



Non Government Sector

NGOs at the forefront of the move towards sustainability, with passionate staff and innovate educational projects other organisations strive to emulate

Living Schools is committed to the development of genuine examples of sustainability in our community and we believe the non government sector is leading the way in this area. Not only do they serve as models for organisational and corporate sustainability, but they are also implementing a wide range experiential learning models within the community.

Living Schools can assist non government organisations through the provision of award-winning project management that is focussed on real sustainability outcomes. Our services are detailed below.

Organisational strategic planning

Through a process of visioning and the identification of long-term objectives organisations can see more clearer how they can work most efficiently towards sustainability. By prioritising activity and directing energy towards strengthening the organisation and developing the capacity of staff and volunteers, NGOs become more effective advocates of social change.

Community workshops

Living Schools workshops are practical, skill based and cover all aspects of sustainable living, including:

- Attracting wildlife to your garden
- Water and energy efficiency
- Safe and sustainable greywater reuse
- Rainwater harvesting fundamentals
- Recycling green waste (composting and worm-farming)
- Water sensitive design (passive irrigation, pollution control)
- Creating microclimates to increase productivity
- Urban food production (including organic soil fertility and pest management)

Presentations and photography exhibitions

A picture tells a thousand words! *Living Schools* has a large archive of photographs and diagrams that can be used to illustrate the beauty and intrinsic logic of sustainable living. Presentations and exhibitions are tailored to your requirements.

Meaningful community engagement and consultation

To truly engage the community in a new approach to living we cannot rely on education alone. We need to facilitate participation in planning for sustainability and empower people to take part in decision making. *Living Schools* can work with organisations and communities to develop a shared vision for sustainability.

Capacity building for staff and volunteers

Living Schools provides training for organisational staff and volunteers in a range of areas, including building and developing social ecology within the organisation, developing multi-disciplinary projects, marketing and promotion, educational program development and presentation skills. Contact us with your requirements.

Development of community gardens and demonstration sites

In order to embrace sustainability, the community needs real concrete examples to learn from. Community gardens and demonstration sites provide council with excellent opportunities for experiential education, and have been found to enhance learning through peer skill sharing and the practical application of skills.

Community based action programs

Many members of our community are passionate about sustainability and willing to act as ambassadors to other residents and businesses. Organisations can harness this enthusiasm by providing training, resources and support. This will pay off exponentially through outreach into hard to reach groups such as CALD communities.

Sourcing of funds

Finding the resources to implement the sustainability education projects you develop can be challenging. *Living Schools* can assist in sourcing both state and federal government funding.

Development of resources for educators

If you are trying to target a specific group within the community, *Living Schools* can assist in develop tailored resources and materials for educators including brochures, incentive schemes, websites and fact sheets.

Community forums

Sometimes solutions are not clear and need to be debated. Community forums create a space where all views can be heard and expert guidance integrated into decision making without overriding community concerns.

How much will it cost?

We are interested in social change rather than profit. If you have a project in mind, please contact us to discuss your requirements and we will provide you with a written quote.