

## **Awarded: Berufsbildende Schulen I Uelzen are role models for sustainable development**

### **National award of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the German UNESCO Commission for Education for Sustainable Development\***

On 24 September, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the German Commission for UNESCO presented the National Award – Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for the new UNESCO programme "ESD 2030" for the first time.

Andrea Ruyter-Petznek, Head of the Education in Regions Unit, Education for Sustainable Development at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the Secretary-General of the German Commission for UNESCO Dr. Roman Luckscheiter honoured 25 actors for their outstanding commitment to Education for Sustainable Development.

The 25 award-winning initiatives reach people with innovative educational offers, contents and ideas and enable learners to participate actively and responsibly in shaping a sustainable future.

The Berufsbildenden Schulen I Uelzen convinced the jury through an exemplary commitment to ESD and a special dedication to the Global Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

BBS I Uelzen - Learning site for 360 degree sustainability education at the

<https://www.unesco.de/bildung/bne-akteure/bbs-i-uelzen-lernort-fuer-360-grad-nachhaltigkeitsbildung>

### **Background**

In 2020, the United Nations proclaimed the "Decade of Action" to achieve the Global Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. UNESCO launched its programme "Education for Sustainable Development: Realising the Global Sustainable Development Goals (ESD 2030) following the UNESCO World Programme of Action on Education for Sustainable Development (2015-2019).

In the new UNESCO programme "ESD 2030", the Federal Ministry for Education and Research and the German Commission for UNESCO honour initiatives that promote the achievement of the Global Sustainable Development Goals and empower people to effect change. An award certifies successful applicants for the promotion of high quality educational programmes and effective and forward-looking commitment to sustainable development. The award-winning initiatives present themselves on the BNE page of the Unesco website

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They benefit from exchange and networking in a network of high-quality educational initiatives on sustainable development.

### **Education for sustainable development**

Sustainable development means promoting human dignity and equal opportunities for all in an intact environment. Education is central to sustainable development. It enables people to make decisions for the future and to assess the impact of their own on future generations or on life in other regions of the world. The global sustainability agenda 2030 of the United Nations sets the implementation of ESD as a goal for the global community. Following the UNESCO World Programme of Action on Education for Sustainable Development (2015 - 2019), Germany is participating in the UNESCO follow-up programme "ESD 2030", which is closely linked to the Agenda and its 17 Global Sustainable Development Goals.

### **Further information**

National Awards - Education for Sustainable Development: [www.unesco.de/bne](http://www.unesco.de/bne)

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Award-winning initiatives from all federal states: [www.unesco.de/bne](http://www.unesco.de/bne)

All acteurs: <http://www.unesco.de/bne-akteure>

Federal Ministry of Education and Research: [www.bmbf.de/bne](http://www.bmbf.de/bne)

<<http://www.bmbf.de/bne>><<http://www.bmbf.de/bne>>Publication "Strong Structures. Excellent ESD on the ground": [www.unesco.de/bildung/bildung](http://www.unesco.de/bildung/bildung)

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