

# FOSTERING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN NATURE CONSERVATION



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## ABSTRACT



The "Building a Sustainable World Together: Global Dialogues for Nature Conservation and Education" programme exemplifies experiential learning to engage student teachers, in-service teachers, teacher educators, and communities in addressing environmental challenges through Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). The programme includes interactive workshops and dialogue sessions that develop intercultural communicative competence and skills for facilitating global dialogues.

Participants engage in two local dialogue sessions on nature conservation education, followed by three global Zoom sessions with peers, conservation practitioners, and educators from regions such as England, France, Ireland, Macau, the Philippines, and Thailand. The global dialogues address key topics: (1) "Planning, Experimenting, and Reflecting (PER) for ESD," focusing on personal growth in ESD practices; (2) "ESD Curricula for Nature Conservation," exploring local and global curricular approaches; and (3) "ESD Pedagogical Design," fostering collaborative teaching strategies.

The programme connects participants with organisations like The Nature Conservancy and Hong Kong Wetland Park for hands-on learning, enriching their understanding of conservation and sustainability. By integrating local and global dialogues with experiential learning, the initiative cultivates leadership, critical thinking, and collaborative inquiry, equipping future educators to implement impactful ESD curricula and advocate for sustainable development.

## Building a Sustainable World Together: Global Dialogues for Nature Conservation and Education

Nature Conservation X Global Education X Sustainable Futures <https://cuhkglobaleducation.my.canva.site/main>

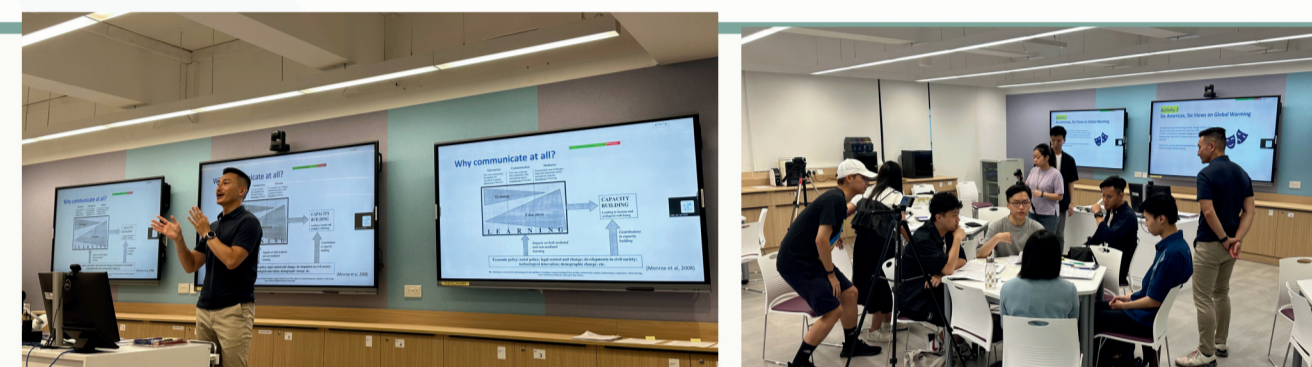


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## Workshops

### WORKSHOP 1: CROSSING CULTURAL BOUNDARIES

Date: 21 September 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education), 13 (Climate Action)  
Focus: Intercultural communication for sustainability advocacy.



### WORKSHOP 3: CULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Date: 5 October 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production)  
Focus: Integrating cultural values into education for nature conservation.



### WORKSHOP 5: BUILDING BRIDGES, MAKING DECISIONS

Date: 19 October 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education)  
Focus: Intercultural competences in sustainable development.



### WORKSHOP 7: EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Date: 2 November 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education), SDG: 14 (Life Below Water), 15 (Life on Land)  
Focus: Cultural diversity in nature conservation.



### WORKSHOP 2: CULTIVATING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Date: 28 September 2024  
SDG: 14 (Life Below Water), 15 (Life on Land)  
Focus: Marine conservation and ecological impacts of habitat destruction.



### WORKSHOP 4: BRIDGING CULTURES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Date: 11 October 2024  
SDG: 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)  
Focus: Cross-cultural collaboration in oyster restoration projects.



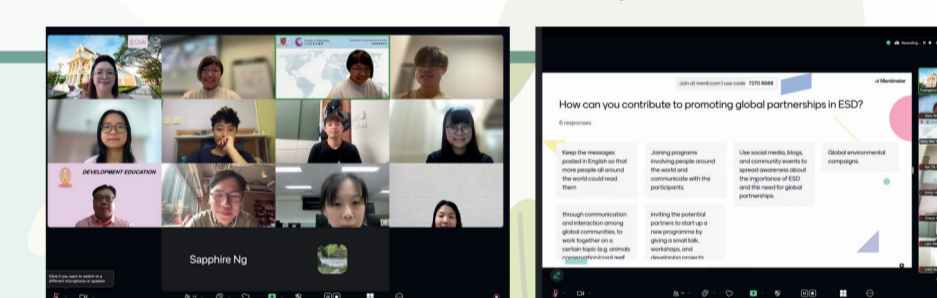
### WORKSHOP 6: BEYOND BORDERS

Date: 26 October 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education), 13 (Climate Action)  
Focus: Global perspectives on nature conservation.



### WORKSHOP 8: COLLABORATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Date: 16 November 2024  
SDG: 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)  
Focus: Cross-cultural collaboration for sustainability.



## Local Dialogues

### LOCAL DIALOGUE 1: ESD, NATURE CONSERVATION AND US

Date: 21 September 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education)  
Focus: Personal perspectives on nature conservation.

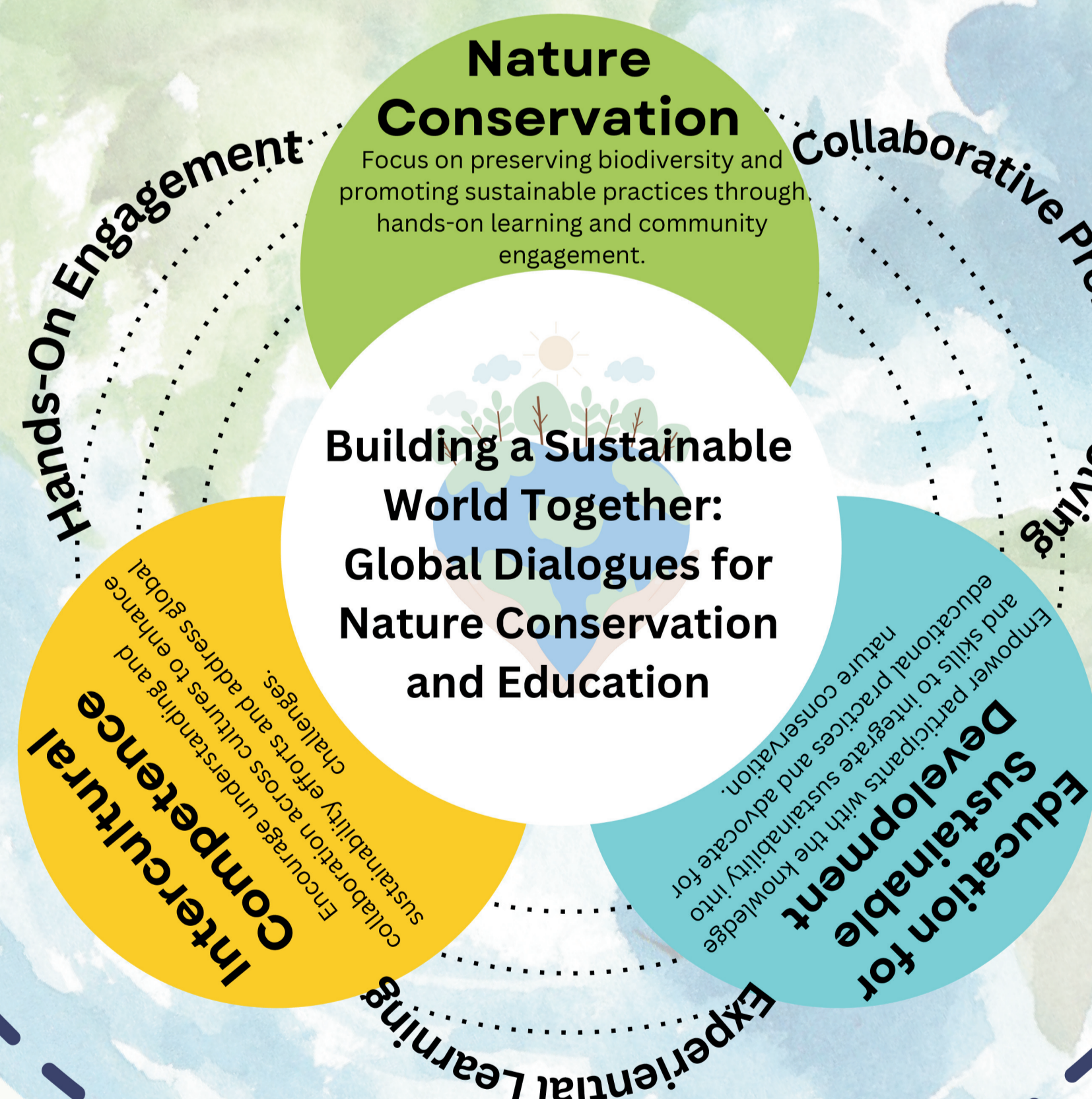


### LOCAL DIALOGUE 2: ESD FOR NATURE CONSERVATION ISSUES

Date: 9 November 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education), 15 (Life on Land)  
Focus: Current issues in ESD for nature conservation.



## Core Concepts



## Global Dialogues

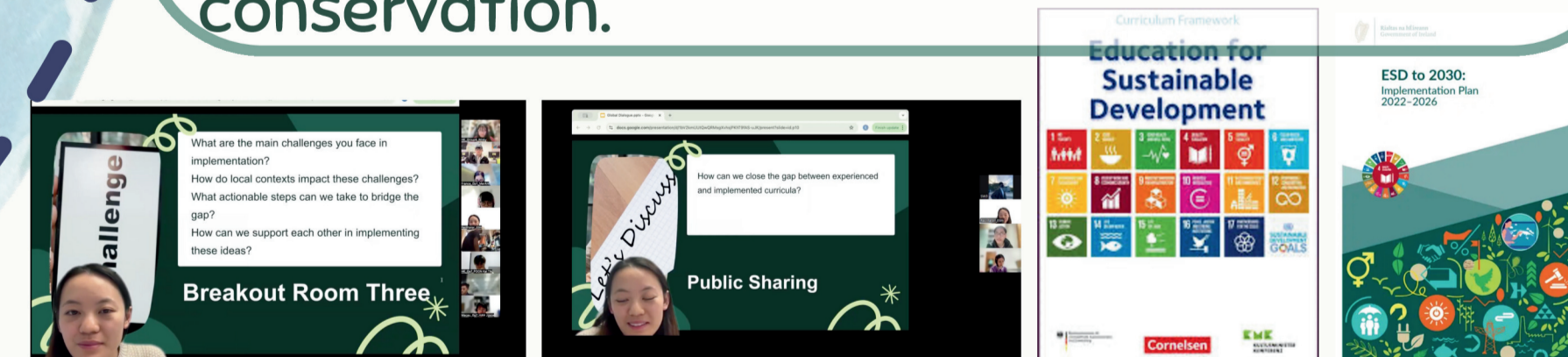
### GLOBAL DIALOGUE 1: PLANNING, EXPERIMENTING AND REFLECTING

Date: 16 November 2024  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education)  
Focus: Personal goals for ESD in nature conservation.



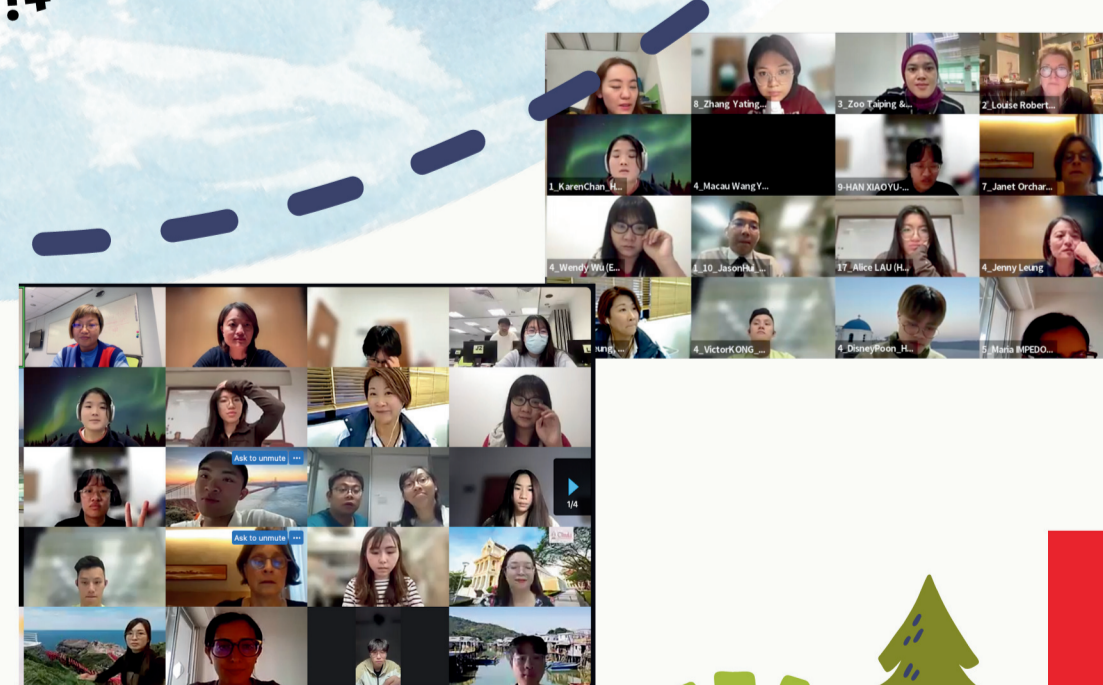
### GLOBAL DIALOGUE 2: EXPLORING ESD CURRICULA

Date: 15 January 2025  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education)  
Focus: Analysis of ESD curricula for nature conservation.

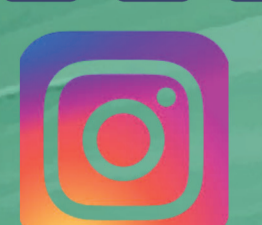


### GLOBAL DIALOGUE 3: ESD PEDAGOGICAL DESIGN

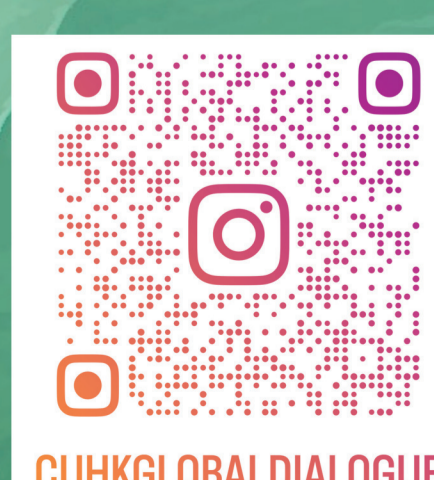
Date: 12 February 2025  
SDG: 4 (Quality Education)  
Focus: Engaging students in nature conservation education.



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Note: The organisations listed are arranged in random order.