

Citizenship Education in a Sustainable Development Society : Applying the League of Nations' Solidarity Theory to Home Economics-related ESD

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Abstract

The objective of this study is to confirm that the concept of citizenship is an important quality and skill in creating a sustainable development society. The league of nations' solidarity theory which is a practical synthesis of natural solidarity and social solidarity is analyzed and its application to home economics-related ESD is discussed.

Humans are born to live in harmony with nature and in solidarity as scientific reality. Civil citizenship recognized the freedom of the individual as a right and a matter of human dignity is fostered from the improved ability of solidarity with generations and with environment. In a natural state without human alterations, humans have mutually dependent on each other but the relationships are not necessarily equal. Moreover, humans are social beings, and united as a matter of practical obligations. Social citizenship is fostered and inclusive societies are built upon from experiences of working together to solve problems in civic life, considering scientific information, respecting for each other's opinions to find justice through dialogue, and creating new systems and rules based on fair judgments. Political citizenship is fostered by social participation through labor that capitalizes on one's specific characteristics for the benefits received, paying taxes and social insurance premiums, and expressing opinions in politics to correct inequalities. Global citizenship is fostered through cooperation that respects human rights and different cultures in accordance with the requirement in the international community.

Home economics education is expected to be a practical subject that educates the "creators of a sustainable society" about citizenship by having them learn to integrate scientific truth with moral virtue in their daily lives.

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