## Request to contribute to the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development - Whaiao - Dunedin database

## **Background**

The Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE), Otago - Whaiao is a collaboration of local knowledge working together to achieve global goals. This RCE aims to improve education for sustainable development by bringing together multisectoral and interdisciplinary knowledge of sustainability in the Otago region. The RCE-Otago has already established some key themes relevant to Otago:

- Building sustainability and social enterprise into the curriculum.
- · Water quality, use, efficiency and availability.
- Sustainable tourism.
- Low carbon lifestyles contributing to sustainable cities and towns.
- Partnerships and collaboration.
- · Primary industry.

This list is not exhaustive and as this project develops, so too will these themes.

## **Aims**

This project is to build a database of institutions, groups, and people who are working towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) in the Dunedin area. The goal of this database is to be able to identify groups and who they are connected to so that the RCE or others working in sustainability can quickly establish:

- What groups/organisations/individuals are out there?
- · What are they working on?
- Who is connected to who (what connections exist; what connections could exist)?

With that knowledge the RCE and users of the database can connect and share local knowledge with where there is best practice and where we need to develop. This is relevant for institutions trying to figure out which areas are well covered or need more work, and for groups trying to establish themselves in a network of knowledge.

## How you can help

We are looking for people who would like to contribute in two key ways:

- 1. Contribute in identifying the key features that would make the database a valuable resource for yourself or others
- 2. Make yourself known to the network so we can include you in the database.

Contact us if you would like to participate or have any insights to share.

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