

Ysgol Gynradd Tairgwaith Primary School



ESDGC Policy

*(Education for Sustainable Development
and Global Citizenship)*

*Paratol Pob Plentyn am Dyfodol Gwell
Preparing Every Child for a Better Future*

Tairgwaith Primary School believes ESDGC is education that will prepare learners for life in the 21st Century. Climate change, poverty, conflict and consumer pressure are all part of our world today. ESDGC seeks to find ways to raise awareness and action to address these consequences of our lifestyle choices. Embracing ESDGC has the potential to enhance and enrich education.

What is ESDGC?

ACCAC's 'Guidance on Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship' (2002) states:

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is about enabling pupils to develop the knowledge, values and skills to participate in decisions about the way we do things individually and collectively, both locally and globally, that will improve the quality of life now without damaging the planet for the future.

Education for Global Citizenship (GC) enables people to understand the global forces that shape their lives and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values that will equip them to participate in decision-making, both locally and globally, which promotes a more equitable and sustainable world.

Aims and Objectives

Therefore in embedding the ESDGC Programme of Study into all curriculum areas we aim to:

- Enable pupils to learn how to care for and protect their environment. In small, yet significant ways, strive to reduce pollution, and use natural resources with thought and care. Learners will understand that collectively, schools in Wales, the UK and globally, can make a huge difference.
- Help them to understand their own rights and responsibilities, as citizens locally and globally, and have respect for the rights and responsibilities of others. We will strive to give them knowledge and understanding about our world and the people who live in it and everyone's relationship with the environment.
- Help them to develop the skills to be critical thinkers by giving them the facts. They will be given a variety of resources so that they can have balanced information and come to their own judgements.
- Celebrate cultural, religious and linguistic diversity and foster positive attitudes towards others who are different to us.

The seven themes of ESDGC are:

Wealth and Poverty

Understanding how people, the environment and the economy are inextricably linked at all levels from local to global. Identity and Culture Understanding, respecting and valuing human diversity (cultural, social and economic) and recognising the negative impact of discrimination and prejudice on individuals and groups.

Choices and Decisions

Understanding that choices and decisions have consequences and that conflicts are a barrier to development and a risk to us all and why there is a need for their resolution and the promotion of harmony.

Health

Understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle and acknowledging that basic needs must be met universally.

Natural Environment

Developing respect for all living things and acknowledging the relationship between people and the environment.

Consumption and Waste

Understanding that resources are finite and that this has implications for people's lifestyles, industry and future generations.

Climate Change

Recognising the importance of taking individual responsibility and action to make the world a better place and understanding the range of alternative ways to both save and generate energy.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Eco Schools coordinators monitor the implementation of the ESDGC policy across the school.

The ESDGC policy is reviewed every three years and amended where necessary.