

**EARTH CHARTER
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EARTH CHARTER LEADERSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY & ETHICS COURSE



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Leadership, Sustainability & Ethics Course

INTRODUCTION | OBJECTIVES

The Earth Charter—an inclusive ethical framework that recognizes the interdependency of ecological protection, the eradication of poverty, equitable economic development, respect for human rights, democracy, and peace—articulates a global vision and values for sustainability.

As those whose lives will be most deeply affected by our current unsustainable practices, young leaders are emerging as critical thinkers in the paradigm shift that is required to build more just and sustainable societies. Although many young people are raising their voices and looking for ways to address the socio-environmental challenges of our time, many are disengaged with processes of social change or feel disempowered to do so.

Those who possess a strong sense of justice, the openness and courage for change are seeking opportunities to connect, to learn and to generate a positive impact.

Recognizing the power and importance of young leaders in building a more just, sustainable and peaceful world, Earth Charter International (ECI) has been engaging, motivating, training, and empowering young leaders, aged between 18 and 30 years old, from all regions of the world to get more involved in processes of social transformation.

In this context, for over 10 years, ECI has offered online and face-to-face training and opportunities for young leaders to enhance their leadership capacity and skills to be effective and ethical agents of change towards sustainability.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To provide an opportunity to young people to enhance their skills and knowledge about ethical sustainability leadership and create local Earth Charter-inspired projects. The ultimate goal is to empower young leaders to contribute towards a more sustainable and peaceful world.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This course is designed so that participants will be able to:

- Develop their concept of leadership, sustainability, and ethics.
- Communicate the basics about the Earth Charter and its role in the world.
- Use the Earth Charter as a tool for personal growth in their lives and work.
- Facilitate a workshop on leadership, sustainability, ethics, and/or the Earth Charter
- Understand their role in creating the change they wish to see in the world;
- Cultivate their agency for fulfilling that role effectively; and
- Connect with other participants for current and future support and collaboration.

DESCRIPTION

This 10-week training includes two components: 1) online sessions, and 2) organizing and facilitating a workshop. The programme involves an introductory and final session and it relies on the online platform and weekly local or online action plans to engage participants in the theory and practice of leadership, sustainability, and ethics. The curriculum incorporates multi-media methods, including articles, videos, written exercises, group activities, a discussion forum, and social media and culminates in the development and implementation of a local workshop by each participant or class.

10
week course

18-30
year olds

ASSESSMENT

Participation in this course will be assessed according to their accomplishments in the assignments and interactions during the course. Discussion forums are part of this process and will be used as a platform to exchange views, observations and ask each other questions.

The final project, which each participant will develop, will also be part of the evaluation. The course facilitator will support the learning experience.

Participants will have the opportunity to join an international network and support each other as they explore their role as ethical leaders. They will receive an Earth Charter International certificate as recognition of their successful completion and an invitation to become an Earth Charter Young Leader.

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PART 1 ONLINE CLASSROOM SESSIONS

Course participants will work through seven (7) comprehensive online sessions. Each session includes an introduction, supporting videos and/or readings as well as individual exercises. In addition to the core content, further resources are included to deepen the understanding of a given topic. Participants are expected to complete one session per week, by going through the session's content, posting a message on a group discussion forum and by commenting on a classmate's post (at least once per week/session).

Sessions

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| 1 | Introduction |
| 2 | Sustainability and Ecoliteracy |
| 3 | Systems Thinking |
| 4 | The Earth Charter, Part 1 |
| 5 | The Earth Charter, Part 2 |
| 6 | Leadership and Ethics |
| 7 | Ethical Dilemmas |

PART 2 FACILITATING A WORKSHOP

Course participants will complete the final three sessions by preparing and delivering a workshop. The workshop may be completed individually or in small groups.

Sessions

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| 8 | Facilitation and Organizing |
| 9 | Collaborative Workshop Preparation |
| 10 | Workshop Implementation and Debrief |

Participants are expected to plan a workshop during week eight, share the plan with the group, provide feedback, integrate changes to their plan during week nine, and facilitate a workshop during week 10. They will need to organize the time, place, and participants. At a final online real time session, participants will make a presentation on how their workshop evolved and on their learnings through this process.