

–Develop Sustainable Societies through Community Learning and Collaboration–

RCE Okayama

Okayama

ESD

Education for
Sustainable Development

Project

2015~2019

For everyone to be happy forever on our earth

**Hand over our planet to the next
generation enriched through learning**

Global warming, the widening gap between rich and poor, all these challenges occurring on earth effect us, complicating our daily life and work with environmental, economic and social problems.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is an approach that nurtures citizens who regard solving these challenges as part of their responsibility. ESD inspires citizens to learn from each other across the generations, widen social circles, develop community, think for the future and take action, so that everyone can live peacefully together.

**The world changes for the better when communities change.
Communities change for the better when we change ourselves.
Get educated and start taking action on local issues.
The keyword is ESD.**



Okayama ESD Promotion Commission

ESD: Working Together, Working for Each Other

We run diverse learning and activity programmes that tackle challenges today, so that we can enrich the lives of future generations and pass on our treasured wisdom and culture. This is the core of ESD, diversity, learning and activities that support local collaboration and develop sustainable communities.

Through Community Action

In 'Kominkans'



Kozai Kominkan

Residents take initiative for local challenges. They learn and act together



Kyoyama District ESD Promotion Commission

Young and old unite through community projects

In Schools



Fujita District School ESD Partnership

Local residents and students plan for the future

Learn about our community and earth together

Connect learning and practice.

With NPOs



NPO Heart of Gold

Projects that teach about sustainable living, peace and the environment

With Universities



A university student teaches elementary school students

Promote research and involve the young in social action

Working Together

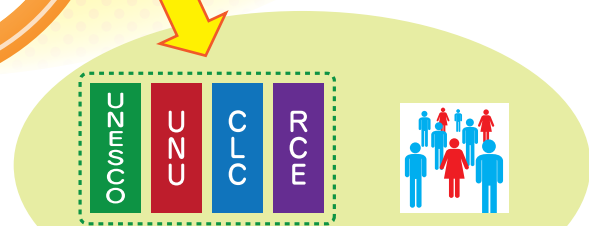


ESD Workshop

Learn about community and build our future together



We launched the Okayama ESD Promotion Commission to mark the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. The commission is a flexible network of local stakeholders that develops ESD projects across the region. 'Kominkans', schools, NPOs, universities and enterprises work with communities to realize ESD aims. Working together provides the strength, continuity and 'collective will' to make ESD philosophy a reality.



International & Domestic Communities

The Okayama ESD Promotion Commission works in collaboration with domestic and international communities. Collaborations include work with Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) acknowledged by the UNU, and Community Learning Centres (CLC) which form part of the UNESCO framework for the Asia and Pacific Programme of Education for All (APPEAL).

Okayama ESD Project - 2015-2019

The Okayama ESD Promotion Commission formulated the “Okayama ESD Project Master Plan - 2015-2019”. The plan is based on key challenges and approaches identified during the UNESCO World Conference on ESD held in Okayama and Nagoya City in 2014. By developing the collaborative projects described below, the commission aims to build a community of citizens who learn, think and act for the future of Okayama and the world.

Sharing a Vision of our Future Community



Sharing ideas to develop a model of a sustainable society and visualize our future community and its challenges.

Youth Building a Sustainable Society



Promoting youth involvement in activities for sustainable communities and empowering them.

Communities Learning at Kominkans



Learning community challenges and acting to find solutions with Kominkans, schools and community organizations.

ESD for all Schools



Promoting ESD at all elementary and junior high schools through strengthen the support of Education Board and university

Rewarding Good Practice



Okayama city launched the “ESD Okayama Award” to reward model practices worldwide.

Promoting Enterprise-Led ESD



Promoting enterprise-led ESD collaboration with social contribution activities.

Increasing learning opportunities

Expanding access to ESD information in public space such as libraries and cafés. Expanding support by ESD and Civic Collaboration Promotion Centre.



Stakeholders: Japan and Worldwide



Networking and collaborating with local, national and international organizations: Japanese government, UNESCO and CLCs in Asia Pacific.

Okayama ESD Promotion Commission ~ Promoting ESD in Okayama

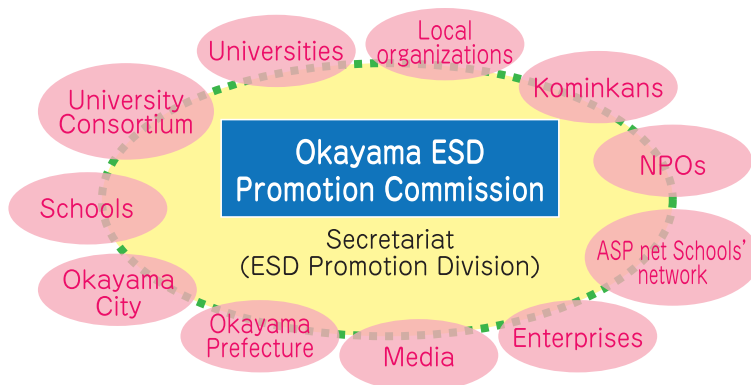
The Okayama ESD Promotion Commission is composed of organizations active in the Okayama region that sympathize with the spirit of ESD. The commission aims to build a community of citizens who learn, think and act for the future of Okayama and the world. Stakeholders such as universities, educational institutions, citizen groups, enterprises, media and government offices related to ESD participate in our initiatives (241 organizations as of Sep. 2015). If your organization welcomes the ESD spirit and wishes to collaborate and exchange with the commission, please get in touch with the secretariat below.

Welcome to ESD



Okayama ESD Promotion Commission
Chair: Hirofumi Abe
 (Executive Director & Vice President, Okayama University)

The new Okayama ESD Promotion Commission has kicked off! Following the success of the UNESCO World Conference on ESD, we continue to develop leading approaches. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Get Information on ESD in Okayama!

Information about the activities of Okayama ESD Commission and supporting organizations can be accessed on our Website, Facebook and at Kominkans. Please visit our Website for further information.

Website Introducing ESD in Okayama



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ESD Practices by Okayama Municipal Kominkans: Ren Men Men



This booklet explains Kominkans and introduces ESD practices in 37 Kominkans. Seven Points of ESD Practices by Okayama Municipal Kominkans are also shown. Published in 2014. Distributed by ESD Promotion Division, Okayama City Municipal Office.

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