

**Topic Support Network: ESD Further Education**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Edinburgh College**

**Attendees:**

Alex	Henderson	(AH)	NUS Scotland
Christine	Laing	(CL)	Fife College
Elaine	Crawford	(EC)	Dumfries & Galloway College
Hanna	Plant	(HP)	EAUC
Innes	Shirreff	(IS)	Edinburgh College
John	Salter	(JS)	EAUC- Consultant
Ron	MacKay	(RM)	Edinburgh College

**Apologies:**

Jenny	Muir	(JM)	Sustrans Scotland
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1.	<p><b>Welcome and update on Learning for Sustainability Scotland</b>  <i>John Salter, EAUC-Scotland Consultant, ESD Programme</i></p> <p>JS welcomed the group and thanked all for coming. Emphasised that it is a challenging time for the sector in consideration of ESD due to all the College mergers recently. It is hoped that as things start to settle down in Colleges, it will make it easier to engage and rally progress for ESD in Colleges across Scotland.</p> <p><a href="#">Learning for Sustainability Scotland (LfSS)</a> is the organisation managing the activity of Scotland's United Nations University Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. Their work continues to promote and deliver activity on ESD in Scotland. This is the only RCE that covers a whole nation, which makes their work significant on a global scale.</p> <p>Next big conference is the <a href="#">UNESCO ESD Youth Conference</a> 10-12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Japan.</p>
2.	<p><b>Presentation and Q&amp;A: ESD Beyond Environmentalism</b>  <i>John Salter, EAUC-Scotland</i></p> <p>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Colleges are incredibly important to the lives of many young people. ESD should be able giving people an opportunity to realise their full potential. Colleges do this well and it is so important this work is continued to be supported.</p>

3.	<p><b>Presentation on ESD Workbooks</b>  <i>Elaine Crawford, Dumfries and Galloway College</i></p> <p>Presentation available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>All the workbooks, which are tailored for both staff and students, are available free online at the EAUC-Scotland website here:</p> <p>The Carbon Challenge workbook is fully accredited with SCQF credit ratings (see slide 10 of presentation).</p>
4.	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Similar programmes to provide guidance on ESD are cropping up. For instance, Nottingham University have just launched a MOOC called Sustainability, Society and You. More information available on the Nottingham University website here:  <a href="http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/online/mooc.aspx">http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studywithus/online/mooc.aspx</a></p> <p>SQA Star Awards for ESD Champions are open for nominations. For more information and to nominate either yourself, a friend or colleague, please see the SQA Star Award webpage here:  <a href="http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/sqastarawards/awardcategories/sustdeveducator.asp">http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/sqastarawards/awardcategories/sustdeveducator.asp</a></p> <p>CL is working on Green Salons and has launched a googlegroup called the Green Salon Ripple Effect. For more information and to join, please email Christine at <a href="mailto:christinelaing@fife.ac.uk">christinelaing@fife.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>Tetra-cycle can give you money back for sending in your recyclable materials such as plastics. Again, email Christine as above for further information.</p> <p>Suggestion that future ESD FE Topic Support Network events should be made part of College in-service days or even to run the TSN as a webinar or live streaming. If you have any further thoughts or suggestions on the TSN, please email <a href="mailto:hplant@eauc.org.uk">hplant@eauc.org.uk</a></p>
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