Learning for Sustainability
Learning for a better world
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Learning for Sustainability is a whole school approach that enables the school and its wider community to build the values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and confidence needed to develop practices and take decisions which are compatible with a sustainable and equitable society.

Learning for Sustainability (LfS)

1. LfS is an entitlement for all learners
2. Every practitioner should reflect LfS in their daily practice
3. Every school to pursue a robust and coherent whole school community approach
4. Buildings and grounds to reflect the principles of LfS
5. Strategic national approach

# Self-evaluation and improvement

## What is our capacity for improvement?

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School and setting improvement plans

https://bit.ly/38oU8uh
Learner participation in self-evaluation

“A passionate commitment to ensuring social justice, children’s rights, learning for sustainability and equality are important pre-requisites for all who deliver Scottish education”

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I have experienced the wonder of looking at the vastness of the sky, and can recognise the sun, moon and stars and link them to daily patterns of life.

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_Experiences and outcomes_
Professional standards

Engaged, reflective, empowered and skilled teachers and learners acknowledge Scotland’s place in the world, our history, our differences and diversity, our unique natural environment, and our culture based on social justice.

Scotland’s teachers help to embed sustainable and socially just practices in order to flourish as a nation.

https://www.gtcs.org.uk/professional-standards/key-cross-cutting-themes/learning-for-sustainability/
Qualifications

The Scottish Qualifications Authority is committed to identifying opportunities for developing the knowledge, understanding and skills of LfS within all National Courses, Skills for Work Courses and learning pathways.

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/80093.html
Rights of the child

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Bill passed by Parliament
Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan 2020-2025

Key Issues And Priority Actions

climate-emergency-skills-action-plan-2020-2025.pdf (skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk)

https://www.gov.scot/programme-for-government/

For Scotland's learners, with Scotland's educators
Learning for Sustainability

The current generation of learners see climate change as one of the most significant issues facing their futures and, as such, must be recognised as a key driver influencing the future of our education system.

All efforts, whether concerned with educational recovery post-pandemic or in terms of the future vision for Scottish education, must be directed to the purposes described in Article 29 of the UNCRC.

Scotland’s approach to LfS

A range of videos are available for you to find out more about Learning for Sustainability practice in a range of education settings.

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/lfsblog/lfs-awards/
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LfS Blog
https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/lfsblog/

LfS Summary Page
https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/a-summary-of-learning-for-sustainability-resources/

LfS, COP26 and outdoor learning resources
https://wakelet.com/wake/dx8-511rFvLFU03clV9eh

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