with five: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Civil society will have a clear understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals and how they can be utilized for their own work. 2. Opportunities to engage with the Sustainable Development Goals are available to all. 3. New opportunities for activities and collaboration linked to the Sustainable Development Goals are realised. 4. The voice of the SDG Scotland Network is heard where decisions are made and by key stakeholders. 5. Successes and achievements are shared to build momentum around the SDGs.

For work suggested from October to January 2018, there are a number of activities:

- Shared messages from SDG network developed, agreed and promoted
- How the network will use this to seek views of key decision makers in respect to SDG implementation
- SDG blog series by goals – for policy creation and awareness. Network members to build momentum
- SDG Network promotional video – developed with input from network members to highlight broad coalition.
- Promotional work of globalgoals.scot and knowledge hub forum to build users and input.
- Briefing paper on the SDGs for network to feed into – will be to help civil society better understand how the SDGs can serve their interests.
- Mapping of all the work taking place to engage citizens and ideas for further engagement.

Network meetings:

- First few meetings have been to bring us all together, set up structures and take forward some planning.
- Next meetings should be about themes and actions for the network to take.
- We need chairs to volunteer and ideas to be suggested.

Feedback

- General support and praise for planning and activity from the new SDG network
- What political agency to we want to capitalise – do we want to be proactive?
- If the group has a mandate and shared identity, can we explicitly ask government and political parties what their story is two years into the SDGs?
- Could the group produce some form of a score card report, measuring progress on SDG implementation?
- Group favours a letter to the Scottish Government requesting update on what it has done towards the SDGs, as well as individual parties.
- Need a single simple structure to do this through the network.
- Anniversary is 1st January. Media opportunity – media partners more likely to get on board.
- Back quarter of the year a good time to pose these questions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding government to account – collective voice for society. • Ensure plans focus on working with local government and working with private sector. • We need to critique the goals themselves and learn from how the goals are set up – feed into the future goals. • We need to see this network in the broader journey of sustainability. Latest policy iteration in pursuit of policy creation. • Network should be about taking fully collective efforts to condense into something and create priorities. • Alec – SDG network is a broad group and mobilization with business and private sector would build on SDG roadshow events. Alec and Ruchir keen to take forward these links. • Betsy, Lewis, David keen to take forward lobbying and advocacy strand with support from network. Can set aside time to draft communications for network to agree. • A newsletter could be helpful to highlight what is happening across different sectors. • Interest in relation to discussions around timetable for NPF changes – when is the report due in parliament and when will Scotland report on SDG progress? • Will Scotland be reporting on an annual basis as a devolved nation or simply report via the UK reporting mechanism every 3 years?
4	<p>3:40pm</p> <p>15 mins</p>	<p>Network communications: <i>A discussion on how we would like to communicate as a group – how can we have the most impact?</i></p> <p><i>This agenda item was brought into the previous item due to time constraints.</i></p>
5	<p>3:55pm</p> <p>5 mins</p>	<p>Next steps: <i>Recap on what the group needs to do next to build and maintain momentum.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDG Network Engagement Plan to be updated to reflect conversation. • Smaller groups to be initiated to focus on specific areas, such as advocacy and lobbying or work with private sector. • More information to follow on how to get involved with network activities • Information to support promoting #act4SDGs day of action to be circulated