Learning for a Sustainable Future

LSF



L'éducation au service de la Terre





LSF's MISSION.

to promote, through education, the knowledge, skills, perspectives and practices essential to a sustainable future.

- National, bilingual, non-profit, founded in 1991
- Partners with businesses, non-profit organizations, educators, students, and governments across Canada
- Head office at York
 University in Toronto





"We are currently preparing students for jobs and technologies that don't yet exist ... in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."

SHIFT HAPPENS

- Top 10 in-demand jobs for 2010 did not exist in 2004
- Today's learners will have had 10 14 jobs by the time they reach age 38
- 2.7 billion Google searches are performed each month.
 To whom were these questions asked before Google?
- Half of what students learn in their first year of university will be out of date by 3rd year

Do we want our education system to produce students who are consumers or creators??

Minister of Education in Bhutan





What is the Purpose of Education?

- To prepare students to be creative, responsible, active citizens, innovators, entrepreneurs, employees and consumers
- To equip students with the skills and values to address complex economic, social, and environmental challenges.
- To engage students academically, intellectually and socially



Reorienting Education for the 21st Century

Traditional Education

- Primarily for Employment
- Information Transfer
- Passive
- Textbook
- Within the classroom

Transformational Learning

- For Responsible Citizenship
- Information mining/analysis;
- Active
- Authentic
- Outside the classroom in the community





"Traditional" education in which the teacher transmits knowledge to students must give way to "transformational" education in which the teacher facilitates the acquisition of skills and competences.

The teacher serves as guide/learning co ach.

"Education is not about filling a pail it is about lighting a fire."



Strategic Initiatives

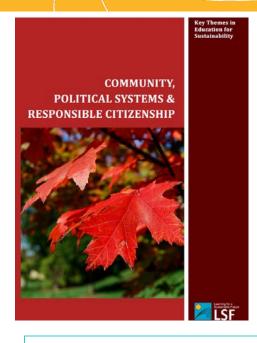


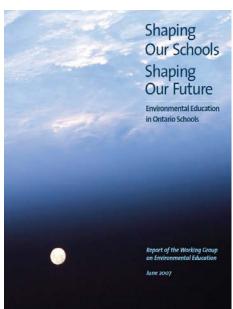
- Research to advance innovative policies, standards and practice
- Reorient teaching/learning toward active, responsible citizenship
- Foster sustainable communities linking education to action
- Support collaborative initiatives, networks and champions



Research and Policy



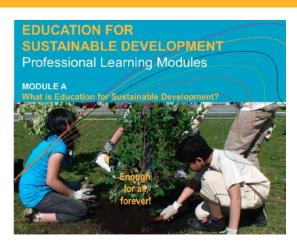






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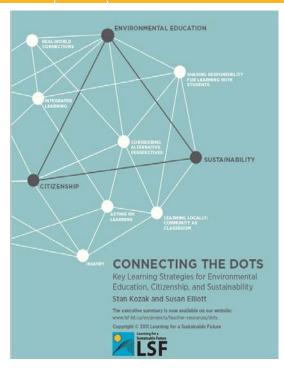
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Reorienting Teaching and Learning







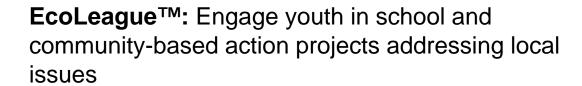
ENGAGING STUDENTS IN
SUSTAINABLE ACTION PROJECTS
WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT GUIDE





Linking Education to Action







Project Flow™(For the Love Of Water): Engage youth in water projects that address in their school and/or community



Step Outside for Learning: Bi-monthly guides that highlight the many environmental education learning opportunities that occur just outside the their school door



Our Canada Project: A Call to Action to inspire conversations and collaboration between youth across Canada about responsible citizenship



What's your vision for Canada? Share your actions for change.

ADD YOUR PROJECT







Support for Networks and Champions



- National Council of ESD leaders from across Canada
- Provincial/Territorial ESD Working Groups support regional advancement of formal, non-formal and informal ESD



Learning for a



A leadership program for education leaders across Canada and internationally to create a culture of sustainable development in all aspects of the education system.



EcoLeague ™
Action
Days





Food for Thought

Action: Students plant beans, peas, lettuce & radishes in containers to bring home, learning about growing their own food.

Energy Conservation

Action: Students use kill-a-watt meters to initiate a school-wide energy audit and take steps to reduce the amount of electricity the school uses.





Building a Vermicomposter

Action: Students built & use
Vermicomposting bins to divert school's
food waste

Greening your schoolyard

Action: Students design, plant & create a new green space in their schoolyard: peace garden, trees for shade, a green front yard...etc





Quest for Clean Shorelines

Action: Students clean around a local pond or river and collect and measure waste (garbage & recycling)

Reusable Bags

Action: Students make reusable bags from old jeans & other materials that will reduce the need for plastic shopping bags and can be sold as a fundraiser.



Campaign Goals

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- Raise over \$6 million over 5 years
- Prepare Canadian citizens to meet the challenges of the 21st century
- Reach over 500,000 Canadians per year
- Ensure Canada's leading position in the UNESCO Global Action Program on Education for Sustainable Development post 2015.

Funding choices as follows:

Sustaining Partners: over \$400,000 over 5 years

Platinum Level Support: \$200,000- \$399,999 over 5 years

Gold Level Support: \$100,000-\$199,999 over 5 years Silver Level Support: \$50,000 - \$99,999 over 5 years Bronze Level Support: Up to \$50,000 over 5 years



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