



## SALTO YOUTH Good Practices Newsletter

# Sustainable development and youth work

"To meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs"

(Brundlandt Commission, 1987)

## Youth Resources

### FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation): Rural Youth

Today, youth development, with its strong research/knowledge base, and adequate policy and resource support, can become a powerful force in empowering large numbers of **rural young people in developing countries** to take an active role in sustainable agriculture and rural development as a major contributor to the overall progress in their respective countries. The mission of FAO's rural youth development work is to strengthen and expand young people's capacities, knowledge and skills through education and training to enable them to become productive and contributing citizens of their local communities.

[http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERP/RuralYouth\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/sd/erp/ERP/RuralYouth_en.htm)

### Unicef: Voices of Youth on Water, environment and sanitation

This section of Voices of Youth offer an interactive game that explores real life situations with regard to **water, environment** and sanitation as well as other tools and information on this topic.

[http://www.unicef.org/voy/explore/wes/explore\\_wes.php](http://www.unicef.org/voy/explore/wes/explore_wes.php)

### Youth Sourcebook on Sustainable Development

Edited by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the *Youth Sourcebook* (written by an international working group) aims at increasing their own awareness of sustainable development issues, **strengthening global youth cooperation and networks and finally at contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21**, the global plan of action agreed to at the Earth Summit. The *Youth Sourcebook* contains information on youth's concerns with sustainable development issues, case studies of youth action, together with advice on how to organize for action, useful resource lists, and finally a Directory of international and regional youth organizations.

<http://www.iisd.org/YOUTH/ysbk000.htm>

### SD Gateway: Youth and sustainable development Articles

Sustainable development requires an explicit consideration of future generations. Youth will inherit many of the environmental, economic and social problems created over the past decades and incorporating their opinions and concerns into policies at all levels is critical to sustainable development. The **capacity of young people to address sustainability issues** and become leaders in the 21st century is also critical. Some articles issued on this website provide examples of successful youth initiatives <http://www.sdgateway.net/topics/77.htm>

### Development education Association: Sustainable development and youth work

This website is a useful starting point for anyone interested in sustainable development and youth work. It illustrates the links **between youth work and sustainable development and provides practical ideas, resources and information** on developing work with young people. <http://www.dea.org.uk/youth/sustainabledevelopment/index.html>

### International Movement of Catholic Agricultural Rural Youth (IMCARY)

The IMCARY is an international movement, recognised by UNESCO, amongst others, with a network of members in all continents. They contribute locally to sustainable rural development.

<http://mijarc.net.server221-han.de-nserver.de/index.php?id=51>

### Sustainable Development Association

The SDA is a relatively new non governmental organisation based in Alexandria, Egypt. Its key objective is to encourage and enable young people to identify the main problems youth is facing locally in relation to today's ever-changing environment and promote their **active participation**. <http://sda-web.org/>

### European Youth Forum (YFJ)

The Millennium Development Goals are one of the key issues on the global Sustainable Development agenda, particularly related to poverty reduction. Campaigns to promote MDGs are carried out worldwide involving large parts of the NGO-movement. It is thus natural that YFJ defines its position on this matter, and supports youth organisations to position themselves in this work.

- **Policy Paper on Sustainable Development**

<http://www.youthforum.org/en/press/reports/COMEM06Italy/0182-06FINAL.pdf>

- **Guidelines for Policy Work on Sustainable Development**

<http://www.youthforum.org/en/publications/reports/060105%20Sustainable%20Development%20Policy%20paper%20final%20draft.pdf>

### United Nations: Division for Sustainable Development-Agenda 21

The *Chapter 25* of "Agenda 21" called for the active participation of youth from all parts of the world in all relevant levels of decision-making processes because it affects their lives today and has implications for their futures. In addition to their intellectual contribution and their ability to mobilize support, they bring unique perspectives that need to be taken into account. This chapter deals in particular with "Children and **Youth in Sustainable Development**"

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/agenda21/english/agenda21chapter25.htm>

## Other European and international institutions

### European Commission

- **European Sustainable Development Strategy 2005-2010**

Sustainable Development is an overarching concept. The EU's Sustainable Development Strategy aims at bringing about a high level of environmental protection, social equity and cohesion, economic prosperity and active promotion of sustainable development worldwide. [http://ec.europa.eu/sustainable/sds2005/objectives\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sustainable/sds2005/objectives_en.htm)

- **DG Environment: key documents** [http://ec.europa.eu/sustainable/library/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sustainable/library/index_en.htm)

### Council of Europe

Naturopa magazine, published since 1968, is intended to raise awareness among European citizens and decision makers of the importance of **sustainable development in Europe by focusing on its unique heritage**. From 1968 to 2000, Naturopa magazine concentrated on promoting nature conservation, sustainable management of natural resources and the development of multidisciplinary approach to environmental issues. In 2001, Naturopa magazine has progressively introduced new themes such as cultural heritage and landscape preservation in a perspective of sustainable development and enhancement of the quality of life. (Available in English and French)

[http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural\\_Co-operation/Environment/](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/)

### Greenpeace International

GI is the world's **leading environmental campaigning organisation**. As a co-ordinating body of over 30 national and international offices world-wide Greenpeace is at the forefront in placing global issues at the top of the global agenda

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/>

### World Association for Sustainable Development

**WASD** is a global forum that aims at **exchanging knowledge, experience, information and ideas** among academicians, scholars, professionals, policy & decision makers, industry, executives, students... etc to improve the mutual understanding of **the roles of science and technology in achieving sustainable development** all over the world. To this end, WASD organises different activities which include high quality refereed publications, international conferences and seminars, development projects... etc. <http://www.worldsustainable.org/>

