



SCHOOLS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

#IDEA

Sustainability means living in a way that neither harms other people nor our environment. Together, we can contribute to changing the world. The big question is: how? And how can schools, in particular, address sustainability? The #FutureNow project raises questions like these and others:

- Which innovations, no matter how small they may be, could lead to improvements in our immediate environment?
- How do people in different regions in Northwestern Europe deal with the issue of “sustainability”?
- What are the similarities and differences? And what can we learn from others and adopt for our own everyday lives?

WHY?

#BACKGROUND

In September 2015, all member states of the United Nations (UN) agreed on the Agenda 2030 and on 17 common goals towards a sustainable future. #FutureNow is guided by these 17 goals and encourages schools in Northwestern Europe to work on the subject of sustainability and to start an exchange about different approaches for a more sustainable everyday school life.

WHAT?

#PROJECTGOALS

- Giving pupils the opportunity to use their language skills outside the classroom, to integrate prior knowledge from other subject areas and to give them room to express their creativity
- Training teachers in the use and integration of online communication tools (Skype, Microsoft Teams, Zoom) in the (language) classroom and support them in training their pupils in the competent, responsible and critical use of information and communication technologies (ICT literacy), creativity, critical thinking and teamwork
- Inviting schools from Northwest Europe and Germany to engage in a dialogue about the topics of sustainability and ecology that goes beyond national borders and gives a platform to the voices and ideas of their pupils

WHO?

#PARTICIPANTS

- Secondary schools in the countries in Northwestern Europe and Germany
- Two teachers per participating school
- German language learners aged between 14-18 years

WHEN?

15TH/16TH OF APRIL 2021 (10-14H GMT/11-15H MEZ):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional development and teacher training workshop• Use and integration of online communication tools• Introduction to material and suggestions for use in the classroom
APRIL - JUNE 2021:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of school partnerships• Digital workshops and meetings for learners of German• Preparation, planning and implementation of school exhibitions
SEPTEMBER 2021:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announcement of an internal school ideas competition
JANUARY - JUNE 2022:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of the best concept from the ideas competition

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- **All the events will take place in 2021**
- **The implementation of the project is optional and could be done in 2022**
- **All the workshops and projects could take place virtually**
- **If you have questions or queries, we are here to support you**

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