

# Capacity Building



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## Partnership for Education and Research about Responsible Living



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PERL is a network of educators and researchers which encourages people to contribute to constructive change through the way they choose to live.

- PERL partners:
- research social responsibility and sustainable lifestyles;
  - promote education for sustainable development; in particular, education for sustainable consumption;
  - provide capacity building;
  - develop values-based indicators for use in schools;
  - create active learning methods and materials;
  - encourage policy changes for education for sustainable living;
  - give visibility to creative communities that collaboratively invent new ways of living.



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PERL has held several series of seminars, think tanks and teacher training courses with the goal of furthering the discourse on and increasing knowledge about lifestyles and their relationship to environmental sustainability, social and economic development and personal health and well-being.

Target groups for these seminars and courses have been policy makers, teacher trainers, teachers and the public at large and have focused on how to better integrate learning about responsible living into present educational activities, be it as a topic in existing subjects or as a cross-cutting interdisciplinary theme. Learning materials and methodologies have been shared and adapted. Involved in these events have been universities, schools, local governments and civil society organizations.



Teaching sustainable, responsible ways of living has proven to be dependent on learning processes which are interactive, practical and holistic. These processes need to include both local and global perspectives as well as being carried out in contexts with which young people can easily identify.

PERL partners provide seminars that include the above mentioned learning processes and perspectives. The intention is to provide schools and teachers of all levels with support and advice about how to integrate responsible living and education for sustainable, responsible consumption into their lessons. Further they provide teachers with help in assessing the results of such learning.

PERL partners have held a series of Think Tanks. Seminars on topics related to education for responsible living have also been held. Some of these were to build capacity and train teachers to use the Looking for Likely Alternatives (LOLA), Sustainable Everyday Enabling (SEE), Sustainable Everyday Enabling Kit (SEEK), Active Learning Methodologies and Values-Based Indicators Toolkits.

Other seminars/workshops which PERL has held have provided information and opened for debate and discussion about research and education for responsible living. Some have focused on the Learning for Change methodology of participatory learning.

The majority of these seminars and courses have taken place in Europe but many have also been held in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the USA.

PERL seminars and exhibitions have been held in connection with conferences where PERL has been presented, at the Commission on Sustainable Development at the UN in New York 2010/2011, and at PERL partner Institutions. PERL partners have organized and carried out a number of courses using content and methodologies created by the Consumer Citizenship Network.



If you want to learn more about PERL's capacity building seminars visit the website:

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