

# Key concepts from The Holland Report

"Sustainable development concerns a wide range of interrelated issues which may be approached through the following seven principles or dimensions. The first concerns the interdependent nature of the world. This gives rise to the need for a participative response through the exercise of citizenship and stewardship, which is the theme of the second concept.

The third through to sixth concepts cover further key dimensions of sustainable development, leading to the seventh which, as a logical consequence of those that precede, is concerned with the limits of knowledge and exercise of the precautionary principle."

## 1 Interdependence

Understanding how people, the environment and the economy are inextricably linked at all scales from local to global.

## 2 Citizenship & Stewardship

A sense of responsibility for personal and group actions, and an awareness of their likely impact on natural and human communities, both locally and globally.

## 3 Needs & rights of future generations

Appreciation that the quality of life of future generations is endangered or enhanced by actions we take now.

## 4 Diversity

Respecting and valuing both human diversity – cultural, social and economic – and biodiversity.

## 5 Quality of life

Appreciating why equity and justice are essential to sustainability and that basic needs are vital everywhere in the world.

## 6 Sustainable change

Understanding that resources are finite and that this has implications for people's lifestyles, and for economic and political priorities.

## 7 Uncertainty & precaution in action

Appreciating that there are a range of possible approaches to sustainability and that situations are constantly changing, indicating a need for critical thinking and lifelong learning.