

Organize your own SDG Book Club

You are excited about the SDG Book Club and want to organize your own get-together to discuss the books?

Great! Some ideas that might help you get started:



Find a name

- Think of a name for your SDG Book Club. It might be related to a specific Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), your city or any other relevant theme. Make it personal.
- Set out your goals, so it's clear for everyone who will join you. These could be to learn more about the SDGs, or to think about the challenges your community faces.

Spread the word

- Write an advert to attract members in your school or library.
- Ask your teammates, friends or family members.

Find a space

- Find a Space – ask your library or a local bookshop!
- Think about numbers – around ten seems to be good, as this allows for a conversation.
- Make sure everyone can find and read the book. Pick one that is ideally both available in your library, and that you can obtain from your local bookshop.

Prep your first get-together

- If you prepare questions, make them open so that they encourage discussion. There doesn't need to be a right or wrong answer.
- Plan your time. Give yourself about 1-2 hours, so that there's enough time to talk.

- If there are additional materials on the publishers' website, use them.
- When preparing for the club, take notes about exciting ideas, or mark pages with post-its that you want to discuss.

Set some ground rules

- Set some rules at the beginning – always let each other finish speaking. Share your views and respect the ideas of others. Try to add to the conversation and think about what you learn.
- If you chose the book, you should lead discussion, to ensure it moves around. You can think about how formal this should be, either with prepared questions, or a presentation and open discussion.

Keep it going

- Decide how often to meet. Once a month should allow everyone the time to find and read the book.
- Encourage a different member to pick a book each time.
- Keep a journal!
- Share your meeting via **#SDGBookClub** and tag **@unpublications**. We will curate selected pictures on our social media.