



# What We Do

## About

Gaia Education is a Scotland-based, international provider of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), with a particular focus on community-led initiatives. We have been active in 55 countries and offer online and face-to-face trainings, policy advice, curriculum development and development projects.

Our founding team of sustainability experts created our ground-breaking 4-Dimensional Whole Systems Design approach, which adds a fourth pillar- Worldview - to the traditional pillars of Social, Ecological, and Economic sustainability. This has a transformational effect on our participants, creating dynamic community change-makers.

As a founding member of [ECOLISE](#), we work with 45 ESD organisations across Europe, working together to amplify our impact via EU Erasmus+ programmes.

We provide expert guidance in accelerating progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are associated with the UN Department of Public Information, were a partner of UNESCO's Global Action Programme on ESD, and are a partner of UNITAR, with whom we conduct specialised e-learning trainings. We are members of [ECOSOC](#).

## Our Programmes & Projects

We work in many languages, eg. English, Spanish, and Portuguese, customising courses to local needs.

### E-learning programmes

- [GEDS](#) - our flagship Design for Sustainability course
- The SDGs and Africa (partnering with Igbiniedion and Kenyatta Universities)
- [Renewable Energies for Sustainable Development](#) (partnering with University of Strathclyde & UNITAR)
- [Local Water Solutions for Global Challenges](#) (in partnership with UNITAR & Scottish Gov.)
- [Ecosystem Restoration Design](#) (In partnership with Ecosystem Restoration camps)

### Face-to-Face Programmes

- [SDG Training for Multipliers](#) (with UNESCO)
- [Ecovillage Design Education](#) certificate
- [Training of Trainers](#) for Community Facilitators
- [Youth programmes](#) to cultivate Sustainable Behaviour Change via youth leadership

### ESD Curriculum Development:

- **Gaia YES!**, with 4 EU-based organisations, including Tallinn University, developing a schools' curriculum & teachers' handbook based on our 4D ESD curricula
- **Youth in Transition**, with 5 EU-based ESD organisations developed an activity book and interactive website to promote sustainable lifestyle choices & active citizenship among hard-to-reach youth using creativity as a main method (Funded by Erasmus+)
- **More info on our other EU projects** on [this link](#)

### Development Projects:

- We collaborate in international development projects in Europe, Asia and Africa, providing training and ongoing capacity building for climate-affected communities:
- Our [A-rated, DFID-funded project in Senegal](#), 2017, supported female farmers to transform barren land into abundant fields of crops to consume and sell
- [Our 2018-22 Scottish Government-funded project](#) with WWF Zambia supports Zambian young farmers to lead conservation campaigns & a provincial transition to regenerative livelihoods, including enterprises producing exportable honey, whilst protecting forests.

### Academic Partnerships:

- We partner with academic institutions to offer credits or joint certificates for courses based on our sustainability curriculum:
- We provide Masters degree students at UNIFAL-MG Brazil and Goddard College, US, with our GEDS programme as credit towards their degree.
- We partner with the University of Strathclyde on various certified short courses and SDG trainings ([RESO](#), [Water prog.](#))
- We are developing a multi-level package, in partnership with international academic partners, to support African nations to achieve their SDG targets.

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