

Call for Participation!

UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development YOUTH CONFERENCE

7 November 2014, Okayama, Japan

BACKGROUND

UNESCO, as lead agency for the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014) is coordinating global efforts to address, through education, the social, environmental, economic, and cultural challenges of the 21st century. Marking the end of the Decade, the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan in November 2014.

THE YOUTH CONFERENCE

As one of the stakeholder meetings preceding the World Conference, the Youth Conference will be held in Okayama City, Japan on 7 November 2014, bringing together 50 young people from around the world, actively engaged in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

CALLING ALL YOUTH

- Are you between 18 and 35 years old?
- Are you engaged in ESD in any way?
- Do you want to meet and collaborate with other ESD youth leaders from around the world?
- Do you want to share your innovative experiences and contribute to the global conversation on education for a sustainable future?
- Do you want to add your voice to youth recommendations to be presented at the World Conference?

If YES, you would be interested in taking part in this Youth Conference!

HOW TO APPLY

Please check out application guidelines to be posted on the **UNESCO World Conference on ESD** website in April 2014.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco-world-conference-on-esd-2014/>

To receive updates when available, please send your request for "more info" to esd2014@goipeace.or.jp.

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT...



... MAKES EDUCATION RELEVANT

Education for Sustainable Development equips learners with the knowledge, skills and values to address social, environmental and economic challenges of the 21st century.



... TRANSFORMS EDUCATION

Education for Sustainable Development uses innovative, learner-centred teaching and learning styles. It empowers students and makes them agents in the educational process, from early childhood to old age. It promotes learning beyond the boundaries of educational institutions.



... PROMOTES EQUITY AND RESPECT

Education for Sustainable Development helps learners understand the situation, the outlook and the needs of people who live in other parts of the world or belong to another generation.



... HELPS ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

175 million children are likely to be affected by disasters related to climate change within the next decade. Education for Sustainable Development prepares learners to adapt to the impact of climate change and empowers them to address its causes.



... BUILDS GREEN SOCIETIES

Education for Sustainable Development equips students with skills for green jobs that help preserve or restore the quality of the environment, and improve human well-being and social equity. It motivates learners to choose sustainable lifestyles.