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“...a future in which economic prosperity, social justice and protection of the natural environment are pursued simultaneously to secure good health and enhance well-being for all people, now and for generations to come.”

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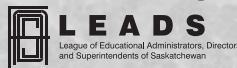
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Sustainability

Sustainability calls for forms of development that “meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (Our Common Future, United Nations, 1987).

While some believe that the development of technologies will help us move toward sustainability, the central challenge is a cultural one, since “development divorced from its human or cultural context is growth without a soul” (Our Creative Diversity, UNESCO, 1995).

Sustainable communities require knowledgeable citizens who are willing to acknowledge the significance and impacts of their choices and actions, critically examine the cultural values that support them, and commit to the development and implementation of appropriate policies, technologies and infrastructure. All of these steps are necessary to create a culture of sustainability.



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Youth Forum Timeline

The Youth Forum consists of three full-day events at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. Between these days, Action Teams work on their projects at their school or community group.

Day One – September 29, 2004

- Overview of community resources
- General sessions on sustainability issues and skills
- Initial project planning

Day Two – October 27, 2004

- Focused sessions on sustainability issues and skills
- Detailed project planning



Day Three – September, 2005

- Project teams report on challenges, successes and results of their projects
- Planning for future projects

Purpose

The Youth Forum brings high school students, teachers, and local experts together to:

- Learn about local sustainability issues and success stories
- Build partnerships between schools and community resources
- Empower students through Action Projects

What is an Action Team?

A typically Action Team is comprised of five Grade 9-11 students and two teachers. During the day-long events, Action Team members attend sessions put on by local community experts and develop plans for their Action Projects. Community experts typically collaborate with Action Teams as their project unfold through their schools or communities.



What kinds of projects do teams do?

- Schoolyard naturalization
- Healthy food in the school
- Energy use audit
- Schoolyard upgrading
- Recycling
- Natural mosquito control
- Schoolyard improvements
- Anti-idling zone
- School water/waste audit
- Where our food comes from
- Sustainability murals
- Truth in advertising



What kinds of sessions do teams attend?

- Ecological “footprints”
- Using drama for social justice
- Aquatic health assessment
- Organizing public debates
- Composting and recycling
- Landscaping with native plants
- Global sustainability
- “No Sweat” purchasing
- Transportation alternatives
- Fair trade
- Anti-idling zones
- Wascana Marsh Nature Project



- Access to government
- Lobbying for a green economy
- Fund-raising
- Dealing with the press



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