

#### **Learning to Live Together**

#### **Education for Sustainable Living**

Policies and practices from around the world



#### Developing the ability to

- reflect
- take responsibility
- consult
- be creative
- collaborate
- commit





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- Why is education for sustainable lifestyles so urgent and necessary?
- •What is the social learning process from which education for sustainable lifestyles springs?
- •How does education for sustainable lifestyles lead to socially responsible production and consumption?
- •What steps do countries need to take to provide a holistic, interdisciplinary education for sustainable consumption (ESC) which stimulates creativity and innovation?
- •How can ministries of environment and foreign ministries collaborate with other ministries (especially ministries of education and ministries of consumer affairs) in their countries to promote ESC?
- •How can teachers be assisted to incorporate ESC in their subjects using practical, action-learning methodologies?
- What resources exist for furthering education for sustainable lifestyles?



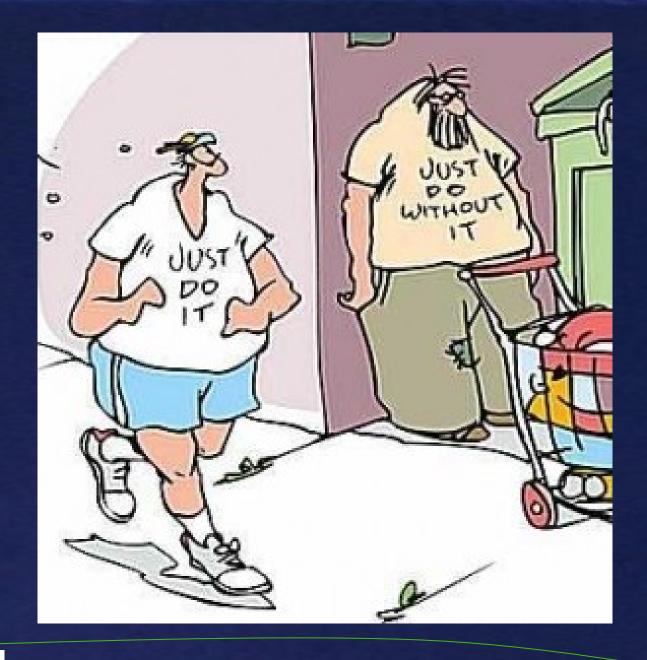
- ➤ 44 million people have been pushed into poverty since June 2010
- ➤ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 3.6 percent in 2010
- ➤ Tobacco consumption increased by nearly 3%
- ➤ Diabetes and obesity are spreading like a bushfire across the globe



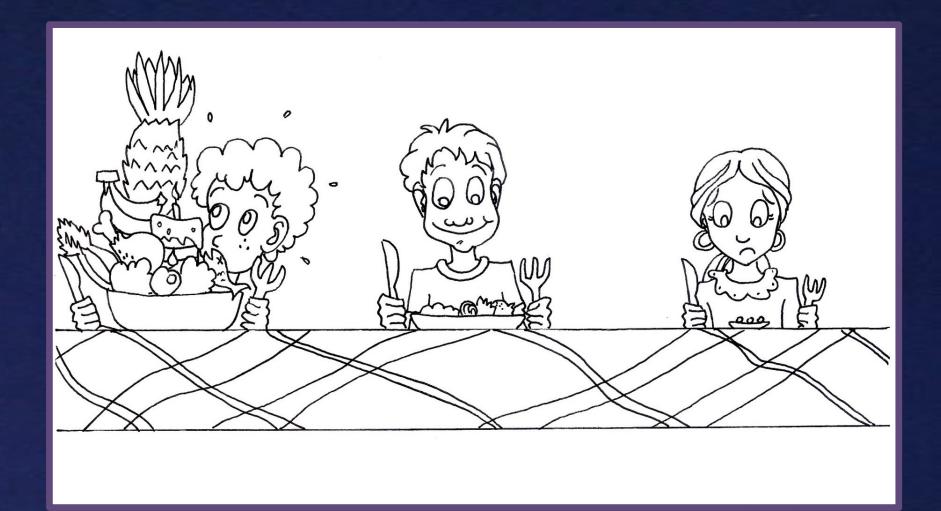


- -ecological collapse, climate change, resource deficiencies
- -financial chaos (misuse of power, dishonesty, overextention)
- -political disruption (violence against civil society when they protest, lack of transparency, corruption)
- -social disconnection (lifestyle illnesses, loneliness, addictions)















➤ Both social systems and physical infrastructure influence consumers decisions

➤ Present market model functions poorly—it is not enough to feed people with information to make them change their consumption patterns

➤ Value-action gap—how people want to live and what they do to get there do not always coincide



- > Self-centeredness versus universality
  - Increased civil society participation
- Collective intelligence and emerging digital citizenship



The transition to sustainability...

"Beyond informed policies and "greener technologies" it is a transformation that will require an earnest examination of our understanding of human nature and of the cultural frameworks driving institutions of government, business, education and media around the world."

Rethinking Prosperity. Bahá'í International Community 2010

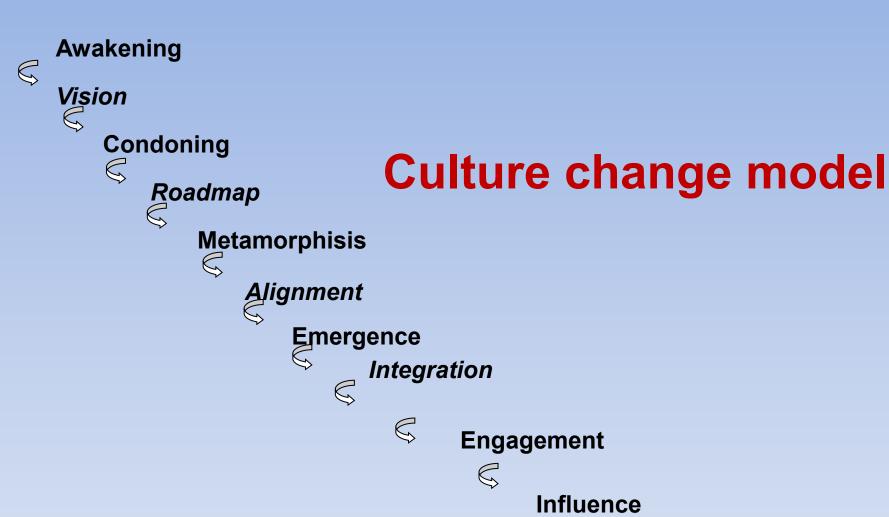






- > learning to know
- > learning to do
- > learning to be
- > learning to transform oneself and society
- > learning to live together





(idgroup 2009)









caring fellow-human being



> environmentally aware individual





socially-networked activist









"Education for Sustainable Consumption is a core theme of Education for Sustainable Development, and it is essential to train responsible citizens and consumers towards

lifestyles based on economic and social justice, food security, ecological integrity, sustainable livelihoods, respect for all life forms and strong values that foster social cohesion, democracy and collective action".

UNESCO-DESD, Bonn Declaration, April 2009 (UN DESD strategy 2010-2014)





Sustainable Lifestyles and education for sustainable consumption are two central themes of the Marrakech Process



Building capacity and frameworks for action



Sustainable lifestyles is about becoming more fully human and achieving a dynamic coherence between material and non-material requirements of life



# Developing trust and compassion and inspiring the capacity for service



# Learning flexibility

Recognizing that our understanding changes and grows.

What we once thought was right may not always be so.



## Here and Now! Education for sustainable consumption

1. Ensure that education institutions reflect in their daily management the priorities given to sustainable development



- **2.** *Include* themes, topics, modules, courses and degrees about education for sustainable consumption in established curriculum.
- **3.** *Encourage* research in education for sustainable consumption-related areas.
- **4.** *Strengthen* connections between researchers, lecturers, teacher trainers and socio-economic actors and stakeholders.
- **5.** *Enhance* cooperation between professionals from diverse disciplines in order to develop integrated approaches to education for sustainable consumption.



### Here and Now! Education for sustainable consumption

**6.** *Facilitate* teaching and teacher-training which strengthens global, future-oriented, constructive perspectives within education for sustainable consumption.



- **7.** *Reward* creative, critical, innovative thinking related to education for sustainable consumption.
- **8.** *Ensure* that education for sustainable consumption respects the importance of indigenous knowledge and recognizes alternative lifestyles.
- **9.** *Foster* intergenerational learning as an integrated aspect of education for sustainable consumption.
- **10.** *Provide* opportunities for practical application of theoretical study through social involvement and community service



#### **Themes**

Life quality Lifestyles Resources **Economics** Consumption and the environment Consumer rights and responsibilities Information management Health and safety Change management Global awareness



# **ESC** competences

- ➤ Insight into what constitutes life quality
- > Recognition of what motivates people to consume
- ➤ Basic understanding of the systems and processes behind production and consumption
- ➤ Awareness of the tools and methods used to convince consumers to consume
- ➤ Knowledge of the consequences of modern consumption

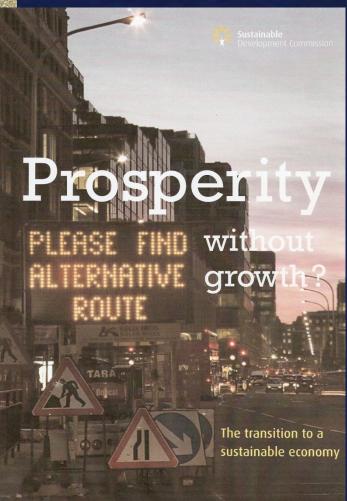


# **ESC** competences

- ➤ Recognition of the influence the individual has as a stakeholder and consumer
- **►** Insight into related scientific data
- > The ability to evaluate and reflect
- >Awareness of cases of social innovation
- ➤ The flexibility to adapt, modify behavior



2010 STATE OF THE WORLD Transforming Cultures From Consumerism to Sustainability WORLDWATCH INSTITUTE







# Life-Link Programme

**Care for Myself** - The relation with myself including my attitudes and my concern for a healthy lifestyle.

**Care for Others** - My relation with other people, including the concepts of "Peace", "Conflict Resolution", "Reconciliation", "Human rights" and "Security with others - Common Security"

Care for Nature - My relation with Nature, the "environment"; A relation and "Reverence for Life" that must be built in accordance with *sustainability*, taking into account our Planet Earth's limited resources and that we all live together in one "living-room"!

www.life-link.org





### The Earth Charter Initiative

Created by a global consultation process, and endorsed by organizations representing millions of people, the Charter "seeks to inspire in all peoples a sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well-being of the human family, the greater community of life, and future generations."





## The CLUB OF ROME Schools

promote a holistic and systemic image of the world and humankind. Their strategy is primarily to consider the whole, i.e. the person with 'head, heart and hand' (Pestalozzi), but also the school, the town, the region, the country, humankind and the entire economic-ecological cycle and system.

CLUB OF ROME students learn to be at home both abroad and here: 'Thinking globally, acting locally'."





# UN project: **Academic Impact**

By formally endorsing the ten main U.N. principles in the *Academic Impact,* institutions make a commitment to use education as an engine for addressing global problems.







# **Dignity Principles**

The Dignity Principles are based on both ethics and enlightened self-interest. So they are both heart and smart.

www.globaldignity.org



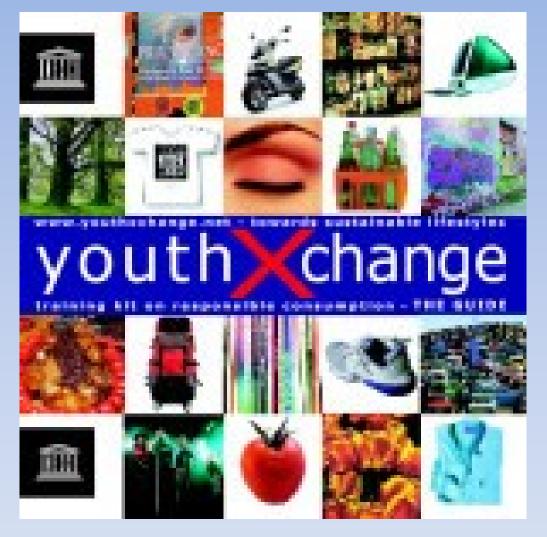
.....problem-based learning...
....projects.....case studies.....

..experimentation.....









www.youthxchange.net

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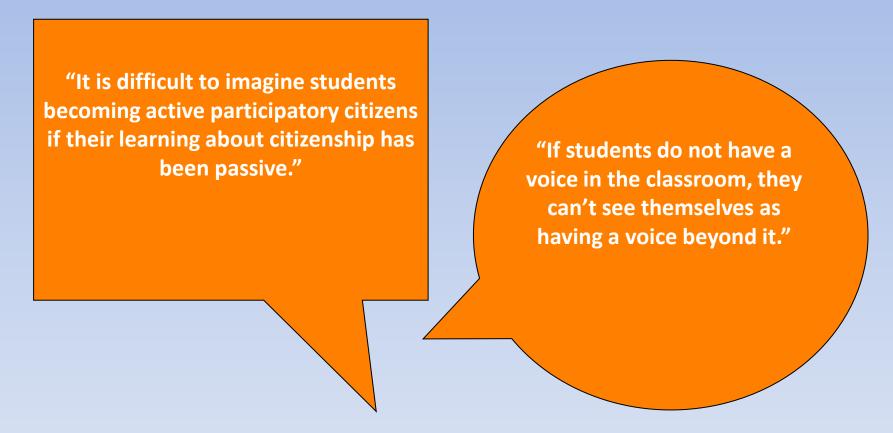
## What is LOLA?

"LOLA: Looking for Likely Alternatives.

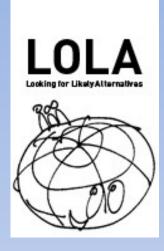
A didactic process for approaching sustainability by investigating social innovation"



#### **Active Learning Methods**



CSPE Teacher Guidelines, Ireland Section 3: Active Learning Methods pp29-54



# LOLA

is designed to help students to:

- understand the meaning of Sustainable Living and Stewardship
- examine case studies of Sustainable Living and Stewardship in their neighbourhood
- assess case studies using Sustainable Living Criteria
- reflect on and document their learning.





## Identify sustainable lifestyles...





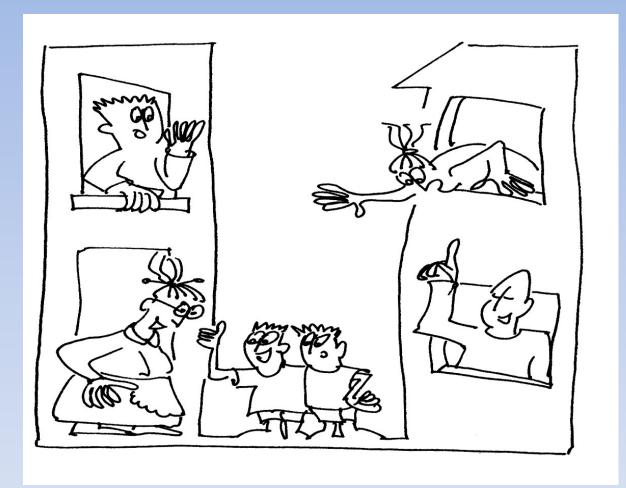
Introduce the initiative selection criteria to identify promising initiatives?





## Search for promising initiative...



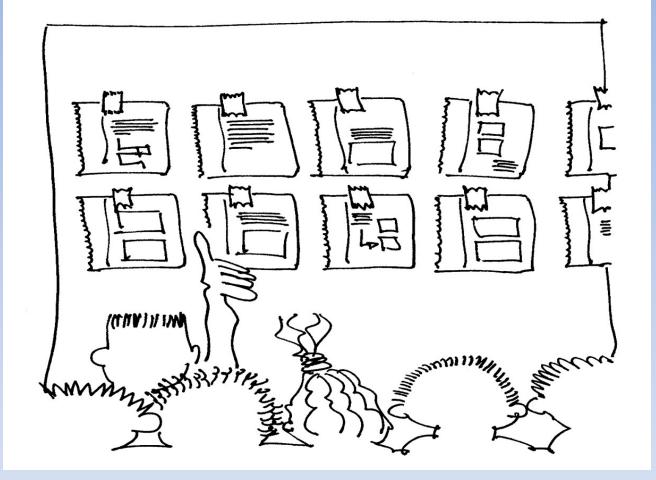


...ask parents, friends, relatives, anybody who may know something in the neighbourhood...



### Select most promising initiative...





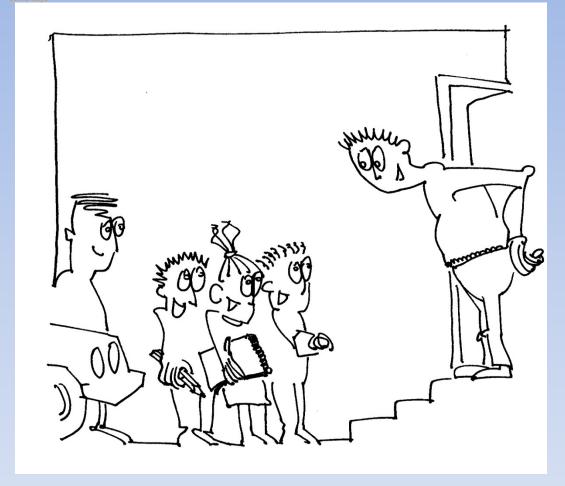
Pupils display on the wall everything they found and discuss which are the most promising initiatives...





# Investigate promising initiative...



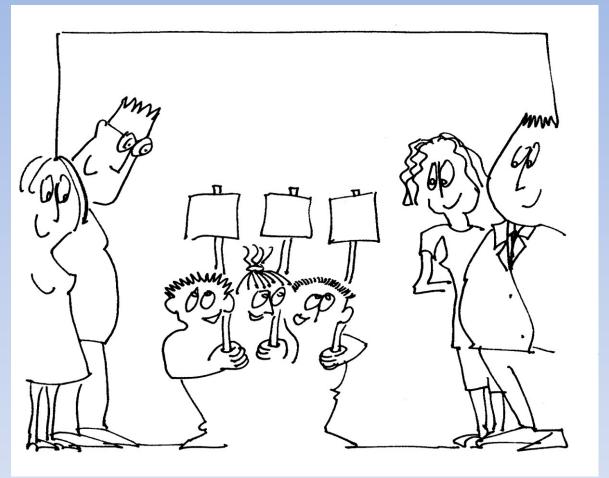


...pupils arrange that their parents go with them when they visit and interview one initiative...



### **Discuss** investigation results...





The class invites people from all the initiatives studied to see the exhibition and discuss their results...

#### **Sustainable Living Criteria**



#### NEW on PERL's bookshelves

#### PERSONAL CONSUMPTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Images and Objects ACTIVE METHODOLOGY TOOLKIT 2













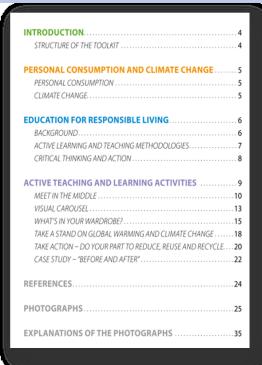


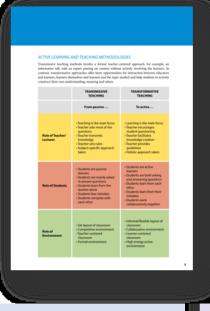




-The toolkit is designed to support and encourage teachers, tutors and lecturers to integrate some of the concepts of sustainable development into teaching and learning. It focuses in particular on using photographs and a range of active teaching and learning approaches and strategies to explore the themes of: personal consumption, climate change and responsible living.









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think the Why do so many of us live a intensive lifestryle? What is the impact of this lifestryle? What is the impact of this lifestryle? What can you / athers do this issue?



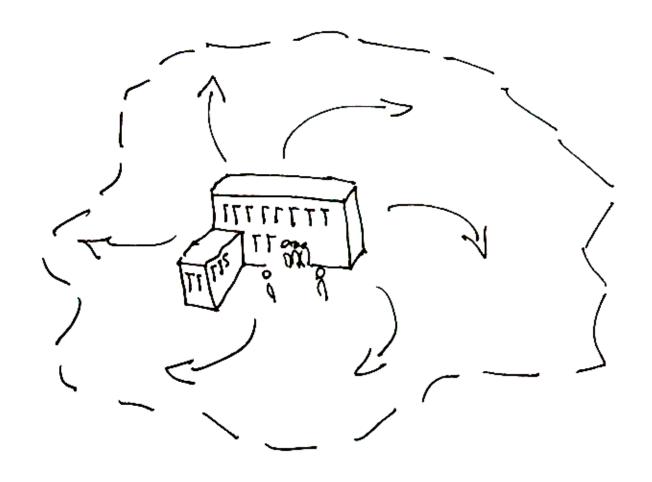
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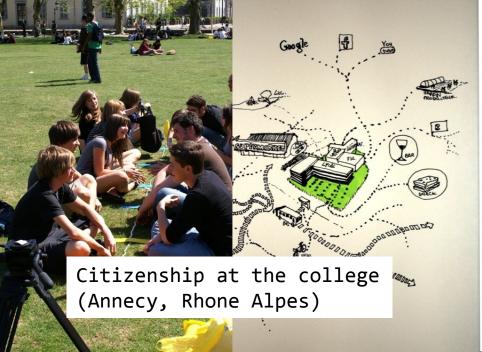




Schools as agent for social change Schools through project-based and action learning can play the role of active agents supporting local sustainable social change.









(Saint-Laurent, Champagne-Ardenne)

# Workshop 1:

visions...







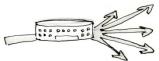
College as local resource...



College microsociety...



College as tool...



College of continuity...



Augmented college...



Reversed college...



Mixing college...



College of trust...



Citizenship college...



Anti-stress college...



College of competences...



Demonstration college...



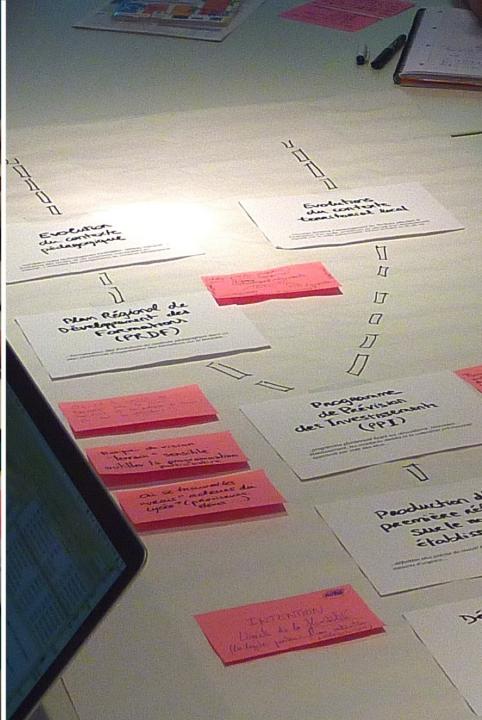
Flexible college...

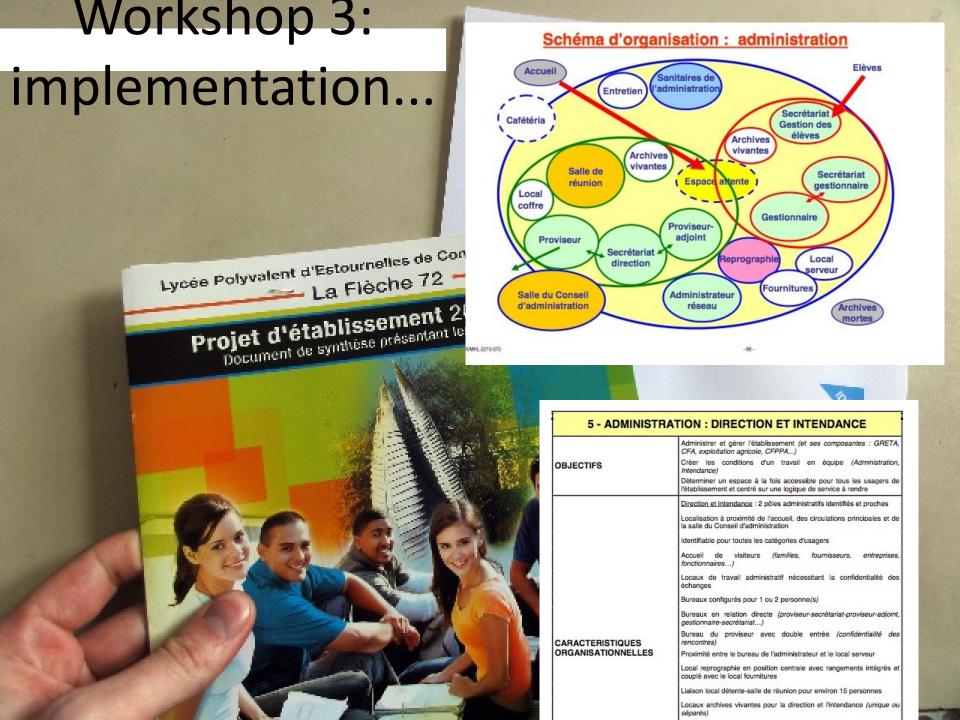


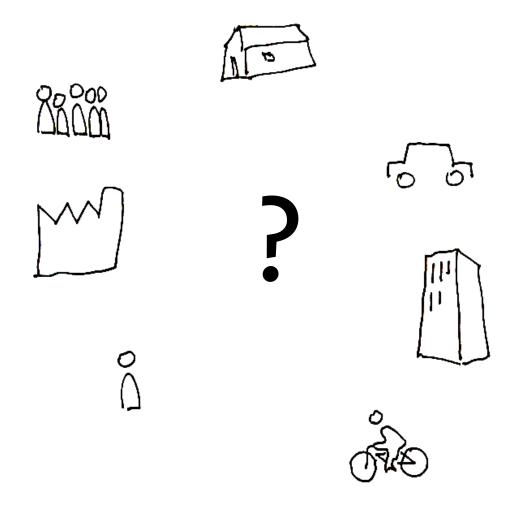
Blog college...

workshop 2.









- Questioning and resetting public action
- Immersive collaborative sessions as residencies enable local stakeholders to question their interaction and reset the way they collaborate.

To foster a vibrant community life in neighbourhoods and villages, characterized by such a keen sense of purpose.

To stimulate a transformation of both our inner life and external conditions.



