

# A Sustainable Society

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How can we live, work and develop our society in a sustainable way? According to the UN, sustainable development is how we must live today if we want a better tomorrow, by meeting present needs without compromising the chances of future generations to meet their needs. <sup>1</sup>

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## Preparation

Read the instructions for **Part 1** and **Part 2**.

For **Part 1** you have received a card. Read your card and prepare to tell your partner about it.

## Part 1 – Inform and Discuss

**A** In your own words, tell your partner about your card.

- What is your card about?
- In what ways can the example described on your card relate to a sustainable society?
- What is your reaction to the information on your card?

**B** Discuss your card briefly with your partner.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2023/08/what-is-sustainable-development/>

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## Part 2 – Discuss

Together with your partner, choose topics from at least **two or three** of the boxes and discuss some of the questions below **with regard to a sustainable society**.

### Employment

Wages and conditions  
Job security

### Equal Opportunities

Distribution of resources  
Education  
Human rights

### Natural Resources

Renewable vs.  
non-renewable  
Recycling

### Health

Physical activity  
Sleep  
Food

- How close are we to a sustainable society today?
- What changes are most important to focus on today?  
What actions should be taken?
- Who is responsible for making sure these changes happen – individuals, businesses, lawmakers or society as a whole?
- What effects will these changes have on you as an individual and/or on society as a whole?

### Climate Change

Global warming  
Natural disasters

### Quality of Life

Working hours  
Family life  
Stress

### Trade

Growth/Market forces  
Over-consumption  
Conscious consumers

### Pollution

Air, water and soil  
Chemicals and pesticides