

Update

Learning for a Sustainable Future (www.lsf-lst.ca)

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Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF) is a Canadian charitable organization founded in 1991. Working with business, governments, school boards, universities, communities, educators, and youth across Canada, LSF acts as a connector, a resource, and a facilitator for change.

LSF's innovative programs and strategic partnerships are reshaping education policy and transforming learning methods, helping students address the increasingly difficult economic, social, and environmental challenges of the 21st century.

The priority action areas outlined in the GAP very closely align with LSF's strategic priority areas, positioning LSF very well to continue to deliver on this important work in Canada and internationally.

Internationally, LSF hosted educators from New Caledonia and the Dominican Republic at a Summer Professional Development Institute, and facilitated a 1.5 day Roundtable with education, business and community leaders in the Dominican Republic. LSF was part of the Canadian Delegation to the World Conference on ESD in Japan. Finally, LSF' Chair Dr. David Bell was recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education, receiving the 2014 EECOM Award for Excellence in International Environmental Education.

Nationally, Dr. Bell's paper, *21st Century Learning Viewed through a Sustainability Lens* was presented by Dr. Gerald Farthing to the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada – Deputy Ministers. It was well received and has resulted in a discussion of ESD that will be ongoing. LSF's newest resource, *Connecting the Dots: Key Strategies that Transform Learning for Environmental Education, Citizenship and Sustainability* was released and distributed to Ministries of Education, Teachers' Federations, School Boards and Faculties of Education across Canada.

LSF continued working with teachers, providing workshops and resource materials. *Connecting the Dots* provided the framework for over 50 professional development workshops engaging over 1,800 educators. Over 65,000 students and teachers undertook EcoLeague action projects in their schools and communities. Over 4,000 youth across Canada participated in Our Canada Project (OCP) workshops and posted 138 projects on the OurCanadaProject.ca website.