

EARTH CHARTER CENTER

FOR EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AT UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE



PAVING THE WAY
FOR EDUCATION
AND LEADERSHIP
FOR SUSTAINABILITY



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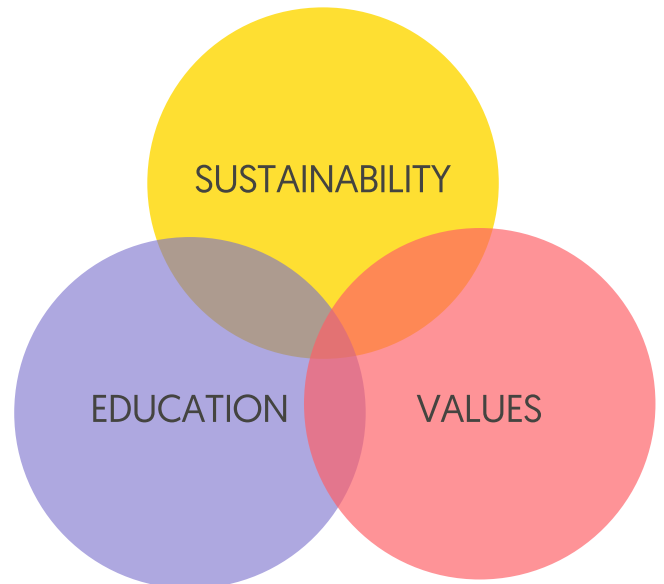
OUR MISSION

“To support the present transition to sustainable ways of living on the planet, founded on a shared ethical framework that includes respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, universal human rights, respect for diversity, social and economic justice, democracy, and a culture of peace.”



For nearly two decades, Earth Charter International has offered education opportunities on sustainable development using the Earth Charter as a guide and educational tool. Today, its Education Center offers professional development programmes bringing educational opportunities to a new level.

The Earth Charter Center for ESD offers new paths in the field of education for sustainable development, global citizenship education and emerging ethical leadership paradigms. The Center offers professional development opportunities that emphasize the importance of the values and principles of sustainability and global citizenship through the processes of learning and decision-making.



The Center holds the UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter, which implements educational programmes and research activities surrounding education, sustainability, and ethics using the Earth Charter as a framework. The Center seeks to build capacity of educators and professionals in different fields to incorporate the “knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life” in their sphere of work.



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EDUCATION PROGRAMMES



EXECUTIVE PROGRAMMES*

A three to five day face-to-face intensive programme on:

- Education, Transformative Learning and Sustainability Values
- Sustainability, Leadership, and Ethical Decision Making



CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD)**

A semester-long online programme with four courses in which participants receive a Diploma Certificate from the University for Peace.



YOUNG LEADERS COURSE ON LEADERSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY AND ETHICS*

A 10-week online training for emerging young leaders (ages 18 - 30) that aims to expand knowledge, reinforce values, and hone skills for sustainability leadership.



BUSINESS AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY COURSE

An 8-weeks online course that equips participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to take business ethics and sustainability practices to higher levels.



EARTH CHARTER CITIES COURSE: ETHICS IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

An 8-week online course that helps participants better visualize and implement urban sustainability practices by using the Earth Charter (EC) and the Earth Charter Cities (ECC) Manifesto.



SYSTEMS THINKING COURSES

Two online courses (5 weeks each) that offer an opportunity for participants to expand their understanding of Systems Thinking and strengthen their capacity to help their organizations become sustainable and resilient.



EARTH CHARTER INTRODUCTORY COURSE

This self-paced online course offers an opportunity to deepen the knowledge about the ethical foundation of the Earth Charter and about the worldview that is articulated in it.



WORKSHOPS, SHORT COURSES AND TALKS

Upon request, the Center also offers customized education activities for companies, universities or schools, such as study abroad programmes, summer courses, and intensive training for professionals in education, communication, policy, and leadership roles.

These programmes are impactful, transformative, and inspiring. They provide participants with the guidance, tools, and network support needed to lead change in their work and personal lives in an ethical manner towards fostering a vision of sustainability consistent with the Earth Charter.

*Offered in English and Spanish. ** Offered in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.



PROGRAMMES' PARTICIPANTS

The Center's programmes were developed for professionals and young leaders. Educators in formal and non-formal education settings such as school teachers, university professors and administrators, as well as policy makers, executives and managers in the public and private sector, have participated and significantly benefitted from our programmes.

BENEFITS OF OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

The Center offers opportunities to strengthen the capacity and skills of programme participants to incorporate the vision and values of sustainability in their spheres of work and action. Participants that successfully complete our programmes receive a Certificate of Completion, and are expected to become inspired to take ethical leadership roles and to contribute, as agents of change, towards the realization of the vision of a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. They will also have the unique opportunity to join a global network of like minded individuals.

TESTIMONIALS

"The Earth Charter course has been an inspiration and a truly transformational learning journey. I started this course with the intention of rediscovering the Earth Charter and finding ways to incorporate it in my educational activities. I have also found the inspiration to incorporate it as part of my own life."

Maria Garcia, Windesheim Honours College, Netherlands

"Personally, I would say that the ESD certification programme has been a game changer in my pre-disposition as an educator. I have picked new knowledge, concepts and skills which will change the way I approach education. As a teacher trainer, I trust that the principles of sustainability that I have picked will cascade to my students".

Mukirae Njihia, Professor, Kenyatta University, Kenya

THE EARTH CHARTER CENTER FACILITIES

The Earth Charter Center is a state-of-the-art LEED Silver certified building, which follows standards for sustainable construction. The facility is located on the University for Peace campus in the Protected Zone of El Rodeo, a mountainous forest reserve with beautiful trails, bountiful wildlife, and majestic view over the Central Valley of Costa Rica, 45 minutes from the National Airport, and 30 minutes from the capital, San Jose. The Earth Charter Center offers a modern and intimate space for conferences, meetings, team building, workshops, and events.

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