



# “Young people are key to achieving SDG #15 (Life on Land)”

Max 600 words

The Trust for Sustainable Living is pleased to invite schoolchildren around the world to share their unique perspectives on the role young people can play in achieving UN Sustainable Development Goal #15 – to conserve and sustainably manage life on land.

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**According to the UN and its global partners, a flourishing life on land is fundamental to our future security. We are all part of the planet’s ecosystem, yet we have caused it severe damage through deforestation, loss of natural habitats and land degradation. Promoting the sustainable use of our ecosystems and preserving biodiversity is not just ‘another cause’, it is a key to our future survival.**

UN SDG #15 challenges countries to conserve and sustainably manage Life on Land, as part of wider efforts across all countries to protect the Earth as a whole. Children are strongly encouraged to share their own experiences (good or bad, local or national) in order to help bring their essays alive and support a meaningful international dialogue.

*The overall grand prize winner will win a place at the 2019 debates in Victoria and Vancouver, Canada, hosted by the Government of British Columbia. The writers of the top ten essays in each category (Primary or Secondary) receive medals and all Finalists, Honourable Mentions and Debate Attendees receive personalised certificates.*

Search for the following resources for help:

- United Nations SDG #15 – Life on Land
- Global Goal #15
- World’s Largest Lesson SDG #15 teacher resources (in association with UNICEF and UNESCO)



Send all entries to Miss Ayres [layres@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:layres@reading-school.co.uk) by November 30<sup>th</sup>