

Title of Sustainable Development Goal:

8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Decent Work and Economic Growth

Short Description of SDG:

You can contribute to this SDG by collaborating, speaking and acting for positive economic change. SDG 8 relates to topics such as decent working conditions, labour rights and an inclusive labour market, local economy, local consumption and sustainable business models. You can seize and create opportunities to develop, plan and implement entrepreneurial projects with positive ecological and social impact.

Action Area 1

Values-driven leadership

Question 1

Do you talk, share knowledge about labour rights, decent working conditions in the South, equal pay for equal work, local consumption etc. with your family and friends and do you call them to the action?

1	<i>Never</i>
2	<i>Sometimes</i>
3	<i>Often</i>
4	<i>Very often</i>

Question Feedback:

Talking to your family and friends about important topics such as decent working rights is the first step in creating awareness.

Question 2

When working in a team, do you try to understand what is important for your team members and do you try to use everybody's expertise and talents?

1	<i>Not at all</i>
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2	Rarely
3	Often
4	Always

Question Feedback:

To show good leadership, it is essential to let everyone contribute to the work, by allowing them to use their expertise and strengths. As a leader it is also important to understand what motivates people and what are their values.

Question 3

When you work in a team and you have a discussion with your team members, do you listen to your team members' concerns and do you try to relate to their feelings and mediate?

1	<i>I do not listen to their concerns and feelings, only my feelings and opinion matter</i>
2	<i>I ask them to express their feelings and concerns, but I don't make effort to mediate</i>
3	<i>I ask them to express their feelings and concerns and I make some effort to mediate</i>
4	<i>I always listen to their concerns and feelings and try to mediate in order to contribute to the work</i>

Question Feedback:

In order to be seen as a leader, it is important to show empathy and to assert your opinions respectfully. Leaving space to actively listen to others contributes to the quality of your work.

Action Area 2

Conscious consumption

Question 1

Do you know where the goods you buy are produced and under which working circumstances?

1	Never
2	Sometimes
3	Frequently
4	Always

Question Feedback:

A first step in buying sustainable products is being aware of where the products you buy are produced and under which circumstances. In order to buy sustainable, look for fairtrade products for example which are produced under circumstances that respect decent working conditions for the producers.

Question 2

When you have the choice between two products, one produced faraway and one in your region, do you buy the locally produced product?

1	<i>Never, I do not care whether it is an international or regional product.</i>
2	<i>Sometimes, but most of the time I buy the international product because it is cheaper</i>
3	<i>Most of the time, I try to find a compromise between price and environmental/social impact</i>
4	<i>Always, I promote the local economy and am very aware of the environmental/social impact of the goods I buy</i>

Question Feedback:

Buying locally helps to create jobs for your friends and neighbours, contributes to improved public infrastructure and helps to invest in your community both socially and economically.

Question 3

Do you boycott companies which you know do not respect the environment by not buying their products?

1	<i>Never</i>
2	<i>Sometimes</i>
3	<i>Often</i>
4	<i>Very often</i>

Question Feedback:

As a consumer you can use your power to change the system by boycotting companies that do not produce in a sustainable way. This is an important act to defend your values.

Action Area 3

Sustainable entrepreneurship

Question 1	
<i>Do you discuss alternative and sustainable economic models, future visions of economy and society with your friends, family, teachers or school mates?</i>	
1	<i>Never</i>
2	<i>Sometimes</i>
3	<i>Often</i>
4	<i>Very often</i>
Question Feedback:	
<i>Having some knowledge about sustainable business models is essential if you want to support sustainable entrepreneurship. Everyone can show sustainable entrepreneurship, even if you do not own a business yourself. Sustainable entrepreneurship means you see and seize entrepreneurial opportunities that contribute to sustainability. This can be done at school, at home, during an internship or at work. Starting a discussion is the first step to create awareness in your own environment. If you want to know more about sustainable business models, ask your teacher.</i>	

Question 2	
<i>When you are facing difficulties, are you able to look for alternative solutions?</i>	
1	<i>Not at all. I find this very difficult and confusing.</i>
2	<i>Rarely, it's difficult to see alternatives.</i>
3	<i>Often, I analyze the situation and I make a new decision.</i>
4	<i>Very often, I am able to analyze the situation thoroughly and in a systemic way. I am also able to see multiple future scenarios.</i>
Question Feedback:	
<i>Sustainability issues are very complex. Being able to see alternatives and visions of the future are an essential competence to contribute to solutions to sustainability challenges. This can be done using techniques such as scenario thinking. It is also important not to jump to conclusions too fast and to approach the issues you are facing in a systemic way. If you want to learn more about this, ask your teacher.</i>	

Question 3	
<i>How often do you make up excuses for why you didn't do something important?</i>	
1	<i>Very frequently, I'm very creative in making up excuses.</i>

2	<i>Frequently, I find it difficult to stick to a plan.</i>
3	<i>Sometimes, I often find it difficult to stick to a plan.</i>
4	<i>Never, I always stick to my plan.</i>
Question Feedback:	
<i>In order to tackle sustainability issues, you should not only be able to analyze the situation and to think of future scenarios. You should also come up with a plan and take action. Strategic thinking and action planning are important competences you can learn.</i>	

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