

# Health Psychology and the Sustainable Development Goals

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## Background:

The EHPS has a formal affiliation with the United Nations and works to support sustainable development through the implementation of health psychology research and practice to improve health around the globe.

Last year, we asked everyone submitting an abstract to the EHPS annual conference in Dubrovnik to map their work onto the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The seventeen SDGs define the agenda of the member states of the United Nations until 2030. They address the global challenges of Sustainable Cities and Communities; Poverty; Hunger; Health and Wellbeing; Quality Education; Gender Equality; Clean Water And Sanitation; Affordable And Clean Energy; Decent Work and Economic Growth; Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; Reduced Inequalities; Responsible Consumption and Production; Climate Action; Life Below Water; Life on Land; Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; and Partnerships.

Unsurprisingly, the vast majority of the submitted abstracts were mapped onto the SDG "Good Health and Wellbeing", followed by "Reduced Inequality" and "Quality Education". However, there were many abstracts addressing many other SDGs, showing the potential of Health Psychology as a discipline to contribute to the progress within the SDGs.

## Aim(s):

In line with EHPS's mission to support achievement of these SDGs through the work of health psychology research and practice, we would like to invite submissions of papers focusing on the application of health psychology approaches in any of the areas of the Sustainable Development Goals for publication in a special issue of the *European Health Psychologist*.

## How to Submit:

We are looking for submissions of abstracts of up to 300 words. The full paper will have a word limit of 2,000 words. The submissions can be position papers, reports, reflections on using health psychology approaches in addressing SDGs, methodological issues, best practice ideas, ways of working, concept and others.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 30 September 2020. All submissions will be assessed before 15 November, and invitations for full submissions will be sent out before 30 November.

Contributions can be submitted by sending an e-mail to Dr. Lucia Rehackova.

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