



MOTION:

‘The SDGs are a waste of time’

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all" set by the United Nations in 2015 to be achieved by 2030. Their predecessors were The Millennium Development Goals - eight international development goals for the year 2015 that had been established following the Millennium Summit of the United Nations in 2000. The creation of the SDGs broadened the action plan for addressing many global issues, working with various countries around the globe to build a greener, fairer, better world by 2030.

Since 2015, we have made progress, but there is still work to be done; the climate crisis. Ensuring no one goes hungry. Human rights abuses. Extreme poverty. Problems of this scale can be overwhelming, but are the SDGS the solution to tackling them?

PROPOSITION (Agree) ✓	OPPOSITION (Disagree) X
The SDGs are very ambitious and try to tackle so many issues – does this make them impossible to achieve by 2023?	It is an incredible achievement that 193 countries have agreed on one set of Goals. Doesn't this prove just how important they are?
The original Millennium Development Goals weren't fully achieved by 2015 and more goals had to be added over time – will the SDGs have the same outcome?	There are many big problems in the world, all of which can seem overwhelming to address – breaking them down into 17 different issues surely will help take us take action?
Many organisations are already working on the issues outlined in the SDGs – do we need the specific goals and publicity campaigns or are they a distraction to the great work already being done?	The SDGs have affected and brought together many varying sectors of society that may not have otherwise connected – isn't it important that all parties are interested from charities to governments, businesses to education practitioners?

Research Links:

- <https://trello.com/b/ligsgZ1J/concern-primary-debates>
- <https://sdgs.un.org/goals> - noted links to SDGs 1, 10, 17
- <http://cdn.worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/2016/08/DebateLessonPlan-Final-final.pdf>
- <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
- <https://www.concern.net/news/sustainable-development-goals-explained>
- <https://www.socialjustice.ie/content/policy-issues/ireland-ranks-11th-out-15-eu-countries-un-sustainable-development-goals>
- <https://www.globalgoals.org/>
- <https://www.youth.ie/articles/coalition-2030-ireland-the-sdgs/>