

**London South Bank  
University**

**London**  
**RCE**



# LONDON

**REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE IN  
EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

## OUR VISION:

**A sustainable  
London where  
personal  
wellbeing, social  
justice and  
ecosystem health  
thrive in mutual  
balance.**

## MISSION

To become a leading ESD network that mobilises stakeholders from education, state, business and civil society around the common goal of building a sustainable London through learning, while contributing to enrich ESD at a global level through the global learning space for ESD.

## ESD LONDON

Accredited by the UNU in 2010, London is the first European capital to receive such accolade. London's RCE provides a round table for people and organisations to jointly promote learning for a sustainable future.

## GOALS

- To build a sustainable London through transformative learning.
- To provide a forum for empowering London communities.
- To add value to the existing Education for Sustainable Development networks in London and the UK, with particular relevance to London.

For more information, visit:  
[londonrce.kk5.org](http://londonrce.kk5.org)

## **PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

The London RCE is coordinated by a steering group of key stakeholders and projects are developed and implemented by a number of working groups. The RCE works through its partners who are all playing an active role in achieving a more sustainable London.

Some of these partners include: the London Sustainable Schools Forum, SEED, London Environment Education Forum (LEEF), London 21, Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), People and Planet, Conserve Africa.

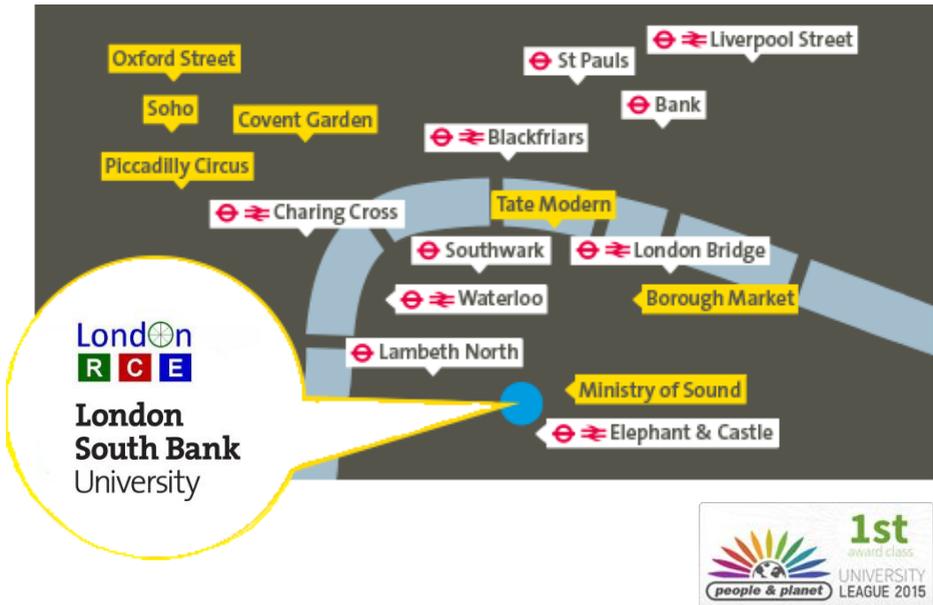
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## **WHAT IS A REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE? (RCE)?**

In response to the UN decade of education for sustainable development (2005-2014) regional networks for the promotion of education for sustainable development (ESD) were created. These networks address sustainable development challenges at a local level.

## **WHAT IS EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD)?**

According to UNESCO, ESD envisions 'a world where everyone has the opportunity to benefit from quality education and learn the values, behaviour and lifestyles required for a sustainable future and for a positive societal transformation.' its overall aim is therefore to empower citizens to act for positive environmental and social change.



## LSBU

London South Bank University is the co-ordinating university for RCE London. As an internationally recognised pioneer in the field of ESD, LSBU has a long-standing relationship toward sustainable development, with an extensive environmental policy designed to “provide sustainable environmental improvements, prevent pollution, and ensure legal and regulatory compliance through both of our campuses.”

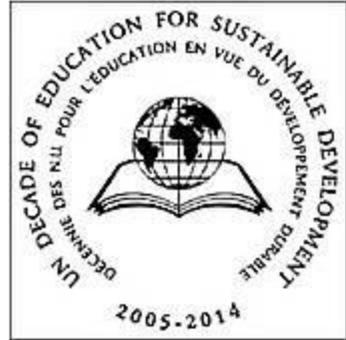
## A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The first ever masters programme of this kind, LSBU’s Education for Sustainability MSc is developed in collaborations with the World Wide Fund for Nature, Oxfam and the EU. The program draws on the expertise of environmental and development NGO’s as well as the academic and educational communities.

For more information visit [lsbu.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability](http://lsbu.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability)

## UN DECADE OF EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2005 - 2014)

The overall goal of the DESD was to integrate the principles, values and practices of sustainable development into all aspects of education and learning. This educational effort aimed to encourage changes in behaviour that will create a more sustainable future in terms of environmental integrity, economic viability and a just society for present and future generations.



### POST 2014

Upon completion of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in 2014, London RCE is committed to further generating, accelerating and mainstreaming ESD by implementing the Global Action Program (GAP).

GAP aims to generate and scale up action in all levels and areas of education and learning to accelerate progress towards sustainable development.

### CASE STUDIES

In 2015 the London RCE took an active role in supporting Refugee Community Organisations. An event was inspired by the desire to promote universities as places accessible to all, with the hope of breaking down some of the underlying barriers that prevent refugees from seizing learning and educational opportunities in the UK. The event was hosted at London South Bank University under the banner 'Lifelong Learning: Sustaining Educational Journeys'.

In 2016 the London RCE has plans to encourage sustainability within the tourism industry, providing a seminar for students and professionals interested in ethical and sustainable tourism in London.

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