

New Learning for Sustainability Action Plan



Children have the right to have a say in decision-making in Scotland. They also have the right to an education on their environment and topics they find important.



Over the last few years, children have told us they are learning outside less, and that they are worried about climate change and how it affects other children and their rights around the world.



Learning for Sustainability (LFS) subjects in Scotland teach children outdoor learning, sustainable development and climate change topics, and global citizenship, including children's rights.

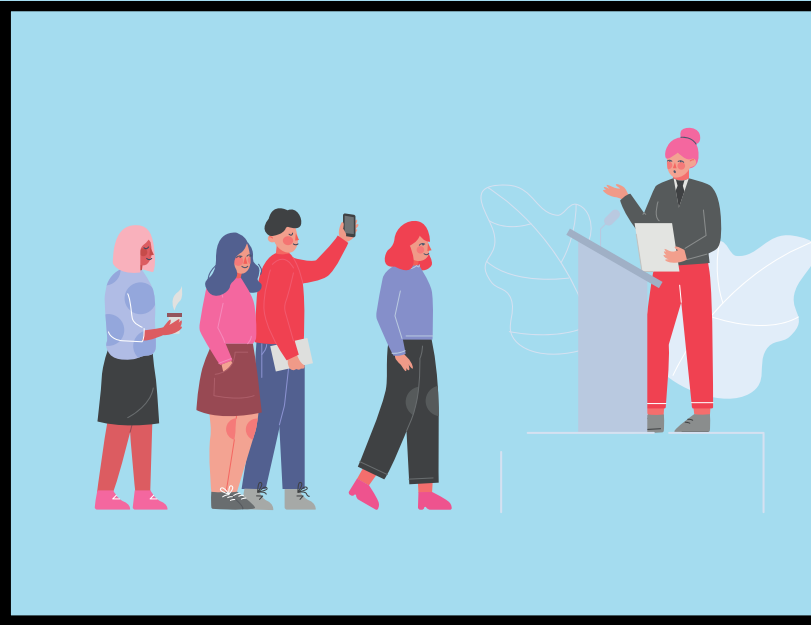
Last year, Scottish Government asked over 100 MCPs to share why LfS is important to them. They told us that they wanted to see more outdoor learning, climate change education for children and adults, and children's participation in action and decision-making..



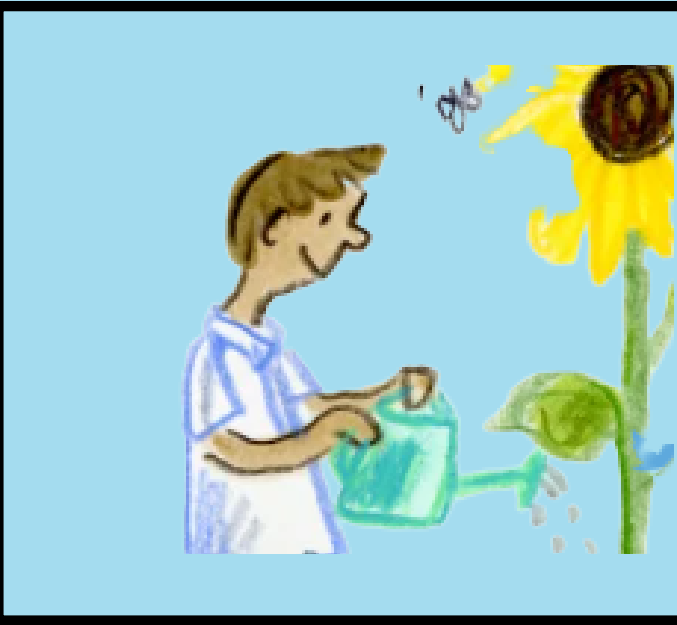
Scottish Government listened to children and wrote the **new Learning For Sustainability Action Plan**. This document helps every teacher and adult in Scotland meet children's rights to education and participation.



Now, Scottish Government is listening to children again. They want to hear **what MCPs at your school think about the new Learning for Sustainability Action Plan**.



The adults in Scottish Government who are in charge of making sure the Action Plan is used in **every school and community in Scotland** are called the Leadership Group.



The Leadership Group wants to hear **how adults can best support children to participate** in how the new Action Plan will be used in their schools and communities around Scotland



The next page of this comic will show you what Scottish Government wrote in the new Action Plan, and what the MCPs said was important to them last year.

Let us know what you think! Do you think Scottish Government put the children's Calls to Action into the new Action Plan? What could be better? What has gone well?





Outdoor Learning



What children said:

- 1. All children should have the chance to learn outdoors throughout the school year.
- 2. Outdoor learning should be part of every school subject.

What the new LfS Action Plan says:

- 1. Scottish Government will work with schools and other adult groups to make sure all school buildings and grounds support LfS lessons and activities.
- 2. Outdoor learning should happen across every school year and school grounds so every child and adult in school is involved.
- 3. Support will be given to schools in areas with less access to outdoor spaces and learning materials for LfS.
- 4. Scottish Government will share a 'Nature Discovery Map' online so everyone can find out where their local green spaces are.

Climate Change/ Sustainable Development



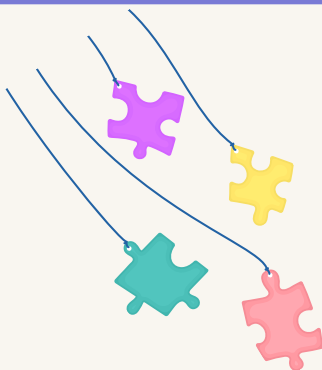
What children said:

- 1. Adults in school and adults who decide what we learn need to learn about the climate emergency too.
- 2. Children care about climate change. Their views, ideas and opinions should be included in how and what they learn about it.
- 3. Scottish Government should take urgent action to protect and respect trees and nature, especially with the climate emergency increasing quickly.
- 4. Children and adults should have the chance to work together on children's rights, climate change and sustainability.

What the new LfS Action Plan says:

- 1. Scottish Government will create a group for all teachers and community groups across Scotland to learn from each other about LfS actions, lessons and activities.
- 2. Scottish Government will work with adults who are learning to be teachers to make sure they learn about LfS too.
- 3. Scottish Government will share examples from schools that are teaching LfS in an exciting and meaningful way using a website (the LfS Portal).
- 4. Scottish Government will work with other adults around Scotland to make sure green skills and jobs exist in every community.

Children's Rights



What children said:

- 1. Children and adults around the world should have their human rights respected. This means being able to live in a healthy, happy, and safe environment now and in the future.

What the new LfS Action Plan says:

- 1. Scottish Government will work with Children's Parliament to support children to be a part of the adult Leadership Group, who will make decisions on how the new Action Plan will be delivered in schools over the next year.
- 2. Scottish Government will work with children to decide what "doing a good job" looks like for the new Action Plan to be delivered in every school. These ideas will be called the LfS Indicators.
- 3. Education Scotland (they work with Scottish Government) will work with communities around Scotland to make sure children can participate in decision-making on LfS in the future.
- 4. The new LfS portal will be made involving children's ideas and feedback, so it works for all children.

Global Citizenship



What children said:

- 1. Scottish schools should have chances to speak to children at other schools around the world.
- 2. Schools should support children to take part in learning and action on the climate emergency as part of global events like Earth Day.

What the new LfS Action Plan says:

- 1. Scottish Government will share the new Action Plan with adults who make decisions in governments around the world, so they know about Learning for Sustainability too.
- 2. The new LfS portal website will be online. This means that other children and schools around the world can use it.

