

Newsletter

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Sustainable Steps Project

With climate change and sustainability challenges affecting every aspect of society, young people increasingly experience eco-anxiety and uncertainty about their future. This project seeks to turn concern into action by providing youth workers and young people with tools, knowledge, and hands-on experiences that promote sustainability in a holistic way. The initiative recognizes the interconnection between environmental sustainability (green practices, sustainable gardening, eco-friendly construction), economic sustainability (developing green skills for employability and entrepreneurship), and social sustainability (fostering inclusion, particularly among marginalized youth, refugees, and migrants).

Sustainable Steps partners will adopt a holistic approach to sustainability, encompassing environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Promoting sustainability through the lenses of environmental, economic, and social aspects is important for fostering holistic and enduring change. Addressing environmental sustainability is critical in the face of global challenges such as climate change, resource depletion, and biodiversity loss. Incorporating economic sustainability into the narrative is essential for empowering young people economically within the framework of a green economy. Focusing on social sustainability is important for building inclusive communities and promoting a sense of shared responsibility. Engaging diverse groups, including refugees and migrants, through sustainable activities can foster social integration and cohesion, contributing to the overall well-being of society.

OBJECTIVE 1

To create comprehensive educational materials focused on environmental, social, and economic sustainability for young people and youth workers.

OBJECTIVE 2

To foster environmental consciousness among young people, emphasising the use of natural material.

OBJECTIVE 3

To upskill young people and youth workers in sustainable agricultural practices, providing them with the knowledge and skills needed for economic viability in the green economy.

A holistic approach to promoting sustainability in youth work

Sustainable Steps will address the three pillars of sustainability, concurrently, ensuring an interconnected approach to support young people for a greener future.

To achieve project's objectives, Sustainable Steps partners will develop concrete results linked to environmental, social, and economic sustainability. Related to environmental sustainability, we will develop resources to support young people and youth workers to build with natural materials and to engage in gardening activities, emphasising sustainable construction practices. To promote social sustainability, we will target our efforts towards young refugees and migrants, promoting social integration through participation in sustainable activities. Under this pillar, we will facilitate inclusive gardening programmes, involving diverse groups to enhance social cohesion and understanding. Related to the economic sustainability pillar, we will provide up-skilling young people and youth workers to use agricultural land for sustainable practices.

OBJECTIVE 4

To target efforts towards young refugees and migrants, promoting social integration through participation in sustainable activities.

OBJECTIVE 5

To assess the impact of the project's activities and disseminate best practices and lessons learned to youth work organisations, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders.



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