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Introduction

Environmental awareness and sustainability are important parts of the VibeSpark learning experience. The activity encourages participants to explore how green skills and sustainable practices can become part of both youth work and everyday life.
Rather than treating sustainability only as a theoretical issue, VibeSpark connects environmental responsibility with practical behaviour, reflection, and community action.



Understanding Green Skills

Green skills are competences that help people make more environmentally responsible choices and contribute to more sustainable practices.

Within VibeSpark, participants are encouraged to identify and develop green skills that can be used in personal, professional, and youth work contexts.

The emphasis is not only on environmental knowledge, but also on the ability to translate awareness into practical decisions and actions.





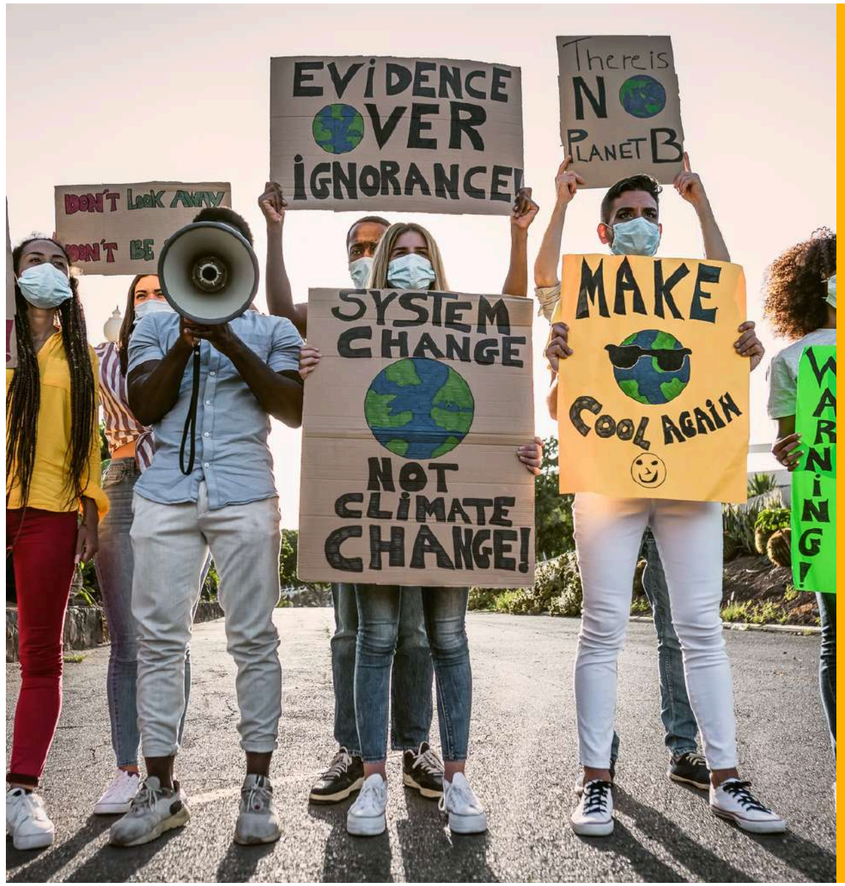
Why Green Skills Matter

Environmental challenges affect communities, organisations, and everyday life.

For young people and youth workers, developing green skills can strengthen their ability to respond to these challenges in practical ways.

VibeSpark introduces sustainability as part of contemporary youth work, encouraging participants to understand that environmental responsibility can influence how activities are organised, how resources are used, and how communities are engaged.

Environmental Awareness



Environmental awareness begins with understanding that everyday choices can have wider consequences.

VibeSpark encourages participants to reflect on environmental issues and climate-related challenges while considering their own role within them.

Awareness is therefore the first step: recognising an issue, understanding why it matters, and beginning to think about how behaviour can change.

From Awareness to Behaviour

Knowing about environmental challenges is important, but awareness alone is not enough.
VibeSpark promotes environmentally responsible behaviour, encouraging participants to connect what they learn with the choices they make in everyday life. The objective is to move from understanding sustainability as an idea toward applying it through realistic and practical actions.

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Sustainability in Everyday Life

Sustainability becomes meaningful when it can be connected with daily routines. VibeSpark encourages participants to think about how green practices can be applied not only during the mobility but also in their everyday personal lives. This makes sustainability more concrete and easier to understand as an ongoing responsibility rather than something limited to a single project or activity.





Sustainability in Professional Life

VibeSpark also connects green competences with participants' professional lives.

Environmental responsibility can become part of the way people plan activities, make decisions, use resources, and approach their work.

For youth workers, this creates an opportunity to think about how sustainability can be integrated into professional practice rather than treated as a separate topic.

Green Practices in Youth Organisations

One of the specific topics of the VibeSpark Green Skills Workshop is the discussion of project green practices within youth organisations.

Youth organisations can therefore become spaces where sustainable behaviour is both discussed and practised.

Participants are encouraged to reflect on how projects and youth activities can be organised in ways that are more environmentally responsible and consistent with the values they promote.



Youth Work as a Space for Green Learning

Youth work provides opportunities to connect sustainability with non-formal education.

Through discussion, group work, reflection, and practical challenges, young people can explore environmental issues in ways that are participatory and relevant to their own experiences.

Within VibeSpark, green competences are part of a wider learning process in which participants are encouraged to become active contributors rather than passive recipients of information.



Reflecting on Climate Challenges

VibeSpark specifically encourages participants to reflect on climate challenges.

Reflection allows young people to connect broader environmental concerns with their own communities and experiences.

The aim is not only to recognise that environmental challenges exist, but also to consider how individuals, youth groups, and organisations can respond through realistic and responsible action.



Responsibility and Sustainable Choices

Sustainability involves responsibility.

Participants are encouraged to consider how their own choices and actions can support more environmentally responsible behaviour.

This does not necessarily mean creating large-scale change immediately. It means recognising that smaller decisions and repeated practices can contribute to a broader culture of environmental responsibility.



Learning Through Green Practice

VibeSpark combines environmental learning with practical application.
Instead of approaching sustainability only through discussion, participants are encouraged to consider how green practices can actually be introduced and applied.
This approach helps connect knowledge with experience and allows participants to see sustainability as something that can be incorporated into real activities, organisations, and communities.



What Is Eco-Innovation?

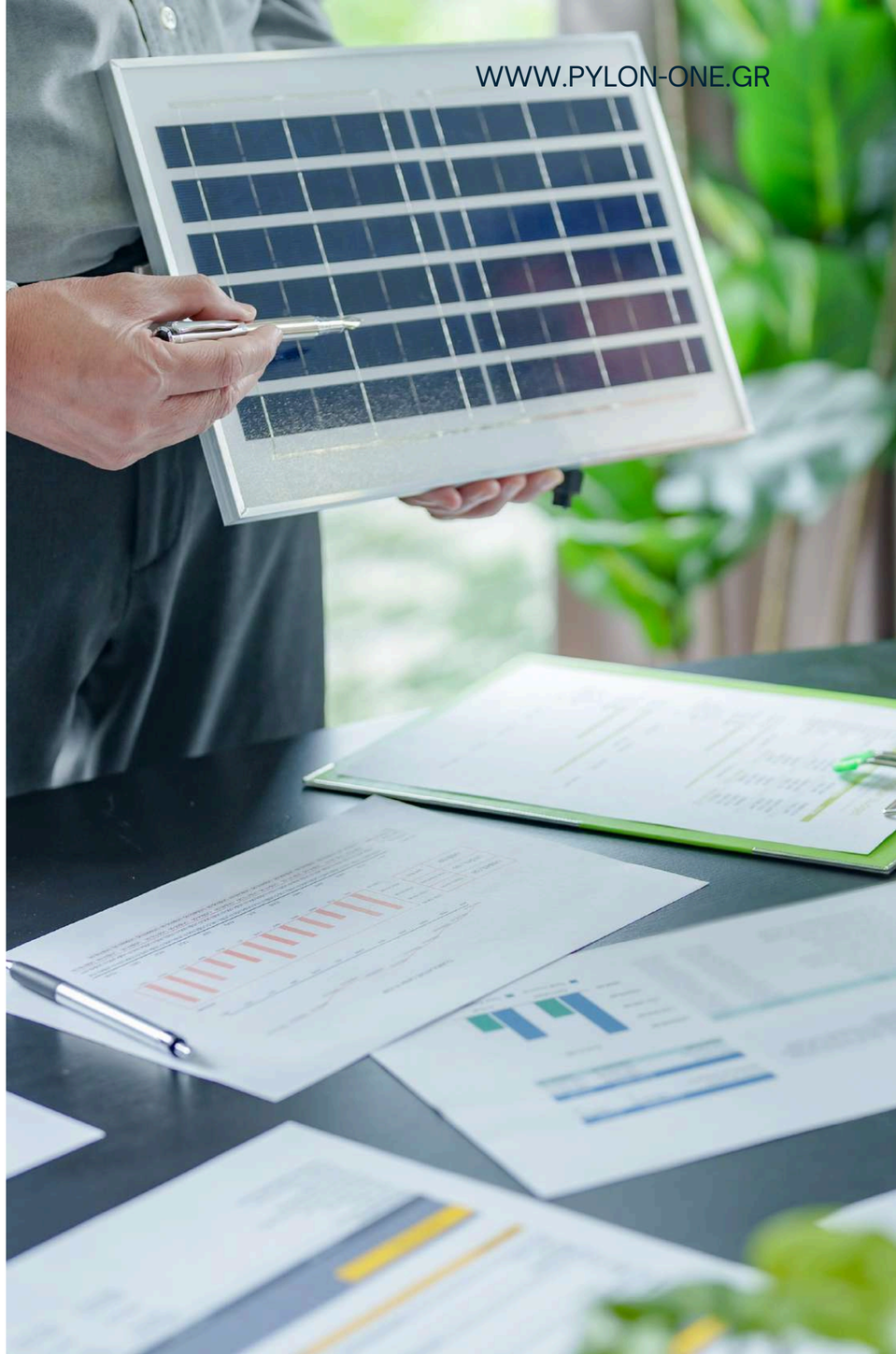
Within VibeSpark, eco-innovation is approached through creative thinking and community action.

The Eco-Innovation Challenge asks participants to work together and design a small-scale community project that promotes environmentally sustainable behaviour. In this context, eco-innovation means finding practical and creative ways to respond to environmental challenges within a realistic community setting.



The Eco-Innovation Challenge

The Eco-Innovation Challenge transforms environmental learning into an active group process.
Participants work together to develop a small-scale project idea that can promote more sustainable behaviour within a community.
The activity encourages cooperation, creativity, reflection, and practical planning, helping participants move from environmental awareness toward concrete action.



Small-Scale Actions, Meaningful Impact

VibeSpark places particular emphasis on small-scale sustainable actions.
This is important because environmental action does not always need to begin with a large project.
A realistic local initiative can help participants understand how change can start within organisations, groups, or communities and gradually influence wider behaviour.
The focus is on achievable action rather than abstract ambition.



Community-Based Sustainability

Environmental responsibility becomes stronger when it is connected to community life.

VibeSpark encourages participants to design sustainable actions that can be relevant to their own communities.

This means thinking about local needs, local behaviours, and realistic ways of involving others.

Sustainability therefore becomes a shared process rather than an individual responsibility alone.



Collaboration for Sustainable Action

The VibeSpark learning process is based on collaborative activities and group work.
In the context of sustainability, collaboration allows participants to combine different perspectives, experiences, and ideas.
Working together can help them explore environmental challenges from different angles and develop solutions that are more creative, practical, and relevant to their communities.



Youth as Multipliers of Green Practices

VibeSpark expects participants to act as multipliers of positive change within their organisations and communities.

For the green dimension of the project, this means carrying environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and new ideas beyond the mobility itself.

Participants can share what they have learned, encourage others to reflect on sustainable behaviour, and support the development of green practices within their own contexts.



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