

## Sustainability in the strategy of EUC Syd

EUC Syd has for quite some years committed our school and college to working with SDGs.

It all started when ProjectZero became the leading project in Sønderborg municipality and EUC Syd joined from the perspective that there will be no development if you do not educate. Educated craftsmen are the key driver towards the green transition. The goal and ambition for ProjectZero is that Sønderborg municipality will be carbon neutral in 2029.

From this starting point it sorts of grew on EUC Syd when we became a part of Learning Cities and became a UNESCO-school in 2016 as the first VET-school in Denmark. Later more came along. Being a UNESCO-school requires an annual plan for your actions and initiatives therefor the next step was to create a strategi for how EUC Syd will act sustainable.

EUC Syd's strategy is a whole school approach:

- ✓ We actively take responsibility
- ✓ We act sustainable
- ✓ We promote sustainable competences, values, and education
- ✓ We exchange knowledge and create synergy
- ✓ We act climate neutral and sustainable

This vision runs throughout the school from food in canteens, operation of our buildings and embedded in our educational programs. We have a responsibility in the formation of our students and apprentices and prepare them for citizenship in a democratic country and world.

Strategic targets and great involvement of management is a decisive factors and key drivers when shifting focus towards sustainability at all levels and in every operation. Therefor it needs to be on the agenda in every democratic forum at the college e.g.: college board, management, forum for department chairs, student council, teacher's fora, and building sectors.

When have we reached our goals? It is when we just do it in all our actions and not having to address it any longer – like we no longer talk about e.g.: human rights or gender equality at EUC Syd because that is so well embedded and integrated in our DNA.

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You might find good use a step model, and it could be Kotter's Model "8 Steps of Change".

Here are the steps from EUC Syd as inspiration:



