
Education for Sustainability & The Missing Generation

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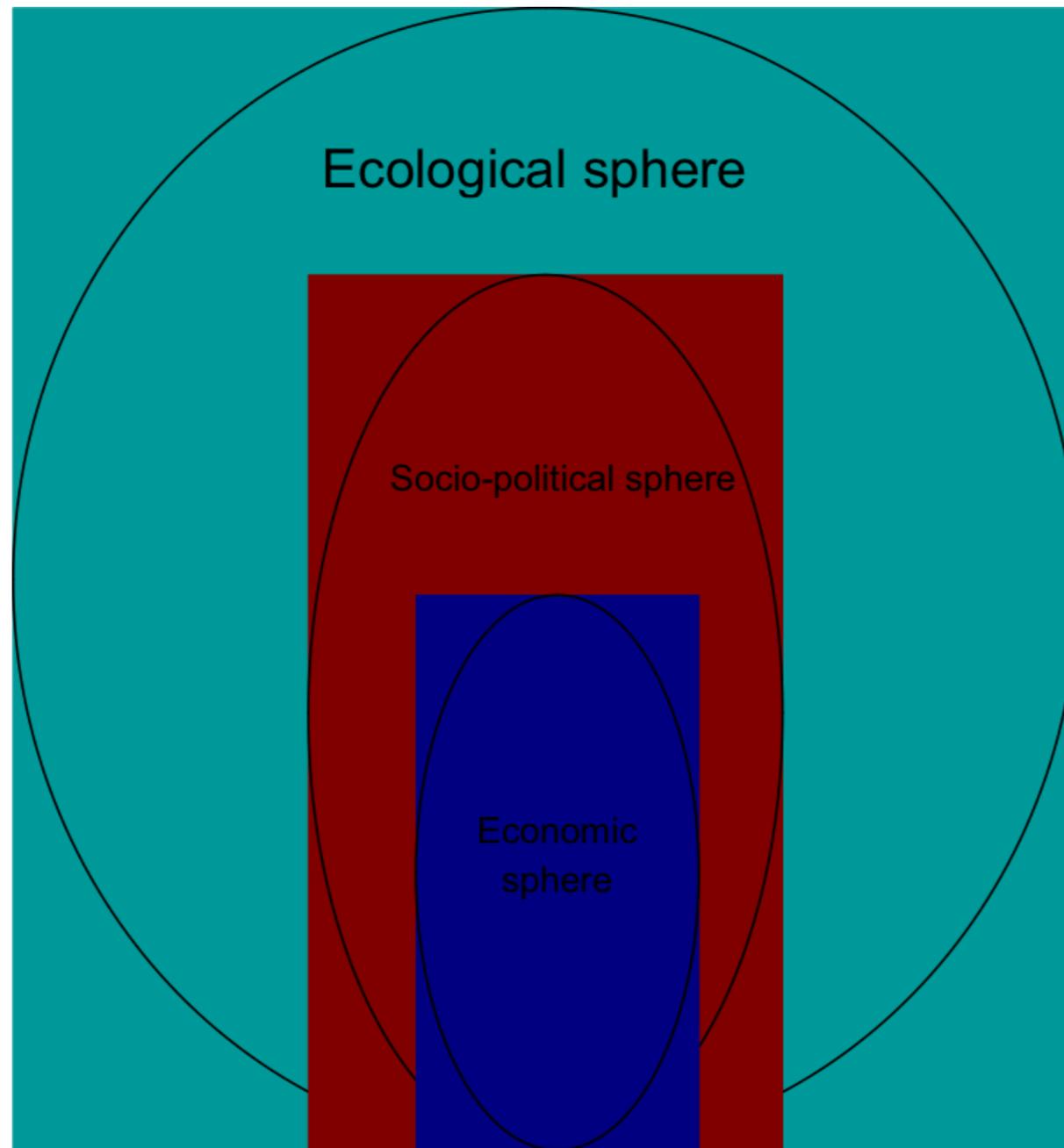
Our Journey Today

- My Encounter with the Wild
- ◆ The Words to Education for Sustainable Development
- ◆ The Three legs of sustainable Development and the Missing Person
- ◆ Underlying Values of ESD
- ◆ The story of the little boy and the map
- ◆ Where is the Missing Generation?
- ◆ They can be found in the stars in the night!

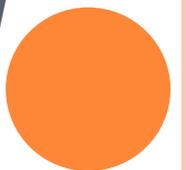
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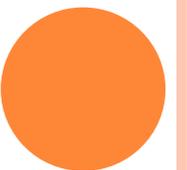
The Words to Education
For Sustainable
Development



*GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(ADAPTED FROM JOHAN HATTINGH, 2005)*

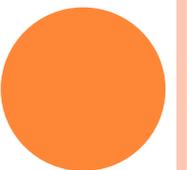


- The *socio-political pillar* provides space for people to understand social institutions and their role in change and development.
- The *environment pillar* evokes awareness on resources and fragility of the physical environment and the effects on it arising from human activity and decisions with a commitment to factoring environmental concerns into social and economic policy development.
- The *economic pillar* revolves around the potential and limits of economic growth, and their impact on the society and the quality of the environment. It calls for a commitment to assess personal and societal levels of consumption out of concern for the environment and social well-being.



UNDERLYING VALUES OF UNDESD

- Respect for dignity and human rights of all people throughout the world and a commitment to social and economic justice for all;
- Respect for the human rights of future generations and a commitment to intergenerational responsibility;
- Respect and care for the greater community of life in all its diversity which involves the protection and restoration of Earth's ecosystems;
- Respect for cultural diversity and a commitment to build locally and globally a culture of tolerance, non-violence and peace



So where is the missing Human?

- ◆ It is important to understand that without the human angle, the beautiful analysis of the pillars of sustainable development remains in the realm of "words"

Where is the
Missing
Generation?



Life is so Simple.....



Stars in The Night

The night is visible

There is a sense of insecurity everywhere

Darkness that is so foreboding sometimes rears its head

Climate Change, depletion of Biodiversity

Mans inhumanity to man and to nature

Hunger in many countries

As every solution comes with a price tag

Green economy, green growth, green wealth....

Wars, kidnappings, sex trafficking

Unsustainable consumption patterns and depletion of the commons

It's like the battle for the wild and for the future is lost!

But I hear the sound of the missing generation
Coming from all around the world
Unsung by the media
Here they come from the cities, villages, schools,
markets etc
Men, women, youths, children,
Teachers, scientist, politicians, conservationists,
local people

Working resolutely for the wild and for our
children and for the future....

They are holding the forte
Here a little, there a little
Living and spreading the message of love and respect for humans and
nature

Declaring that:

Even if the night is here to stay

There can be stars in the night

Let the stars shine out

Let the stars come out of their hiding and transform the night over the
Wild

Let them burst out in their Zillions

Let them shine forth in their host

For no night remains night when overtaken by stars

