

# SDG12 Future of Innovation and Enterprise

## MM2: Enterprise Leadership for the 21st Century



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#### Research and Development

#### Lesson 1 What is The Earth Charter?

Subject Areas: CSPE/ SPHE, English and Communication, Environment, Sustainability

#### Lesson Title and Summary: What is The Earth Charter?

This lesson introduces learners to the Earth Charter and its principles. Learners will develop an awareness of how Earth Charter principles can remind us what values cultivate a better, more equitable, just, sustainable and peaceful world. Learners will develop their skills in group discussion and ideation as well as reflective practice in researching. This lesson can be linked with Passion to Purpose lesson on Values.

#### Vocabulary:

Charter, Commitment, Conscience to Action, Equality, Foundations, (to be) Just, Mindset, Movement, (to be) Peaceful, (to be) Sustainable, Thrive, Visionary

#### In this lesson, the learner will:

- develop their skills in reflective practice and research
- practice collaborative discussion
- begin to understand what the Earth Charter is and an awareness of Earth Charter principles

#### Materials

- Worksheet: Vocabulary Building
- Worksheet: Know/Want/Learned (KWL) Chart,
- Worksheet: Turning Conscience into Action for a Thriving Earth.
- Worksheet: Interesting Insights of the Earth Charter
- Teacher's Guide: Worksheet: What is the Earth Charter?
- Dictionary (online or physical)
- Post It notes
- Video: 'Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth. Earth Charter International' [1:20min] (see Media Box)

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### Activity Instructions

#### Activity 1 - Vocabulary Building (10 mins)

1. Divide learners into groups of three. Using Worksheet: Vocabulary Builder, explain that each person looks up four new concepts and defines the new vocabulary in their own words in the speech bubbles above each word.
2. Ask learners to share their findings and definitions with their group members. Ask them to explain their understanding of the dictionary definition and to finish direct learners to complete the rest of the definitions based on their groups sharings so that they have all key concepts defined.

#### Activity 2 - Know/Want/Learned Chart (20 mins)

1. Group learners into pairs. Ask the whole class if they know what the Earth Charter could be about. Share ideas as a whole group.
2. Using Worksheet; KWL Chart, give them 1 minute (in pairs) to complete column 1- 'What I think I know about the Earth Charter'. Share ideas as a whole group.
3. Show learners the image at <https://earthcharter.org/read-the-earth-charter/preamble/> then ask them to complete the second column of the KWL Chart in pairs.
4. Show Video: "Earth Charter: Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth." [1:20min]. Ask pairs to describe what they have seen in the video using the vocabulary from Activity 1.
5. Watch the video a second time, completing Worksheet: Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth. Compare answers with another pair and complete the third column of the KWL Chart.

#### Activity 3 - Reflecting on the Earth Charter (20 mins)

1. Using the vocabulary, KWL Chart and responses to the video, write a paragraph that explains the objectives of the Earth Charter.
2. Make a list of 3-5 things you would like to know more about in relation to the Earth Charter.
3. Share paragraphs and lists with 2 other people and compare ideas.

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### REFLECTIVE EXERCISE: 3-2-1 (10 mins)

- Three things they feel they have learnt from the tasks
- Two things they found most interesting and would like to explore more
- One – their opinion they have about the tasks

Use Post-its or a mentimeter survey - [www.mentimeter.com](http://www.mentimeter.com) - to gather reflections

### EXTENSION / REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

Reduction: for a shorter class, complete Activities 1 & 2 only.

Extension: for a longer class, extend timings for Activities 2 & 3.

### MEDIA BOX: (materials, online video links, extra resources, case studies etc)

**VIDEO Earth Charter: Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth. | The Earth Charter International [1:20 min]**

<https://youtu.be/rfMtTpXjV78>

**The Earth Charter**

<https://earthcharter.org/education-sustainable-development/>

**The Earth Charter Resources**

<https://earthcharter.org/resources/>

**Earth Charter in Irish**

<https://haumea.ie/earth-charter-in-irish-an-gaeilge/>

**The Earth Charter Stories Collection**

<https://theearthstoriescollection.org/en/project/beginning/>

### Local Trip / Expertise / Additional Work and Assessments

Direct learners to access the Earth Charter Stories Collection (See Media Box), section "Preamble" and choose one of the stories in the "Beginning" section to read and summarise.

Ask them to consider and comment on: 1) What the story was about? 2) How the messages from the story might relate to real life? 3) Why this story is important.

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### Vocabulary Builder Definitions of Key Concepts

mindset	a person's way of thinking and their opinions: to have a different/the same mindset
conscience to action	the inner sense of what is right or wrong in one's conduct or motives, impelling one toward right action: to follow the dictates of the complex of ethical and moral principles that controls or inhibits the actions or thoughts of an individual.
commitment	a promise or firm decision to do something
foundation	an idea or fact that something is based on
a movement	a group of people with a particular set of aims or ideas : the women's movement
to be just	fair; morally correct: : The judge's sentence was perfectly just in the circumstances.
to be sustainable	able to continue over a period of time
to be peaceful	without violence
thrive	to grow, develop, or be successful
visionary	a person who has the ability to imagine how a country, society, industry, etc. will develop in the future and to plan in a suitable way
charter	a formal statement of the rights of a country's people, or of an organization or a particular social group, that is agreed by or demanded from a ruler or government: a charter of rights

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### Know Want Learned (KWL) Chart

K-W-L is an acronym that stands for “Know,” “Want to Know,” and “Learned.” The KWL chart is divided into three columns - one for each letter - under which students record: What they already know about the topic, what they want to know and what they have learned that is new knowledge. These charts are graphic organisers that help students organise information before, during, and after a unit or a lesson. They can be used to engage students in a new topic, activate prior knowledge, share unit objectives, and monitor students' learning

#### Example:

WHAT I THINK I KNOW  
ABOUT THE EARTH  
CHARTER

WHAT I WANT  
TO KNOW

WHAT I HAVE  
LEARNED

#### Video Questions:

Q. Why do we need The Earth Charter?

A. Our home (planet Earth) is in crisis.

Q. What is The Earth Charter?

A. A document with 16 principles turning conscience into action. It is a commitment to a just, sustainable and peaceful world.

Q. Who and what is the Earth Charter intended to impact?

A. All life, people, animals, insects, all nature and living things.

Q. Spell out in full and consider: what are we asked to do with The Earth Charter?

A. The visionaries of the future to join and get to work. The visionaries are us.

Q. What does 'conscience into action' mean? Can you think of examples of this in our own lives?

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## Vocabulary Builder Key Concepts

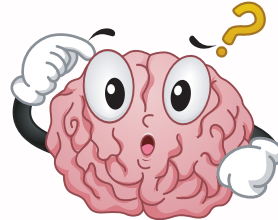
- In groups of three, look up the following vocabulary to learn about their meaning.
- Each person look up four new concepts and define the new vocabulary in your own words in the speech bubbles above each word.
- Complete the rest of the definitions based on your groups sharings so that you have all key concepts defined.

“ ”	“ ”	“ ”	“ ”
(to be) JUST	SUSTAINABLE	PEACEFUL	CONSCIENCE
“ ”	“ ”	“ ”	“ ”
MOVEMENT	CHARTER	MINDSET	ACTION
“ ”	“ ”	“ ”	“ ”
COMMITMENT	FOUNDATIONS	VISIONARY	THRIVE



### KNOW WANT LEARNED (KWL) CHART

1. Complete the first box based on your understanding
2. Complete box 2 before watching the video 'Turning conscience into action for a thriving Earth'
3. Complete box 3 after watching video



## WHAT IS THE EARTH CHARTER?

1. WHAT I THINK I KNOW ABOUT THE EARTH CHARTER

2. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW

3. WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

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## VIDEO TASK

### Before Watching

Don't forget complete Box 2 in the Know Want Learn (KWL) chart : What I Would Like to Know About The Earth Charter.

### During Watching

Note responses to the following questions:



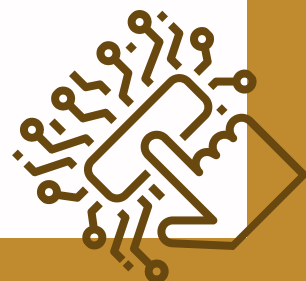
Why do we need The Earth Charter?

What is The Earth Charter?

Spell out in full and consider: what are we asked to do with The Earth Charter.

Who and what is the Earth Charter intended to impact?

What does 'conscience into action' mean? Can you think of examples of this in our own lives?







## INTERESTING INSIGHTS OF THE EARTH CHARTER

### After Watching the Video

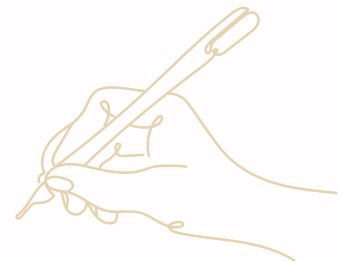
1. Working in groups and utilizing the The Earth Charter images and titles below, your group must discuss what might be meant by the categories of each pillar:

- What does the value represent?
- What examples and value can you suggest that demonstrate this principle?
- Who might be impacted by such a value?



2. Identify five interesting insights from your discussion with your peers related to one of the Earth Charter pillars I, II, III, IV

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3. Complete your final column of your KWL Chart (What I Have Learned).