



**the Learning Teacher Network**

# **LTN and the ESD Project in Europe**

*'Enough for all...forever'*



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# Mission



The Learning Teacher Network's mission is to empower and build the capacity of 'The Teacher of Tomorrow' as an agent for sustainable education and transformation in society.

***'Teaching in the first profession' Aristotle***

# LTN Record and Output

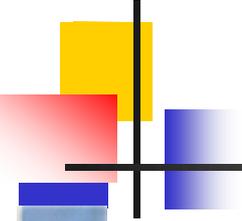


## Awards

- The European Gold Award 2009 for being the best project in the EU Lifelong Learning Programme, category Comenius. Awarded by the European Commission.

## Products

- Annual international conferences
- Annual international ESD seminars
- Members from over 50 countries worldwide
- European training courses
- The Learning Teacher Magazine
- Engaging with ESD at all levels of education in Europe



# UNESCO/GAP/ESD – Goal 4

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*‘Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’*

# ESD Projects in Europe

## At all levels of Education;

- Environmental Education
- Human Sustainability
- Teacher Education in ESD
- Promoting ESD in National Education Policy
- Engaging with International Agencies



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# ESD – Some Challenges



# Monitoring and Evaluating

*(UNESCO Global Monitoring Report, 2017)*

- Education is a shared responsibility.
- Accountability for education at national level must be a priority – can't simply blame teachers!
- Setting, enforcing and regulating education standards is vital to real change – process based?
- Allow for democratic participation, respect media freedom to scrutinize education and set up independent institutions to handle complaints.

# What do we need to ask?

*What kind of teacher do we need in the future?*

*Should he/she teach or lead or both?*

*Should their focus be on*

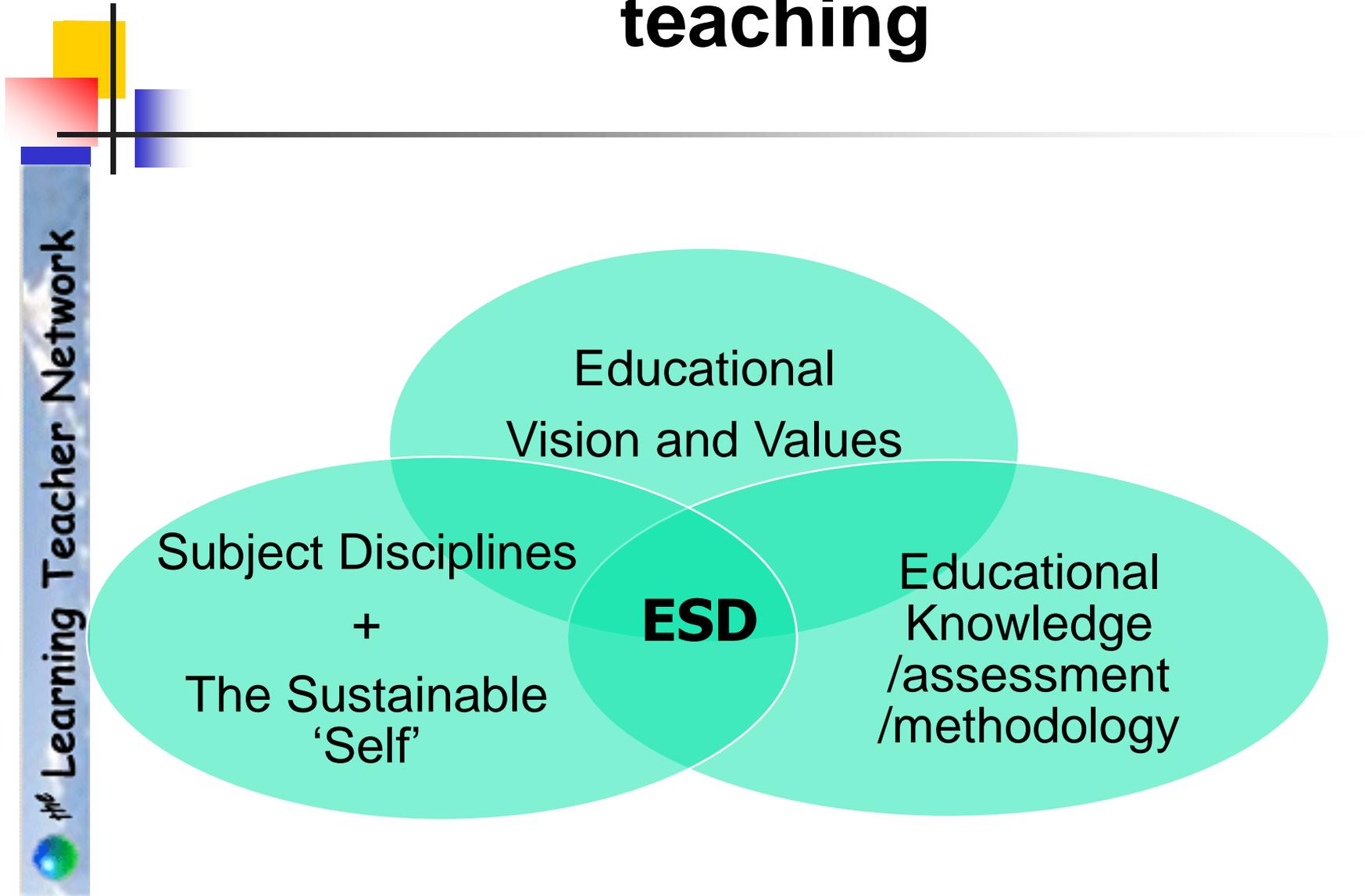
*Curriculum/Assessment or on social and moral conscience raising at local/global level or both?*

# The Teacher of tomorrow must address;

- **Human sustainability in teaching and learning:** includes elements such as resilience, wellbeing, emotional intelligence and the role of personality and gender as a teacher/learner
- **Educational sustainability:** comprehends open pedagogies, your legacy as a teacher, engagement with communities and society, and lifelong learning (including digital capacity)
- **Social and environmental education:** gathers these issues within each ecological environment and with reference to our contribution to society as educators



# A Global ESD approach to teaching



# So Where to now?

- Who sets or should set the ESD agenda?  
Educators/Policy makers/Business/Some other.
- Is the current educational paradigm outdated and irrelevant – Does the ‘school’ model still work?/Digital Society.
- Does the critically important phrase “for all” in the Sustainable Development Goals not now offer a real opportunity to vigorously engage with the above issues at a national and a global level?
- Groups such as the Learning Teacher Network need to take a more active and public role in highlighting, challenging and critically questioning some of the issues identified above?

The 13th International Learning Teacher Network Conference

# From Theory to Action, A creative response to ESD



Dubrovnik  
Croatia  
April 11-13 2019

**SAVE THE DATE**

A core purpose of education is to prepare young people for life after school; to get them ready, 'not just for a life of tests, but for the tests of life' (Prof. Art Costa).

Young people need subject knowledge, but they also need inspiration, creativity and the ability to apply it all to thrive in a sustainable way and promote a sustainable world. Creative and innovative thinking is essential if this is to happen.

Education for sustainable development (ESD) is therefore a mandatory requirement at all levels of education and society, both nationally and internationally. Within every community and culture, education and training is pivotal to define, expand and build knowledge, understanding and action for a sustainable future.

Therefore, we invite teachers, educational staff and practitioners to save the date and stay tuned as we announce program and conference details in the coming months.

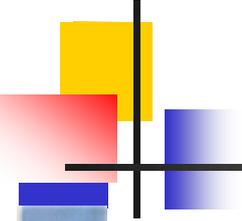
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# Information on the Learning Teaching Network

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# Final thoughts for teachers!

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***‘People don’t care how much I know  
until they know how much I care’***