Sustainability Education Alliance of New Brunswick



ACTION PLAN

Vision
To create a culture of sustainability education in the province to support the overall goal of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, 2005-2014, which is "…to integrate the values inherent in sustainable development into all aspects of learning to encourage changes in behaviour that allow for a more sustainable and just society for all."

Purpose
The purpose of SEA-NB is to provide an opportunity for all interested organizations and agencies to work together collaboratively and in a spirit of mutual cooperation to pool resources, expertise, knowledge, and experience in order to achieve the vision.

Role
The role of SEA-NB is to support the SEA-NB participants in the realization of this action plan.

Goal 1: To develop and maintain a collaborative effort of all stakeholders involved in sustainability education in New Brunswick.

(a) To establish a collaborative effort of all organizations involved in sustainability education.

(b) To ensure that sufficient human and financial resources are available to maintain the collaborative effort.

(c) To increase and maintain participation in the collaborative effort.

(d) To facilitate communication and cooperation amongst those involved in the collaborative effort.

(e) To establish a context and organize activities to engage people in conversations and action about sustainability.

Goal 2: To ensure that policy, regulatory, and operational frameworks in New Brunswick support sustainability education.

(a) To encourage the implementation of greening policies in public education institutions.

(b) To encourage the implementation of greening policies in government departments and agencies.

(c) To encourage the implementation of greening policies in businesses and corporations.

(d) To design and implement third party sustainability certification programs.

(e) To increase funding for sustainability education projects and programs.

Goal 3: To promote sustainability through formal education.

(a) To provide guidance on the development of the content of the K-12 curriculum.

(b) To increase the quality, quantity, and accessibility of sustainability education tools and resources in the K-12 sector.

(c) To promote sustainable behaviours in the K-12 sector.

(d) To work with faculty in higher educational institutions to include theory and practice of sustainability for all students.

Goal 4: To promote sustainability through non-formal and informal learning.

(a) To increase the quality, quantity, and accessibility of sustainability education tools and resources in the informal and non-formal sector.

(b) To promote sustainable behaviours in the general public.

(c) To lead by example by promoting sustainable behaviours at the collaborative effort's meetings and workshops.

Goal 5: To equip educators with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to include sustainability in their teaching.

(a) To work with faculty in Bachelor of Education programs to include training in the theory and practice of sustainability for all future teachers.

(b) To assist schools, other educational institutions, and communities in networking and supporting one another.

(c) To provide professional development for pre-service and in-service teachers.

(d) To provide professional development for informal and non-formal educators.

Goal 6: To promote research and development of sustainability education.

(a) To identify and create pedagogical strategies and social factors that promote sustainable behaviours in people and groups.

(b) To develop effective pedagogical strategies in sustainability education.

(c) To study people's capacities related to sustainability and to identify and create pedagogical strategies for improving these capacities.

(d) To develop effective professional development programs that help formal, informal, and non-formal educators include sustainability education in their work.

(e) To analyze why people practice unsustainable behaviours.

(e) To study people's relationships with nature and with their communities and to identify methods to enhance this relationship.

Goal 7: To promote the development of a sustainable economy through education and training.

(a) To identify the gaps in the knowledge-base and skill-sets among New Brunswickers that need to be developed to move toward a sustainable economy, and fill those gaps.

(b) To assist educational institutions, entrepreneurs, grassroots organizations, and policy-makers in working towards a sustainable economy.

(c) To strengthen and enhance the existing networks of individuals and groups who are working towards a sustainable economy.

(d) To promote green entrepreneurship by developing skills and sharing success stories