

# Sustainable Education Summit 2023

Thursday 16 November | 9:30am – 3:15pm  
Best Western Windmill Village Hotel

## (Co)Designing A More Sustainable Future For Your School



### The Conference

**The Sustainable Education Summit, organised in partnership by Schools of Tomorrow and the Edge Foundation, provides a unique opportunity for school leaders and their students to work together to create a more sustainable future for their school.**

This is not about having a new building or just about what you teach. It's an attitude of mind. It's about the way we think, the way we behave, the way we do things, the things that matter to us.

Our world is at a now or never moment. Unless we all change, we have no future. And our schools are a key part of the front line at the sharp end of making change possible.

If you share our view, join us as school leaders and student leaders at the Sustainable Education Summit, to work with other like-minded schools and help design a better, more sustainable future for your school, whatever your starting point.

#### Aims of the conference:

By the end of the day you will have

- Been inspired by the experience of others
- Learned from practical examples of change from within the UK and globally
- Reflected on change in your own context
- Begun to develop a strategy to move your school forward

#### Keynote Speakers



**Alba Brandt,**  
Founder,  
Green School,  
South Africa



**Mickey Gjerris,**  
Associate Professor in Bioethics  
at the Faculty of Science,  
University of Copenhagen

#### Alba Brandt

Alba Brandt is the co-founder of Green School South Africa, together with her husband, Herman. Their children attended Green School Bali in 2017, and the experience had a transformational impact on their family. After a semester in Bali, they were inspired to help found an international network of Green Schools and to build an award-winning sister school in their hometown in South Africa.

These schools' mission is to create a community of learners, making our world sustainable. At Green School, children are learners, but so are educators and parents and together this forms a community with a shared mission: investigating, researching and sharing ideas on how humanity can live sustainably on this planet.

Alba joins us to tell her family's story, the inspirational forces that led them on a unique journey in the juncture of sustainability and education. She will share detail of inter alia how the school values are entrenched in its culture and all aspects of school life, from building community to behaviour management; how some of the sustainability challenges (like printing and green procurement) have led to innovation and beautiful educational outcomes.

#### Mickey Gjerris

Mickey holds a Master of Theology and a PhD in bioethics. Since 2004 he has done research and taught on different aspects of the ethical relationship between humans and nature, focusing on areas such as animals, agriculture, biotechnology, climate change and biodiversity.



# Agenda

School Leaders Students

9:30 Registration and arrival refreshments

10:00 Welcome and intro to the day

10:05 **Keynote speaker - Mickey Gjerris – Hope is the engine of change**

10:05 **Student Activity Part 1 – Sustainable Minds: Harvesting Values for a Greener Future with Alba Brandt, Founder, Green School**

11:00 **Break**

11:15 **Keynote speaker – Alba Brandt, Founder, Green School South Africa – Inspiration and Ideas for your School Journey**

11:15 **Student Activity Part 2 – Unleashing Student Advocacy: Action Design and Reflective Insights**

12:15 **Lunch**

13:00 Virtual Globe from Home

This will take school leaders and students to Bhopal, India where they will meet women and girls who are part of an organisation called Mahashakti Seva Kendra (MSK). An exciting opportunity to see how passion and a desire to change peoples lives for the better was shaped into a growing movement and to ask questions, seek advice and inspiration on how to begin a movement in your own schools and communities.

13:30 Leaving the World in a Better Place. A presentation from Windsor Academy Trust

14:00 Launch of the Climate Change and Sustainability Toolkit – Presented by the Foundation for Education Development

The Change and Sustainability toolkit is for teachers and school leaders who are looking for guidance and resources to support them in implementing their Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plans. The toolkit is replete with quality, impactful resources from 50+ content partners organised around the themes of CURRICULUM, CULTURE, CAREERS, COMMUNITY and CAMPUS.

14:15 Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can. Plenary activity led by Shaun McInerney, Institute of Education, University of Worcester

15:00 Conclusion to the day

15:15 Conference close

## Tickets

Schools of Tomorrow/Edge members x 1 free ticket and additional places **£95**.

Non member, school leader tickets **£135**.

Students (primary & secondary) 2 per school **free of charge**.

*Please note that a booking fee will apply for all payable tickets.*



[Click here to register and book tickets](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/codesigning-a-more-sustainable-future-for-your-school-tickets-640146935717?aff=odcleoeventsincollection)

