

HOW CAN WE USE SDGS TO REINFORCE LIBRARY POWER?



Culture and the Sustainable Development Goals

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*The Future We Want
Includes Culture*

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- a manifesto
- a declaration on the inclusion of culture in the 2030 Agenda
- a proposal of possible indicators for measuring the cultural aspects of the SDGs
- an assessment of the final 2030 Agenda

<https://www.agenda21culture.net/advocacy/culture-as-a-goal-in-post-2015>



Why there is still no Goal for culture in Agenda 2030?

Why the role of culture remains understated in sustainability research and governance

- scientific evidence of the influences of culture on sustainability is fragmented
 - interdisciplinary barriers in methodology: qualitative approaches of cultural analysis vs quantitative approaches of sustainability science
 - complexity and low enforceability of cultural interventions
 - UNESCO's decision to focus on cultural industries
 - no particular state to demand inclusion
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Operating as if Culture was included in Agenda 2030



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17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

People (Social Dimension)

- 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d
- 4 QUALITY EDUCATION**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
- 5 GENDER EQUALITY**

1	2	3	4	5	6	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	a	b	c
- 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
- 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	a	b
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	a	b

Planet (Environmental Dimension)

- 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

1	2	3	4	5	6	a	b
1	2	3	4	5	6	a	b
- 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**

1	2	3	a	b
1	2	3	a	b
- 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	a	b	c
- 13 CLIMATE ACTION**

1	2	3	a	b
1	2	3	a	b
- 14 LIFE BELOW WATER**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
- 15 LIFE ON LAND**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c

Prosperity (Economic Dimension)

- 1 NO POVERTY**

1	2	3	4	5	a	b
1	2	3	4	5	a	b
- 2 ZERO HUNGER**

1	2	3	4	5	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	a	b	c
- 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	a	b
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	a	b
- 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

1	2	3	4	5	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	a	b	c
- 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c
- 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	

Research on culture and sustainable development

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/35021503>

7 Consideration of culture is vital if we are to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

CULTURE IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: A GUIDE FOR LOCAL ACTION



Tools to adapt culture to the 17 SDGs

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UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development –

MONDIACULT 2022

«We call on the UN Secretary General to firmly anchor culture as a global public good, and to integrate it as a specific goal in its own right in the development agenda beyond 2030..»

peace and
stability

environmental
protection

force for
resilience

social inclusion
and cohesion

bilateral and
multilateral
cooperation

human-centred
and context-
specific
development

dialogue and
solidarity within
and between
countries

multicultural
human societies

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/mondiacult-2022-states-adopt-historic-declaration-culture>

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*A Culture Goal is Essential
for Our Common Future*

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A sustainable development goal for culture should ensure that:

- There is adequate focus on culture at the highest level of government
- The range of connections between culture and other policy areas are fully accounted for
- The culture sector itself feels a sense of engagement in and ownership of the goals
- **All other goals are activated and that their achievement is strengthened through the mobilising power of culture**
- The achievement of all goals can be protected from **systemic and behavioural barriers** that can be addressed through a cultural lens.

https://culture2030goal.net/sites/default/files/2023-03/culture2030goal_Culture%20Goal%20-%20ENG.pdf

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CULTURE GOAL: Ensure cultural sustainability for the wellbeing of all

POSSIBLE TARGETS

1. Realize cultural rights for all
 2. Promote a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity
 3. Protect and safeguard all forms of heritage, harness them as a resource for sustainable development
 4. Protect and promote the diversity of cultural expressions
 5. Promote local culture and products, the economic and social rights of artists and cultural professionals and artistic freedom
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POSSIBLE TARGETS

- 6.** Enhance legal conditions and practical opportunities for mobility of cultural professionals and cross-border creativity
 - 7.** Empower indigenous peoples to strengthen their own institutions, cultures and languages
 - 8.** Develop a cultural approach in environmental protection and sustainable urbanization
 - A** Strengthen cultural institutions
 - B** Ensure, through transversal, multi-stakeholder collaboration, that cultural considerations are taken into account in all international development goals
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What can we do to link Culture and Sustainable Development?

Visibility
Advocacy
Evidence
Breaking the silos

Brussels, 9.12.2022
COM(2022) 709 final

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE
COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE
COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

on the cultural dimension of sustainable development in EU actions



Latvia's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlights the contribution of museums and libraries to the

Agenda 2030

https://pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/Latvia%202nd%20VNR_2022_2pg%20%281%29_0.pdf

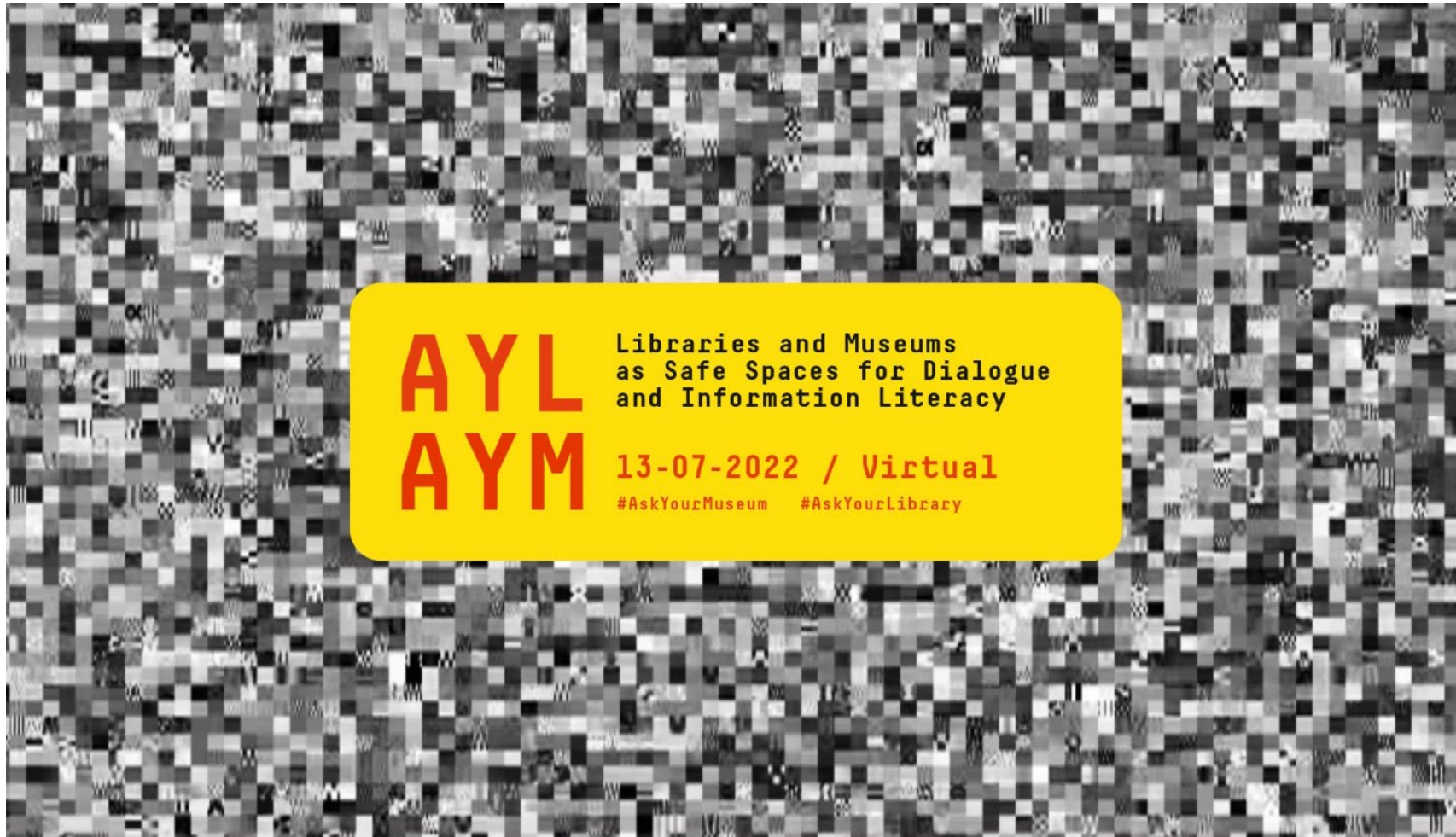
Latvia

Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals – 2022



Report to the UN High Level Political
Forum on Sustainable Development
2022

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The online side event "**Libraries and museums as a safe space for dialogue and information literacy**" at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 2022 accompanied the presentation of the Latvian Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWo7fuGbYsw>

Discussion

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