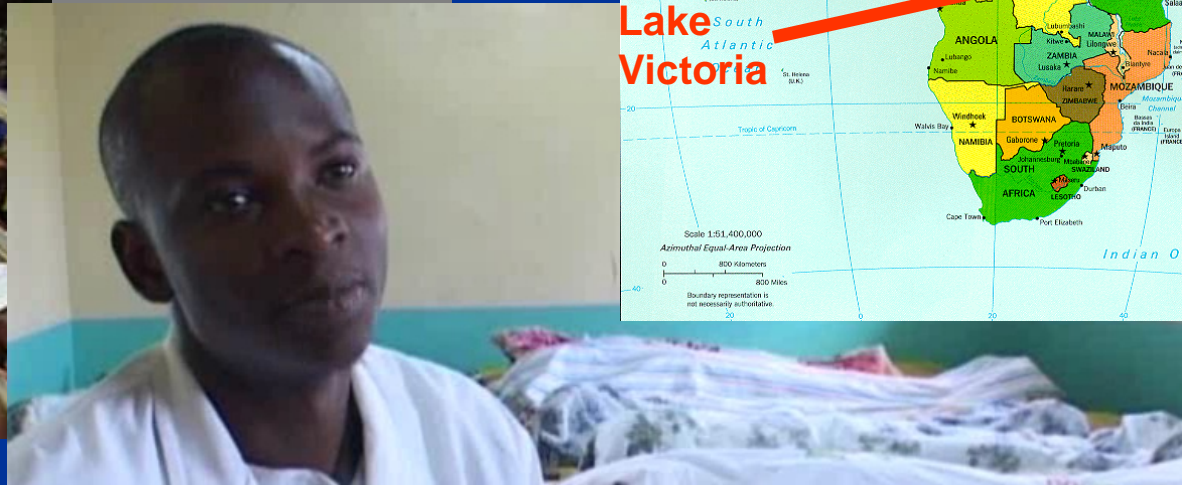


Development Education and Dialogue

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Development that is Sustainable?



Livelihoods were being lost in the coastal villages of Tanga region in Tanzania due to Unsustainable fishing practices, declining fish catches, poor government policy and ineffective enforcement of regulations. Irish Aid is working with IUCN for the last 10 years In the region – Irish Aid Fact Sheet

Other Examples

- Environment and impacts upon Girls' Schooling
 - Degraded environments contribute to absenteeism. More time spent collecting firewood and water means less time for school.
 - The construction of schools and school facilities can damage the environment through deforestation and pollution.
 - Clean water and safe sanitation are vital to student attendance and student and teacher health.
 - Learning about the environment can develop life skills which future generations can use to protect the environment.

Development that is Sustainable?

- “Climate change is the defining human development challenge of the 21st Century. Failure to respond to that challenge will stall and then reverse international efforts to reduce poverty. The poorest countries and most vulnerable citizens will suffer the earliest and most damaging setbacks, even though they have contributed least to the problem” (UNDP, 2007).

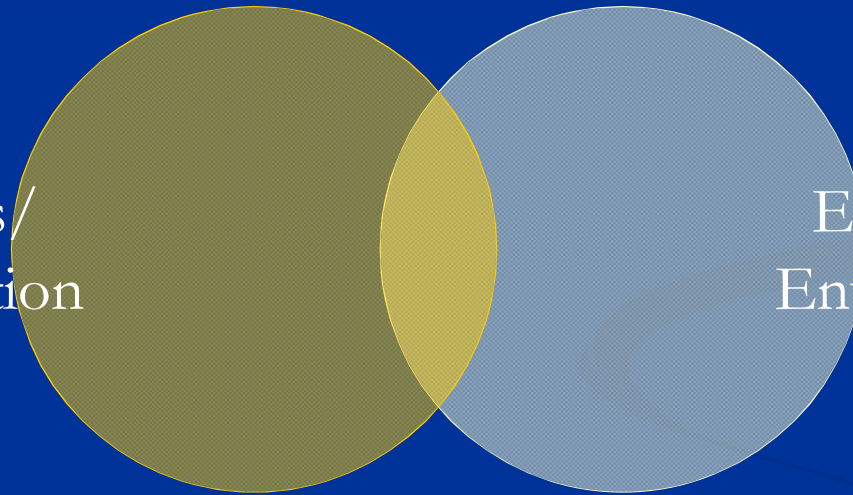


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What is ESD?

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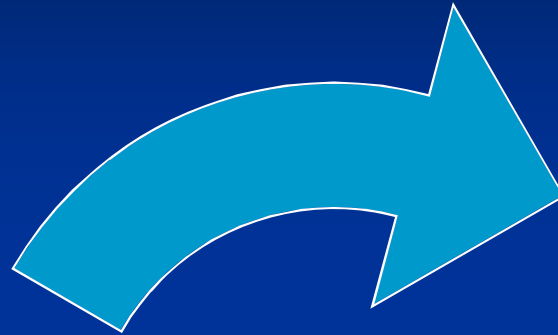
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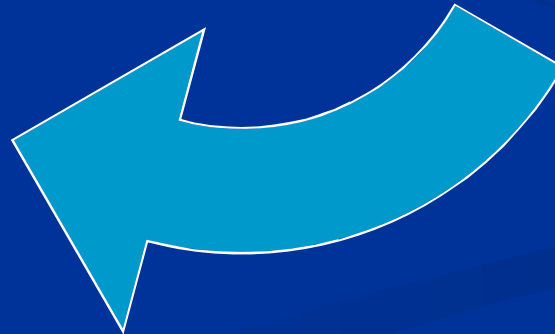
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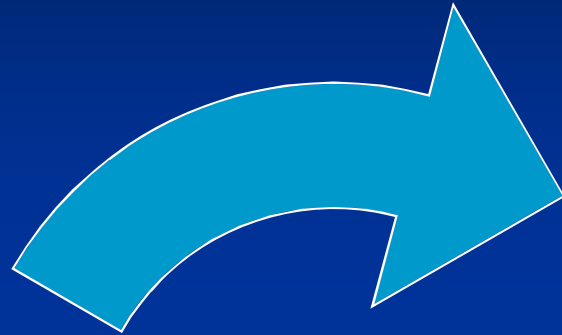
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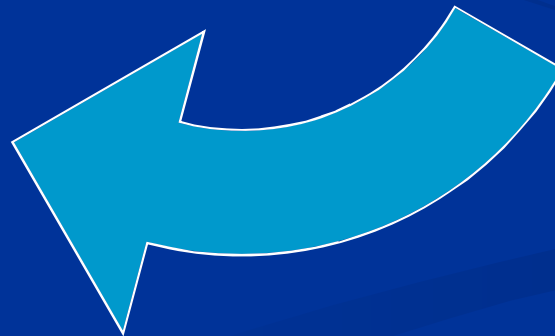


What is ESD?

To this...



Environmental Issues/
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What Development Education/ESD is

- interdisciplinary and holistic learning
- values-driven
- critical thinking, systems thinking and problem solving
- Involving multi-method approaches
- Requiring participatory decision-making
- Being locally relevant

What Development Education/ESD is not

Manipulation and authoritarianism are practiced by many educators who, as they style themselves progressives, are actually taken for such

(Paulo Freire, 1999).

Ubuntu Network

- Ubuntu Network founded May 2005 as strategic partnership project for Irish Aid
- Aim: integrate Dev Ed into Post-primary Initial Teacher Education
 - Target group is teacher educators
 - Built on prior work of Limerick Network
 - Grew from working with 3/4 colleges to working with 10 colleges
 - Built on model of support (not replacement) & on action-research & exchange

Action Research as a Methodology

- Action Research is...
 - a participatory, **democratic** process concerned with practical knowing in the pursuit of worthwhile human purposes, grounded in a **participatory** worldview... It seeks to bring together action and reflection, theory and practice in participation with others, in the pursuit of **practical solutions to issues of pressing concern to people...**(Reason and Bradbury, 2001)
- Linked to development approach of PRA
- Changing of practice based on evidence collected in realistic settings