

## **Learning in the Region for Sustainable Development: Inaugural conference to launch the first UK Regional Centre of Expertise in ESD**

**Thursday 20th September 2007**

**Burleigh Court Conference Centre, Loughborough University**

In association with the UNESCO-UK Committee, with support from the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the East Midlands Development Agency (emda) and Loughborough University's Sustainability Research School and Department of Geography

This conference will be of interest to:

- Managers and practitioners from the Schools, Further education, Higher education, Youth and Adult & Continuing education sectors
- Senior managers responsible for policy and practice in sustainable development and/or education/training
- Coordinators of regional and other Education for Sustainable Development networks/groups in the UK and the rest of Europe

### **Aim**

**To formally launch the first Regional Centre of Expertise (ESD) in the UK and to explore some of the activities, challenges and opportunities facing education for sustainable development practitioners regionally, nationally and internationally.**

David Lammy MP (Minister for Skills) will formally launch the RCE East Midlands and introduce the programme, which will include stakeholder inputs and workshops addressing:

- Government policies and initiatives in support of education for sustainable development and global citizenship regionally, nationally and internationally
- RCEs and United Nations activity
- National and regional ESD activity in the UK, across the schools, FE, HE, youth, Adult and continuing education, voluntary and business sectors
- Next steps for the ESD and global citizenship agenda regionally, nationally and internationally

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## Programme

- 09:30 Arrival, registration, refreshments
- 10:00 **Introduction and housekeeping**  
Adam Cade, Coordinator RCE East Midlands
- 10:15 **Welcome and the role of universities**  
Professor Shirley Pearce, Vice Chancellor, Loughborough University
- 10:30 **UN Presentations - The Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, RCEs, and the launch of the RCE East Midlands (as recorded video messages)**  
Professor Hans van Ginkel, Former Rector, The United Nations University; RCE Adviser; Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Professor Charles Hopkins, UNESCO and UNU Chairs in Education for Sustainable Development; York University, Canada  
Professor A. H. Zakri, Director, The United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies
- Ministerial Presentation – The Government context (as recorded video message)**  
David Lammy, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Skills, Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills
- 11:00 **Joining the education system**  
Ann Findlayson, Education Commissioner, Sustainable Development Commission
- 11:30 **Break**
- 11:45 **Workshops – on the regional supported provided and needed for different educational sectors**  
What regional support is provided to make sustainable development and global citizenship central to different educational sectors?  
What regional support is needed to make sustainable development and global citizenship central to different educational sectors?  
Pre-registered choice of workshops with introductions by co-chairs and members of working groups, based on case studies, current projects and discussions:
- 1. School Education**  
Claire Plumb, Leicester Masaya Link Group; Marcela Flores Newburn, Global Education Derby; Lisa Young, Mundi Centre, University of Nottingham
  - 2. Further Education**  
Elain Crewe, Institute of Lifelong Learning, University of Leicester; Rick Heslop, East Midlands Further Education Council; Simon Winch, StudentForce for Sustainability; Roy Morgan-Wood, Leicester College
  - 3. Higher Education**  
Dr Paul Warwick, University of Leicester; Dr Ed Brown, Loughborough University; Prof. Paul Phillips, University of Northampton

#### **4. Youth Education**

Margaret Fleming, Woodcraft Folk and ESD Consultant; Merlynne Francique, National Youth Agency; Juan Toledo and Diana Walles, The British Council

#### **5. Adult & Continuing Education**

Lesley Harry and Vanessa Swetman, Derbyshire Adult and Continuing Education Service; Karen Lowthrop, Hill Holt Wood

#### **6. Voluntary Sector**

Dr Raul Pardinias-Solis, Skillshare International; Craig Owen, Welsh Council for Voluntary Action

#### **7. Business Sector**

Hugh Fenton, East Midlands Action Group on the Environment; James Luger, East Midlands Development Agency

12:45 **Lunch, with networking and displays**

14:00 **Case study of RCE Barcelona (as live interactive video presentation)**

Heloise Buckland, Coordinator of RCE Barcelona

14:15 **Skills, Employers and ESD**

Judith Cohen, Train to Gain Manager, Learning and Skills Network

14:30 **Education for Sustainable Development and the Regions**

James Luger, Environmental and Sustainability Policy Officer, East Midlands Development Agency

14:45 **Workshops – on the policy and practice of education for sustainable development**

#### **8 RCEs**

Adam Cade, StudentForce for Sustainability

#### **9 Buildings for sustainable education**

Andrew Bannister, Dr Jose Hernandez, Brian Rule, Pick Everard

#### **10 Waste**

Prof. Paul Phillips, University of Northampton; Claire Poole, The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management; Robin Hall, Government Office East Midlands

#### **11 Climate Change**

Felicity Coxon, Derby City Council; Anne Downes, Derby University; Maggie Bishop, Derbyshire County Council

#### **12 Global Citizenship**

Rohini Corfield, East Midlands Network for Global Perspectives in Schools; Eddie Playfair, Regent College; Helen Trilling, Leicestershire County Council

#### **13 Microgeneration**

Tony Dowsett, De Montfort University

## **14 Sustainable Communities**

Susan Hallsworth, Regeneration East Midlands; Sarah Walley, OPUN

- 15:45     **Two perspectives: Where do we want to be by 2014? – Some challenges and opportunities for regional support for education for sustainable development and global citizenship**
- Dr Douglas Bourn, Chair of ESD Working Group of the UNESCO-UK Committee, Director of the Development Education Research Centre, Institute of Education, University of London
- Prof. William Scott, Director of the Centre for Research in Education and the Environment, University of Bath
- 16:15     Closing comments by James Luger and end