

THRIVABILITY MATTERS

Newsletter and updates



Hello,

We trust that your 2024 is off to a promising start, filled with optimism and anticipation. In this inaugural newsletter of the year, we're thrilled to unveil a treasure trove of fresh content. From insightful articles to thought-provoking discussions, we're diving deep into the core of our mission and passion.

But before we embark on our journey, let's immerse ourselves in a captivating narrative intricately intertwined with the essence of SDG4: **Quality Education**, and SDG8: **Decent Work and Economic Growth**. This fictional tale, set against a vivid backdrop, serves as a powerful allegory, shedding light on the challenges and victories associated with quality education and sustainable economic growth. Stay tuned as we unravel the story's connection to this month's thematic exploration. Welcome to a year of enlightenment, discovery, and meaningful impact.

Call You Back



In the bowels of a regional city in the United Kingdom, Jenny, the mayor, scurries past protesters, standing before old buildings and holding signs with "More Jobs!" scrawled in uneven letters with bright red texters.

In her shabby office Bob, Jenny's secretary, stops her. "Told you the Uni sucked. How are people supposed to get jobs when no one wants to invest in an uneducated city? You can't win. Unless you solve the unemployment -"

"I'm trying!" she exclaims. "Maybe London can help."

On her phone, Jenny brings up the contact list and dials Jack. "Jack, did you get my email?"

Jack sips tea with his security guards. "Well... not sure we can help. London's addicted to the finance sector. Overseas conglomerates. But let me make a call."

Outside, the unrest escalates. Jenny cringes. "Call you back."

Venturing outside, Jenny addresses the crowd, "People please, I'm trying!"

A student barks, "How?"

"We band together, a global company, then people invest!"

The student responds, "And you expect the Uni to teach us how?"

Jenny's hopeful expression vanishes.

Inside, Jenny's phone rings showing the caller, "Maya Chen - Investor". "Miss Chen, any news?"

Maya soaks in a penthouse bath with the phone to her ear. "Jenny, we love your infrastructure proposal, but we just don't trust your workers. With their level of education..."

Jenny grinds teeth. "Call you back."

She dials Jack. "Jack, I've had enough! Our University sucks! Now are you gonna get us all educated with new lecturers, or do I send these protesters your way!?"

Jack smiles, "Actually, that's exactly what I was going to call you about. How many lecturers do you need?"

January Focus - SDG4 & 8, (Quality Education & Decent Work and Economic Growth // Discoveries).

Building a world that ensures access to quality education for all, as well as providing economic opportunities for everyone, are both fundamental to creating a thriving world. Achieving this not only tackles injustice, but enables individuals to realise their potential. Here at the THRIVE Project, we support the United Nations 17 Sustainable Goals (SDGs). This month we highlight SDG4: **Quality Education**, and SDG8: **Decent Work and Economic Growth**.

WHAT'S NEW?



The Impact Of Conflict On Education Must Not Be Forgotten

Amongst the horrors of war, it can be difficult to look past the immediate death and suffering. But conflict has huge ramifications beyond this, including in regard to education. The restriction of access, destruction of infrastructure and psychological impact can devastate the education of vast numbers of people. What does an approach that addresses these problems look like?

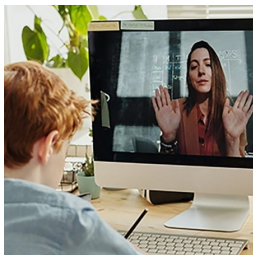
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How Do We Fix The Gender Gap In Education?

The gender gap in education is particularly pronounced in developing countries. Conflict, economic barriers, and limited access to schools all play a role in this. How do we not only address the inequality posed by these problems, but also utilise education to achieve gender equality more broadly?

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Is Homeschooling Good For Students?

Australia is not the only country to have experienced a growth in homeschooling in recent years. Homeschooling can play a role in the battle to achieve both a quality education for all, and break down economic barriers. This case study explores the benefits and drawbacks of this type of education.

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You're Never Too Old To Learn!

There is an undeniable misconception about education. Many of us look upon it as a step limited to our youthful years. But this thinking is restrictive, unhelpful and incorrect. The process of learning is a never-ending one, and if we view it this way, all of society will benefit. This personal essay from a member of our team dives into this subject with great passion and detail. it link to fighting the climate crisis?

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EXCITING UPCOMING EVENT



GROWTH IS BAD!

Did that get your attention?

Our previous webinar revealed how society has been programmed to think endless growth is good. Growth is essential for many nations but the worst nations for sustainability have extremely unsustainable levels of growth while claiming that it's good. Yet stats show that the only correlation is the unsustainable drain on Earth's resources, while human well-being has declined for decades. Only after about 175 times the current economic growth, can we hope that the current system could eradicate poverty. But how do we get another 174 Earths worth of resources? The top 1% get about 38% of the economic growth, yet the top 10% are responsible for 50% of our greenhouse emissions. A wealth Tax won't work because it is just taken from the poor to cover the tax. We have to stop them from taking all the productivity from workers rather than try to get it back once it's been taken. Until we can ensure housing, food, healthcare, and education for all, companies will continue to force workers to work in unfair conditions because the people accept being exploited in order to live.

But there's hope in the form of B corps. These are corporations that meet strict sustainability criteria, for instance, giving scholarships to developing countries to train their children in world-leading skills. These corporations are then known for the good they give so they offer a dual benefit to the consumers. Not only do the consumers get sustainable products but they also help the world become a more ethical place. This isn't corporations growing their profit margins for the 1%. This is about growth where growth is needed most, and investing where it's needed to bridge the equality gap. And as we are all educated, we start to see a better world for us all.

The thing is, these are the types of amazing insights we get at every Webinar. We get awesome quotes we can use in our daily lives. We get astonishing facts that blow our minds and some are even hilariously funny. We always have a good time and we are focused on bringing good times and great knowledge to everyone in the future.

Register today for our up and coming webinar:

Tuesday 20th February 2024
6:00PM AEST (UTC + 10:00)

This time, we'll be diving into SDG 12: Responsible Consumption And Production.

[Register Today and Save the Date!](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

In the coming month, we will shift our focus to SDG12: **Responsible Consumption and Production**. Our lifestyles often revolve around fast-paced consumption and disposal, which poses significant sustainability challenges. Through February's content, we strive to explore alternative frameworks for both our economy and daily habits. Join us as we delve into innovative approaches to promote responsible consumption and production for a more sustainable future.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

We are always looking for ways to improve THRIVE, and it's difficult to guess what our subscribers want. Sometimes we get it wrong. So if you have any comments relating to our emails, we would be grateful for the feedback. Just hit the "reply" button.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Until then, keep on thriving.

THRIVE Project is an independent research and advocacy group providing the latest information from the natural and social sciences on the means to achieve a sustainable society and thrivable future.

THRIVE aims to exhibit the most effective pathways to a sustainable planet. We want to instil the concept of 'thrivability' (beyond sustainability) in human communities. We arm individuals and organisations with the knowledge they need to make sustainable changes in the pursuit of prosperity for all. THRIVE uses a contrasting background to draw attention to this content.

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