



College Learning for Sustainability
CHAMPIONS

Developing Learning for Sustainability across your College

Do you think your students should gain the skills and knowledge they need to influence the social and environmental impacts of their working and personal lives both during and beyond their time in education?

The need for environmental and social sustainability in how organisations operate is no longer questioned, but, as educators of Scotland’s workforce of the future, colleges have wider responsibilities.

- Every learner in Scotland has an entitlement to Learning for Sustainability, according to the Scottish Government’s 2030+ Education for Sustainable Development Action Plan.
- The new CDN Professional Standards for College Lecturers require that “Themes of sustainability and the impacts of course relevant decisions on people and the environment, should permeate teaching practice, inform it, and be made explicit to learners.”

The opportunity

Learning for Sustainability Scotland and EAUC-Scotland have developed the **College Learning for Sustainability Champions** programme to help college teaching staff address sustainability in their learning and teaching. As part of the programme, one ‘Learning for Sustainability (Lfs) Champion’ from each teaching department at the college is offered a mixture of face-to-face and online professional learning to develop their own practice, test what they have learned with a group of students, and help them to share their learning with their colleagues.

The programme was successfully piloted January – May 2019 at Dundee and Angus College.

“Environmental and sustainability issues affect us all, and we all have a responsibility to work together collectively to tackle them. The College Lfs Champions programme gave us the opportunity, structure and framework to embed the importance of environmental and social sustainability into the Learning & Teaching of all areas of the College in a fun, practical and engaging way.”

Simon Hewitt, D&A College

How will my college benefit?

The aim of the course is to enable you to develop a whole-institution approach to sustainability in the curriculum and have a positive impact on the learning of your students.

- You will become a recognised Learning for Sustainability Champion institution, awarded by Learning for Sustainability Scotland and EAUC-Scotland
- Teaching practice in your college will benefit from new knowledge, skills and approaches
- Your students will be more engaged with their classes as Learning for Sustainability ideas and approaches are applied
- You will develop a network of informed and passionate Learning for Sustainability Champions who will support your college's sustainability ambitions both within and outside the classroom

What would my college need to do to participate?

- Identify a colleague in each teaching department to participate in the programme
- Host, and enable all participants to attend, a half day face-to-face (or online if necessary) introductory session in your college
- Enable all participants to collaborate with other Learning for Sustainability Champions online over a 10 week period and engage with online materials (approximately 1 hour per week)
- Encourage all participants to try out some activities and ideas with their students during the 10 week period
- Host, and enable all participants to attend, a half day face-to-face (or online if necessary) reflection and next steps session in your college after week 10
- Allocate all Champions non-teaching time after the course to work with colleagues in their department to encourage them to develop learning for sustainability skills and knowledge in their course programmes

How can I get involved?

If you would like to find out more or register your interest please contact rpeterford@eauc.org.uk.

