

I have chosen to study MA in International Development to achieve greater heights in my academic quest and utilize my knowledge and skills for the broader interest of the society and the community I live in.

I have found out that sustainable development is about making sure that people throughout the world can satisfy their basic needs now, while making sure that future generations can also look forward to the same quality of life.

Sustainable development recognises that the three ‘pillars’ – the economy, society and the environment – are interconnected. The concept of sustainable development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core is an approach to development that looks to balance different, and often competing, needs against an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we face as a society. It is about ensuring a strong, healthy and just society.

This means meeting the diverse needs of all people in existing and future communities, promoting personal wellbeing, social cohesion and inclusion, and creating equal opportunity. Sustainable development is about finding better ways of doing things, both for the future and the present. We might need to change the way we work and live now, but this doesn't mean our quality of life will be reduced. In this regard sustainable development education is an ideal vehicle for interdisciplinary learning and can be used to bring relevance, depth, challenge and breadth to learning.

Developing our children, young people, and women as global citizens through sustainable development education is a key context for learning within Curriculum for Excellence. Sustainability issues feature prominently in the experiences and outcomes and offer learners an opportunity to engage with complex ethical issues relating to climate change, social justice, interdependence, health and wellbeing and biodiversity.

Since I am in the education sector, I aim to bring sustainable development by working and learning together to build stronger communities through learning for young people and women, learning for adults and building community capacity. My target is to work towards community capacity building by working with and supporting communities to build skills and experience, increase opportunities, and enhance involvement in the decisions that affect them. I want to achieve my target through their empowerment, participation, inclusion, equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination, self-determination and confidence, partnership and involvement, recognising collective ability, personal development and training, building and linking structures and maintaining momentum etc. Thus I intend to sustain the development through family learning, developing the community learning and development workforce, professional network, lifelong learning and developing practice as part of the continuing professional development. I have studied English Literature in my undergraduate and postgraduate studies – I have studied

classic, Elizabethan, Victorian, modern literature - I have gained vast knowledge on society, culture, history, politics of all ages.

Furthermore, in my subsidiary papers, I have studied Political Science and Islamic History & Culture. These studies have helped me get knowledge on social, political, economical development from one age to another, one nation to another and get comparatives. I have grown a keen interest in people around me, the society I live in and the community I share my life with. I find it is my duty to work for their development that will sustain and have a permanent effect for the continuous improvement of a better way of living life and contributing toward the future generations' benefits. I have worked in colleges as lecturer for women students to build their capacity and get them educated and learned for the development of the community so that they have equal share of benefits that the society has to offer and taught them how to sustain this development and carry forward to their future generations. With more formalized education in the area in particular, an MSc from the highly esteemed UWE will prepare me as better trainer with latest knowledge and western knowledge to carry forward to my homeland Bangladesh and introduce sustainable development theory amongst the undeveloped and lower sects to bring them up and show them the means to live with respect and ambitions.