



WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Sustainable Attainable

Is it..?

How does the word 'sustainable' work in the real world and why should we care? Students will be challenged to Investigate Eden's green business credentials and then think about their own lives, college or career.

How long? 4 Hours

Who? KS 3 – 4 Sustainability

Where? The Core classrooms and the Eden Project Site

Students will:

- Understand sustainability as a practical concept through application of the 'triple bottom line'.
- Study the importance of interdependence and how being part of an organisation/network can amplify change.
- Be inspired and motivated to take the message that change is possible back to their school.
- Look at the role of the low carbon economy in the future job market.

Curriculum Links

KS 3 Citizenship

Key Processes	Range and Content	Curriculum Opportunities
2.1 a, b. 2.3 a, b	e	a, b, c, f, g, j

KS3 Science

Range and Content	Curriculum Opportunities
3.4 c	g

KS 3 Geography

Key Concepts	Range and content	Curriculum Opportunities
1.4 a, b 1.5 a 1.6 a, b. 1.7 b	c, d, g, h	a, b, f

KS 4 Citizenship

Key Processes	Range and content	Curriculum Opportunities
2.1 a, d 2.2 a 2.3 a, b	h, i, n	a, c, d, g, j

PLTS - This workshop covers a range of PLTS (Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills) objectives including independent enquirers, team workers and creative thinkers.

What happens?

We will be using the Eden Project as a working example of a business that has sustainable development at the heart of its working practices.

Students will explore Eden looking for examples of our approach and recording them.

The students will look at why we think it's all so important and we will discuss how young people can make a meaningful contribution.

After lunch the group will discuss the power of working together and explore the Rainforest Biome to find out how and why nature works in collaboration.

Practicalities



Please ensure your group is divided into workshop teams. Our Education Team will lead your workshop session, but the participation of your staff is essential to the success of our programmes.

We provide all the equipment for the workshop. All sessions start and finish in one of the workshop rooms in the Core and include time exploring one or more of the Biomes.

Additional information is on our website
www.edenproject.com

Supporting your visit

Activities to consider before and after your visit.

Change Makers

Ask the pupils to talk about who they admire and why. Challenge groups to study famous campaigners alive today or through time.

Talk about change makers and what it takes to 'succeed'; what is success?

What would you change in the world if you were a superhero?

The Triple Bottom Line Challenge

Using the sustainability triangle concept, look at what your college buys and does and discuss the impact on people, planet and profit.

It's also interesting to ask pupils to do the same exercise with their own lives.

Greening the Curriculum

Ask pupils to brainstorm ideas to re-design their lessons so that they become greener. They will come up with some really good ideas.

Empowering the People

Make steps to ensure that the student council is respected by staff and pupils by giving it a powerful remit. Challenge them to look at the schools eco footprint with a solutions-based approach.

Other schemes

Challenge students to research other programs such as;

Fair-trade schools, www.fairtrade.org.uk/schools/

Eco Schools, www.eco-schools.org.uk/

The Pod, www.jointhepod.org/

Green Schools revolution www.co-operative.coop/green-schools-revolution/

Green Talent <http://greentalent.cofacio.com/>

RCF www.realcoolfutures.com/

And there are many more brilliant projects out there.