

What is Local Agenda 21 ?

Following a UN conference in 1992 on environmental and development issues a blueprint document (i.e. major plan for global action to bring about sustainable development) called Agenda 21 was developed. In 2002at the Johannesburg Summit, it was agreed that agendas be turned into action

Local Agenda 21 is the process of building partnerships between local authorities and other sectors to develop and implement local policies for sustainable development This initial leaflet is the first step towards establishing an Agenda 21 forum in County Kilkenny. It is envisaged that the forum will provide a framework for discussion and promotion on sustainable development in the county. LA 21 is designed to implement the principles of sustainable development at a local level by addressing & involving local people directly.

Examples of Local Agenda 21 actions in County Kilkenny include,

The development of the County Development Board Strategy , an Economic , Social & Cultural Development Plan for County Kilkenny. www.kilkennycdb.ie .

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Action for the future

Promoting sustainable development in Co Kilkenny

LA Agenda 21



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What does sustainable Development Do?

"Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"
In other words Sustainability simply means ensuring a good quality of life in a good quality environment both for now and a long time in the future.



Examples include.

Transport, Waste, Biodiversity, use of resources, renewable energy, and equality.

Did you no that,

- fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas will inevitably run out and renewable energy have to become one of the worlds main energy resources
- Fairly traded products guarantee a better deal for workers in poor countries.
- In Ireland we have over 1.2 car per person



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What are the principles of sustainable development.

Some of the key principles of sustainable development include...

- The use of **non –renewable** resources should be minimized
 - Use of **hazardous/polluting substances** and wastes created should be minimized waste management should be environmentally sound
 - **Renewable resources** should be used within the capacity for regeneration. (*wind mill farms, solar power homes*)
 - The **quality of soils** and water resources should be maintained and improved.
 - The **diversity of wildlife**, habitats and species should be maintained and improved.
 - **Air and atmosphere** should be protected and human induced effects on climate minimized.
 - The **development of the resource potential** in one region should not compromise the ability of other regions to achieve their own potential.
- Social inclusion** should be promoted to ensure an improved quality of life for all. (*The Kilkenny County Development Board*)
- The **quality of the landscape**, the heritage of the man-made environment and historic and cultural resources should be maintained.
 - **Decision making** should be developed to the appropriate level
 - **Stakeholder participation** should be promoted at all levels of decision making

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