

Sustainable Development

Discussion

The concept of Sustainable Development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core is an approach to development that looks to balance different, and often competing needs, against an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we face as a society.

Living within our environmental limits is one of the central principles of sustainable development. One implication of not doing so is climate change. But the focus of sustainable development is far broader than just the environment. It's also about ensuring a strong, healthy and just society. This means meeting the diverse needs of all people, all communities, promoting wellbeing, unity and inclusion, and creating equal opportunity.

It is important to assess the importance of history, literature, languages, music and art for our human need for well-being and therefore sustainable development.

Activity

1. Write down or draw all the land, water and air pollutants you can think of.
2. How are natural resources being overused? (Think of overpopulation, deforestation, water-shortage, overfishing, etc.)

Write or draw.

3. Do you believe in climate change? Why?
4. How can we live more sustainably? Write or draw.
5. Pledge that you will not buy anything new for a week.