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What can one person do?



Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (ESDGC) and Youth Work A Brief Guide for Youth Workers

"You have enough problems of your own to cope with so you don't worry about things that you think aren't affecting you at the moment ..."

For information and ideas go to
www.esdgc-wales.org.uk or email
ESDGC@wales.gsi.gov.uk

ESDGC is about:

- Links between our own lives and those of people throughout the world
- Needs and rights of both the present and future generations
- Relationships between power, resources and human rights
- Enabling young people to understand the global forces which shape their lives
- Equipping young people to participate in decision making
- Enabling young people to question, to think critically, and empathise

"I am not going round hugging trees!"

The Youth Work Curriculum Statement for Wales (2007) supports an ESDGC approach and states that work should recognise that Wales is a country with a diversity of languages and culture and that citizenship encompasses responsibilities and rights as global citizens.

An ESDGC approach to your work will encourage greater understanding and better experiences for young people. This can range from exploring attitudes, through to practical actions that can be taken, up to involvement in policy development.

"I am already doing the work but how can I do it better?"

There are many practical approaches that workers can engage in and these include:

International Experiences

"Talking to other young people helped me to understand a different view of the world"

The Environment

"Because we don't think about future generations, they will never forget us"

Global Citizenship

"My better life should not mean a worse life for other young people in this country or in other countries!"

You can make a difference by doing the following:

- Make yourself aware of the meaning of ESDGC within the Youth Sector
- Undertake professional development training currently available
- Keep up to date with the availability of resources, such as Toolkits
- Engage with the approach and take action



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