



Sustainability World

Choosing our future - Sustainable communities for a sustainable world!

Learn - Share - Act with Sustainability World

Earth Focus Foundation and Partners

SW is to be a unique platform that offers you

- an easy way into reliable information about all aspects of sustainability and
- the opportunity to join the Sustainability World Community to learn, contribute, discuss, test your knowledge, and take action for a sustainable future

There is a lot to do to create healthy, just – and sustainable – local and global communities

It starts with you!

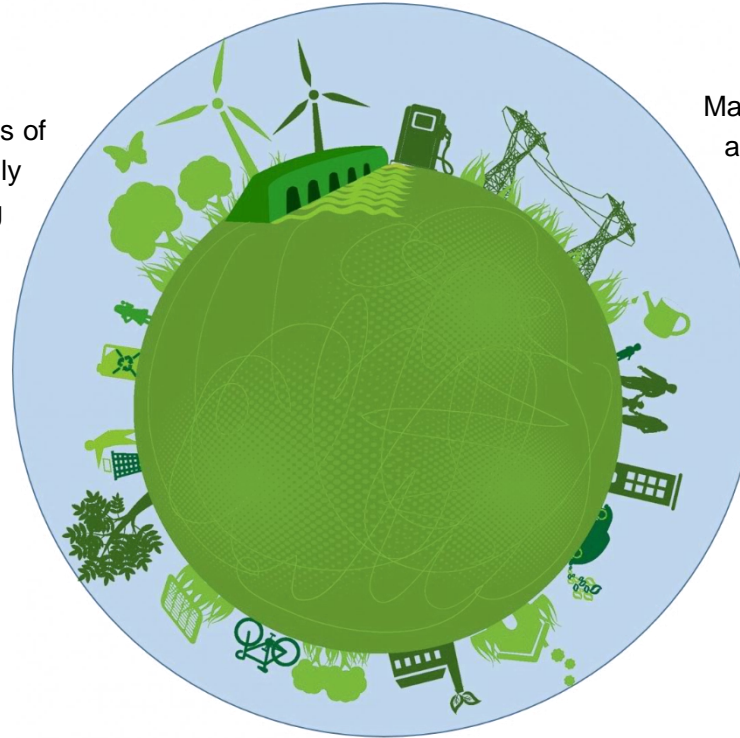
Get involved, join SW and discover what we can accomplish individually and together!

Contact us for more information.



Why?

We believe that it is through the collective efforts of informed and motivated individuals – especially young people – that the long-lasting well-being of everyone, everywhere, can be assured. We therefore want to enable young people of all ages, students, teachers and anyone interested in sustainability to learn, dialogue and act to help build a sustainable future. We want to empower them to choose their own lifestyles and the demands they wish to make of their political and business leaders.



How?

Masses of information are available on the various aspects of sustainable development, but some of it is inconsistent; some is unreliable. It is difficult for many people to get a clear view of the issues and to assess the pros and cons of the 'solutions' proposed and, therefore, to be able to take informed action. We therefore propose to develop and maintain a unique, 'one-stop-shop' internet site offering information and a platform for self-learning, dialogue and practical action on sustainability to anyone interested in sustainability regardless of age and background.

What?

The "Sustainability World" (SW) site, to be developed on a participative basis, will provide a structured, easy-to-use way into reliable information on a wide range of topics relevant to sustainability and today's global challenges. It will provide concise topic syntheses with links to other, existing materials (including free online e-learning courses).

It will highlight underlying causes, obstacles and linkages among issues as well as their cultural and ethical dimensions. It will be as objective as possible, reflecting different opinions and the pros and cons of various proposals for ways forward in particular sectors. At the same time it will

provide information on specific, practical actions that individuals, communities and businesses can take to help build a sustainable future. There will be sustainability-related games, stories, and tools-for-teachers.

Users will be able to improve and test their knowledge on topics they select, discuss issues, and pose questions and share experiences on practical actions to resolve particular sustainability problems. Through gamification, users will be able to compete with friends and gain recognition within the 'SW Community'.



What is sustainability?

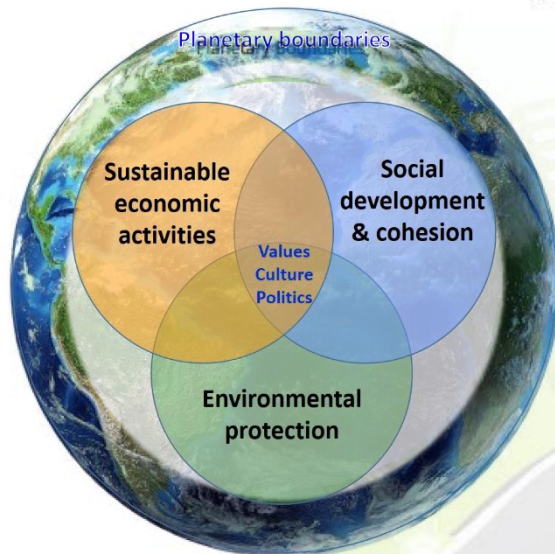
It is a matter of assuring the long-term well-being of everyone and everything on the Planet by reestablishing and then maintaining harmonious relationships between human activities and the natural world (the biosphere of the Planet Earth), and within and among our human societies. It has social, economic and environmental aspects. It involves culture, politics and values. New economic, societal and political paradigms need to evolve for human development to proceed within the limits of what environmental systems and processes can sustain. There is a lot to do, and it starts with **you!**.

Which topics will be covered?

Topics covered will include, for example: sustainability principles and challenges; ecosystems' elements and functions; climate change; planetary boundaries and stewardship; rights and responsibilities; human and societal needs such as food and agriculture, water, energy, health; finance and economic systems; and underlying issues such as inequality and values.

How will the community work?

Anyone who wants to learn, act and dialogue on sustainability, and who signs up to the basic 'SW' principles, will be able to join as a participant, access all the information on the SW site, comment on and contribute to the development of the information presented, describe and pose questions about sustainability-related actions taken or planned, and take quizzes to test their understanding. Participants may also propose their services as moderators or review panel members.





The challenge before us (all of us)

The world is facing important challenges (climate change, pollution, hunger, disease, unacceptable levels of inequality and unemployment, intolerance, and many more) and, in 2015, governments adopted ambitious targets in relation to 'sustainable development' and climate action. The hardest part is now in front of us – to change our ways in order to achieve those targets for the well-being of everyone, 'leaving no one behind'.

Who are we?

For many years, the Earth Focus Foundation ([EFF](#)), based in Geneva, has provided information and opportunities for young people to learn, discuss and voice their concerns about sustainability issues.

Now we want – and are seeking resources – to update and extend these opportunities more widely through a number of complementary projects:

- '[Sustainability World](#)' with global reach;
- '[Sustainabus](#)' initially in Geneva;
- '[Green Map](#)' in Switzerland; and
- '[Centre Objectif Terre](#)', an international cultural and sustainability center to be built in Geneva.

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Join the movement!

We are a small team and the project is still getting going. If you want to see how far we have progressed or if you have any questions for us, please visit our website, click on "Get involved", and use the contact form.

We are interested to hear anybody who wishes to help compile content for SW topic pages. We are also looking for experienced volunteers willing to serve on review panels, or to help look after our community well-being.

We are still looking for funding. Any contribution is very welcome.

[Join](#) our community and share your ideas and actions!