

Green Team/ D5080 Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group

Celebrating the start of our second year! January 2022.

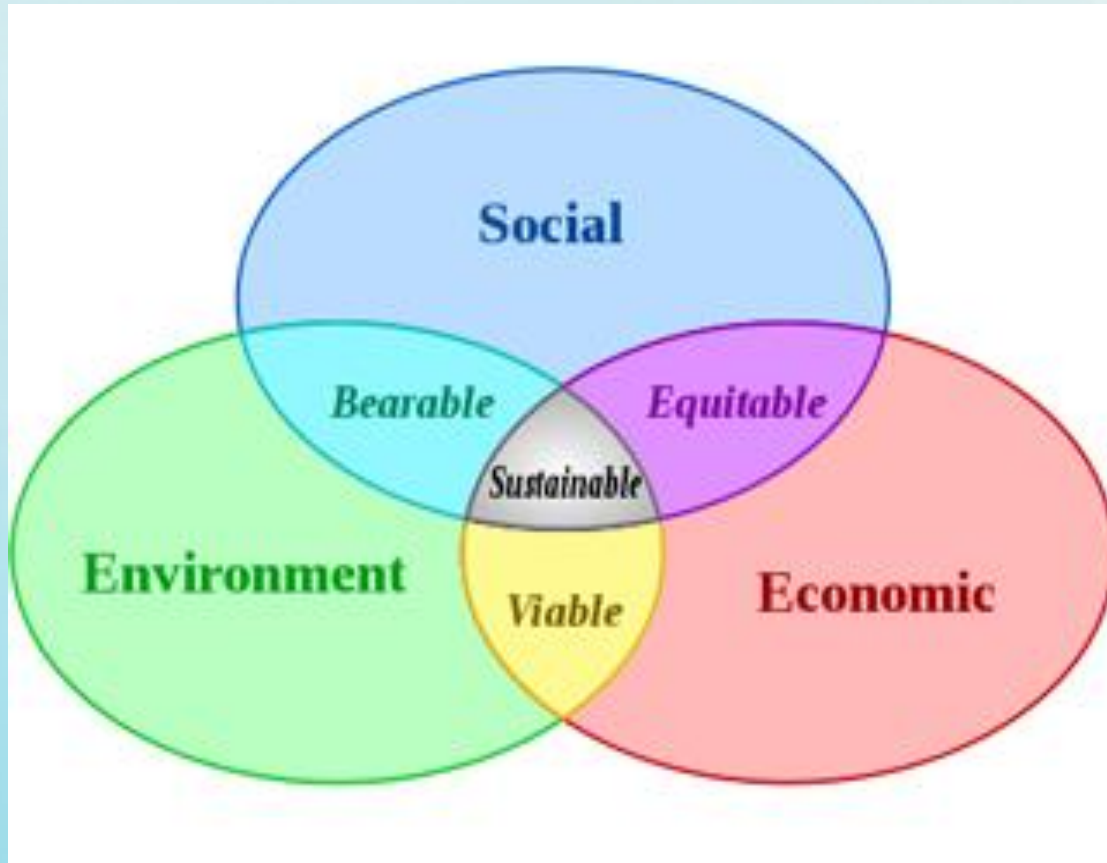
Co-Chairs: Leslie Waters (Colville) & David Savage (Cranbrook)

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Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho & Southeastern British Columbia



Rotary International Seven Areas of Focus



How does this fit with your definition?
And not fit?
What about Net Benefit to our own needs and future generations?

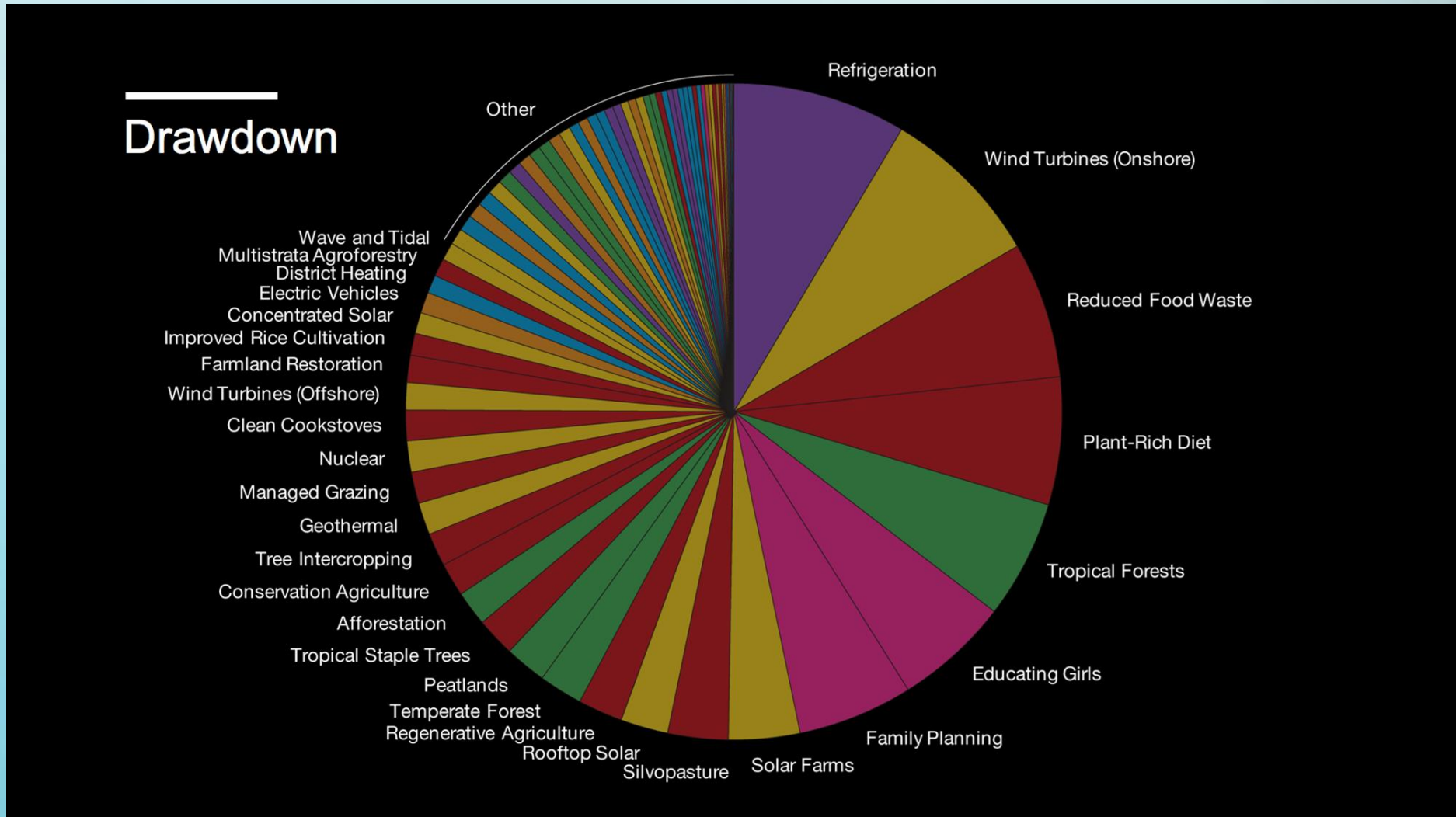
What actually is Sustainability?

“Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In addition to natural resources, we also need social and economic resources. Sustainability is not just environmentalism. Embedded in most definitions of sustainability we also find concerns for social equity and economic development.”

McGill University

Rotary and Project Drawdown Resources

relative positive impacts



In January 2021, The Rotary Foundation Trustees and the Rotary International Board of Directors finalized the policy detailing the kinds of projects that will now become eligible for Global Grants. The Rotary Foundation began accepting grant proposals in July 2021.

Examples;

- ▶ Enhancing the **capacity of communities** and local governments to support natural resource management and conservation
- ▶ **Addressing the causes of climate change** and climate disruption and supporting solutions to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases
- ▶ Strengthening the **resilience of ecosystems and communities** affected by climate change and climate disruption
- ▶ **Supporting education** to promote behaviors that protect the environment
- ▶ Advocating for the **sustainable consumption** of products and the environmentally sound management of byproducts to build a more resource-efficient economy

Foundation Grant Proposals

Purpose Environmental Sustainability R.A.G./ D5080 Green Team

Our district committee's purpose is to serve as a liaison between RI and ESRAG and our district and our clubs. Our roles include;

Educational and Informational

Facilitating club and district action

Promoting diversity and building membership in Rotary

Feedback to D5080, Rotary International and to ESRAG

Helping Clubs and communities take effective action

Key Considerations;

Diversity of perspectives and expertise are all welcome

District and Local Focus

Critical Thinking

Creating Shared Value

Mentoring next generation leaders

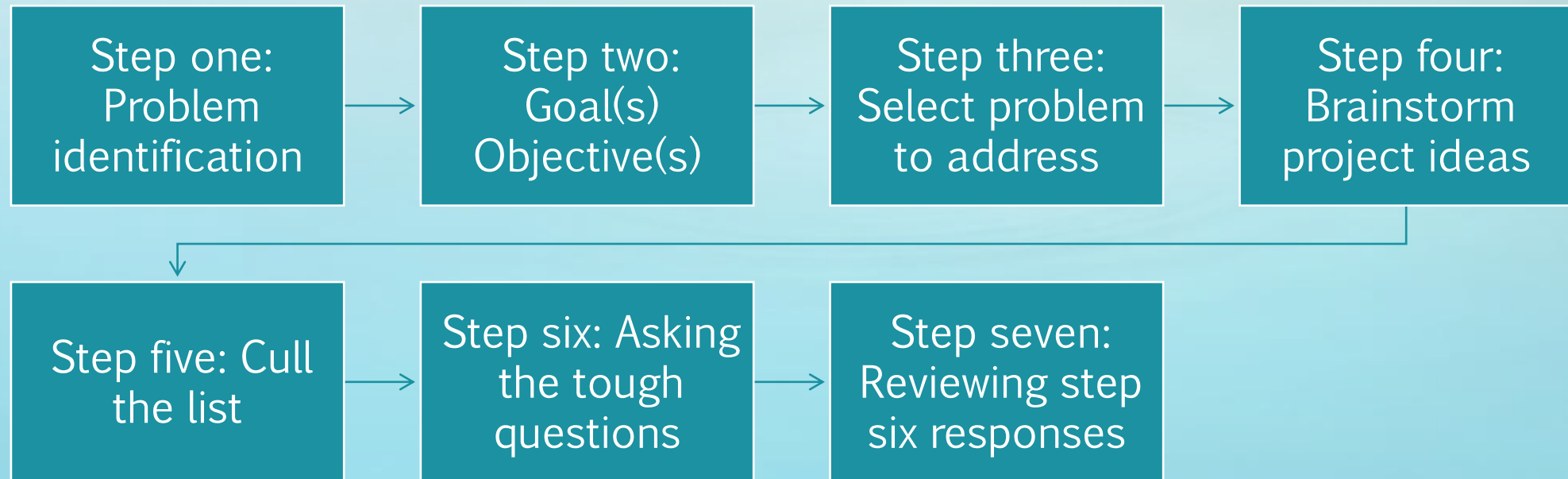
Not political or a lobby

Collaborative learning

Encouraging effective action for our shared future

The Assessment Tool

7 Steps; simplified



Then decide, collaborate, do, reassess, report and evolve.

Three white ladders of increasing height are positioned against a teal background. The shortest ladder is on the left, the medium one in the center, and the tallest one on the right. The tallest ladder has a bright light at its top, casting a glow on the wall and floor.

Our Progress So Far

- ✓ Formed December 2020.
- ✓ March: **Climate Change** and Invitation to participate.
- ✓ April: **Sustainability**: What is it really? & What's important to you?
- ✓ May; **Project Drawdown** and local project identification.
- ✓ October; **Assessing Your Projects**
- ✓ November; Project Assessment responses and **Interact**
- ✓ December; Christmas Carbon **Challenge**
- ✓ January; Feedback on Assessment Tool and Carbon Challenge, **planning for 2022** and District Conference in May

As we start 2022, our aim is to;

- a. encourage critical thinking related to sustainability,
- b. focus on finding the most impactful projects for our clubs,
- c. refine an assessment tool that can help clubs (and districts) decide which projects are most needed, most likely to have an impact and most compatible with the aims of our local clubs and of Rotary International.
- d. Connect and collaborate with members, future members and organizations to advance the understanding and achievement of key goals environmental sustainability.
- e. Liaise, educate and learn from our Rotary International and within our District.

How will our D5080 Green Team / ESRAG serve you?

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