

## RCE London

### Our aspirations for the new normal after COVID

This pandemic has transformed the way we live and has shown how quickly humans can adapt and change. We can seize this opportunity to build on this and present a positive view of how the world can be – with well being of all living things at the heart of it.

### What have we been doing to take this forward?

RCE London has focussed its agenda on opportunities to highlight and communicate the SDGs, conscious of the fact that London has much to do to achieve to fulfil the UK's obligations to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015. We work closely with the London South Bank University research group which was set up by the RCE; "Sustainability: Policy, Practice and Pedagogy" in the Centre for Social Justice and Global Responsibility. An important focus has been on climate action and on ensuring the inclusion of marginalised peoples such as refugees and displaced persons. We have supported the development of joint European RCE strategy in these key areas.

Our recent work has included the following

- Fresh Start, an EU funded programme of migrant entrepreneurship education 2017-2019 (Ros Wade, lead researcher). Photo – Fresh Start team and participants.



- Seminar - Is Brexit dominating progress of the Sustainable Development Goals? A snapshot. (Dr Alex Mifsud - University of Malta and LSBU and Lynn Vickery , LSBU, April 2019)
- Discussion around two papers based on ESD competences via SDG focussed assessment tools using data from courses in the UK and the Imperial Master's course. ( Vasiliki Kioupi , Imperial College, who was also due to give a paper at the UNESCO ESD Berlin Conference )

- Discussions on the effect of the global crisis on young people in relation to past momentous changes such as the Cold War (Lynn Vickery, LSBU)
- Presentation on Housing and the SDGs at the Chartered Institute of Housing Annual conference (Alan Winter, LSBU )
- The development of an online RCE magazine (Asitha Jayawardena)
- Seminar for the UK RCE conference June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 (with the Schumacher Institute), *"Taking Action on Climate after the Pandemic"* on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- A toolkit for community groups: Promoting the well being of migrants and displaced persons (with COMMEET 2020). Available free at [www.commeet.org](http://www.commeet.org)
- -The development of a handbook for the 'new' economy in terms of a convincing narrative – hopes and dreams – and using the 'Goldilocks' principle (Not too much , not too little – but just right), i.e. just enough to bridge the gap , estimated by the NEF in meeting the 2050 Zero emissions target , met if 2% GDP is applied (Hugh Atkinson, LSBU)