



Second Baltic Conference on Education for Sustainable Development

WORKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

The Baltic Beach Hotel, Jurmala, Latvia 12 – 14 December 2014

Under the auspices of the Baltic Sea Region ESD Network

The Conference

This conference focuses on the practice of education for sustainable development (ESD) emphasizing that education is connected with society, culture and nature in an undivided unity. While keeping education and learning central, the aim of the conference is to step outside the usual borders of educational institutions, and focus on ESD in a broader sense. Therefore, the conference brings together multiple participants coming from educational institutions, businesses, the arts, civil society organizations and other sectors and fields.


The conference is organized by a partnership of the Development Bulb (Latvia), the Swedish Embassy in Latvia, the Institute of Sustainable Education at Daugavpils University (Latvia); Green Dossier (Ukraine), the Centre for Sustainable Education at Tallinn University (Estonia), the Youth International Education Club Newline (Belarus), the Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development (SWEDESD) at Uppsala University (Sweden) and the Baltic University Programme (BUP). The Conference Secretariat is handled by Development Bulb and the Swedish Embassy (Latvia).

Working and Learning Together

By nature, sustainability issues are complex and inter-connected. Stand-alone technological or policy interventions do not guarantee the necessary combination of economic well-being, social justice and global environmental sustainability.

A new paradigm is required in order to respond effectively to the risks and opportunities we face and to transform the way we live: a long-term vision and a commitment that can only be embedded in our societies through education and learning.

ESD is present in each field and sector where concerns for sustainable development manifest themselves. The business sector addresses corporate social responsibility (CSR) issues and green growth, governments promote good governance and efficient service delivery and through various regulations try to conserve diminishing natural resources while securing comfortable lives for their citizens. Stakeholders in the performing arts, fashion, design and architecture are expressing growing concerns about sustainable development and wish to engage people in finding long-lasting and smart solutions. There is no field that is not affected by the sustainability challenges. And where there is a challenge, there is a space for education and learning.



The conference participants are the key professionals with existing prior knowledge and experience in ESD in various sectors – be it business, education or the arts - each of them having their own agendas and directions for developing their ESD-related practice and expertise. Therefore, in this conference we avoid lengthy keynote speeches or giving lectures. Instead we open the space for action and interaction. How can we work and learn together? Are there innovative ways for education and learning that we can identify together? Are there ways to cooperate in order to create knowledge and skills for sustainable development?

This conference continues what was started during the ESD conferences in Visby (2012) and Riga (2013). The conference takes place under the auspices of the Baltic Sea Region Network on ESD (BSRESN), which has been started in 2012. The previous conference gathered participants from education sector, but for the first time a wider spectrum of stakeholders is being invited in order to learn together and create new synergies for joint actions.

The conference is largely workshop-based. The first day is devoted to the evolution of ESD and a paradigm shift in thinking about sustainable development. The second day addresses issues of diversity and partnership building: how can we work together for strong ESD? The third day is the harvest day: participants develop project ideas and action plans for joint work in the future.

Working language: English

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

12th December, 2014

11.00 – 13.00 REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 14.30 WELCOME MESSAGES from SWEDESD, Swedish Embassy in Riga, BUP and Development Bulb & TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.30 - 15.30 KEYNOTE: EDUCATIONAL PARADIGM FOR SUSTAINABILITY- RETURN TO OUR HOLISTIC WORLDVIEWS AND ECOLOGICAL IDENTITIES by Rea Raus, Head of the Centre for Sustainability, Tallinn University, Estonia

15.30 - 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 18.00 WORKSHOPS: “**FOCUS: ESD**”

- EDUCATIONAL ACTION RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. Ilga Salite and Dzintra Ilisko, Institute of Sustainable Education, Daugavpils University, Latvia
- ECHOES FROM NAGOYA. Frans Lenglet, Swedish international Centre of Education for Sustainable Development (SWEDESD), Uppsala University, Sweden
- ESD AS A METHOD FOR LEARNING FOR ALL? Sofia Savelava, “Earth Charter Initiative in Belarus” and “Education for Sustainable Development” Association, Belarus
- BALTIC SEA PROJECT 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE. Velga Kakse, National Coordinator, The Baltic Sea Project, Latvia
- SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES IN AGENDA OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Prof. Māris Kļaviņš Head of Environmental Science Department, Faculty of Geographical and Earth Sciences, Vice Chairperson of UNESCO National Committee “Men and Biosphere”, Latvia
- DESIGNING A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT: GAME TECHNOLOGIES IN THEORY AND PRACTICE. Shesterneva Natalia - asoc. Prof. SPSUACE, PhD, Luliia Lobanova - asoc. professor SPSUACE, PhD, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
- REFLECTIVE PRACTICE IN FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION. Charles E. Roberts, OSAO Educational facilitator and trainer

18.00 - 19.00 DINNER

19.00 - 21.00 INFORMAL NETWORKING SESSION

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8.15 - 8.30 INFORMATION from the organizers

8.30 - 10.30 WORKSHOPS **“FOCUS: DIVERSITY”**

- EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - IT'S EVERYONE'S BUSINESS. Dace Helmane, Head of InCSR Sustainability Index, Latvia
- CHILL AND DRILL: CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOL. Emils Rode, Agnija Kazusa and Ieva Moore, winners of the Smart Living Challenge, Latvia
- BRING THE POLITICIANS IN! Tamara Malkova, ICO “Green Dossier”, Ukraine
- ROOT CAUSES, WORLDVIEWS AND IDENTITY SHIFT TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL SELF. Rea Raus, Head of the Centre for Sustainability, Tallinn University, Estonia
- CONTENT, METHODS AND COMPETENCES FOR A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD. Wolfgang Brunner, Swedish international Centre of Education for Sustainable Development (SWEDESD), Uppsala University, Sweden
- A PATHWAY TO ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. Diāna Pauna, Pro-Rector, Associate Professor, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia
- EKOLIBRIA: A STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATION FOR EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. Sachiko Ishihara, Tuya Bold and Jesse Schrage, Ekolibria.

10.30 - 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 13.00 WORKSHOPS: **“FOCUS: PARTNERSHIPS”**

- CSR EDUCATION FOR COMPANY EXECUTIVES: SPILL OVER OPTIONS? Agnese Alksne, CEO of Corporate Social Responsibility, Latvia
- ESD MATERIALS FOR TEACHERS AND (OTHER) LEARNERS. Paula Lindroos and Sinikka Suomalainen, Baltic University Programme, Finland
- HOW THE CULTURAL HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE IMPACTS THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLACE? Agita Līviņa, PhD, Director of Institute of Social, Economic and Humanities Research, Associate professor, Māra Maurīte, Master Student, Faculty of Social Sciences, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences
- LOCALIZING GLOBAL ISSUES: ENVISIONING HOPEFUL FUTURES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES. Inga Belousa, PhD, Association of Education for Sustainable Development, Latvia
- PROJECT FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION. Adi Musabasic and Ann Häger, Swedish Institute, Baltic Sea Unit, Department for International Relations
- MEASURING SUCCESS: HOW DO WE DECIDE WHETHER OUR ESD PROGRAMS ARE SUCCEEDING? Marilyn Mehlmann, Head of development and training Global Action Plan (GAP) International

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14.00 - 16.00 JOINT WORKSHOP: **IDEAS ON THE TABLE** lead by Dmitry Savelav

16.00 - 19.00 BUS LEAVES FOR LUCIA CONCERT

19:30 – 20:30 DINNER AT THE HOTEL

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9.00 - 10.00 ACTION PLAN: CARROUSEL SESSION

10.00 - 11.30 ACTION PLAN: DEVELOPMENT & COFFEE

11.30 - 12.30 ACTION PLAN PRESENTATIONS AND INTERACTION WITH AUDIENCE AND COACHING AND MENTORING PANEL

12.30-13.00 CONFERENCE CLOSING

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14. 00 Departure



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