

Growing a sustainable MINDSET

B Create conditions for growth

1 Coherence

Show how sustainability harmonizes with, or is the solution to, the organization's goals and strategies.

fx The director believes a flexible work environment is important. If colleagues are encouraged to work more from home, we can reduce both CO2 and office space.

2 Co-creation

Show how sustainable action contributes to a larger agenda - what they become a part of when they contribute to change.

fx Most packaging and small plastic objects weigh little. Yet the citizens in Kolding Municipality collectively sorted 1,100,000 kg of plastic for recycling in 2022. Your small actions have a large impact.

3 Relevance

Make the problem relatable and present to increase motivation for action.

fx When the project manager buys new furniture for the construction of the new office building, instead of using the once we have, we have to do without a colleague next year.

A Get to know the landscape

1 Talk to key people in the organization about which goals are particularly important.

2 Find out where colleagues lack support for coordination and concrete actions to act sustainably.

3 Point out roles and responsibilities that are missing in the organization to support sustainable development and behavior.

C Nourish the changes

1 Ease

Remove barriers by making the user experience easy and interesting.

fx From "I tried to call around, but after a while I had to give up" to "I called the Reuse Warehouse, and they sent someone to pick up the furniture on the day I had chosen".

2 Learning

The more people learn about climate and sustainability, the more significant the issue becomes to them, but only if they feel they can make a difference.

fx A third of all food produced is lost or thrown away. Avoid food waste and eat more greens to reduce your CO2 emissions.

3 Legitimacy

Give your initiative life with a name and a short core story which is easy to remember, so others can relate to it and remember it.

fx The Climate Consortium and the Sustainable Development Office have more legitimacy than "Julie and Brian, who work with sustainability".