

What's it all about?

Definition

Sustainability is about looking at ways you can support the ongoing success of the planet. This includes considering your impact on society, the economy and the environment. It is not just the experiences you do with the children, it should be considered in all decisions you make within the service to be truly embedded.

What it is not

Sustainable practices is not just putting in a vegetable garden and a worm farm and hoping they work and that someone remembers to look after it.



Sustainable practices



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NQS -3.2.3 -Environmentally responsible Learning

Framework Principle Sustainability
LO 2.4 - Children
become socially
responsible and show
respect for the
environment

How to achieve it



Look at your systems and explore ways you can be more sustainable. This could be reducing paper use, making sure items are recyclable (such as not laminating), buying local where possible, purchasing sustainable and ethically made resources.



Brainstorm ways you can bring sustainability to the children and make it work through meaningful and practical opportunities that suit your context. Doing something that is going to become embedded is better than half started projects.



Encourage children to look after their resources and environment as this is the start of being sustainable.