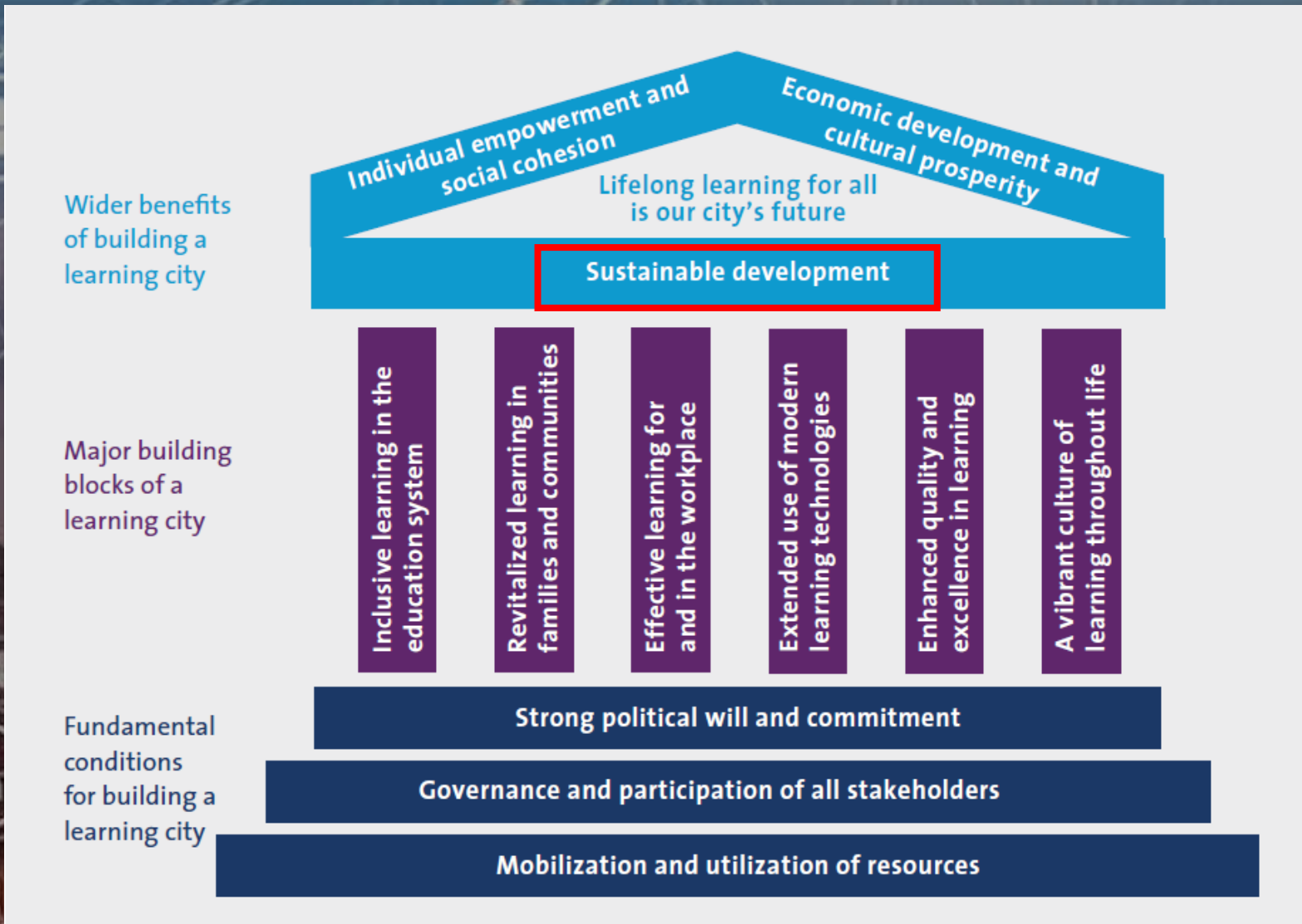


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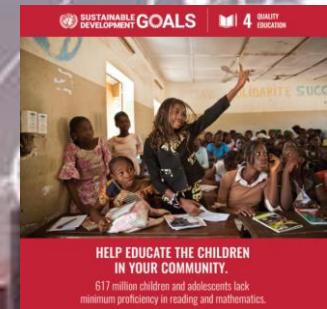
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The Learning City Concept – the city as an ecosystem for lifelong learning



SDG 11:
SUSTAINABLE
CITIES AND
COMMUNITIES



**SDG 4: QUALITY
EDUCATION**

UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities

425

Member cities promote a culture of lifelong learning

91

Countries host one or more learning cities and contribute to international collaboration worldwide

almost 500 million

People live in UNESCO Learning Cities and potentially benefit from lifelong learning opportunities

Open Educational Resources in the context of Learning Cities

City-led digital learning systems: e.g. e-learning portals, apps, e-libraries, public Wi-Fi zones

Community-based OER hubs: e.g. libraries, museums, community centers, social clubs,

Municipal leadership: e.g. coordinated strategies, city-run learning festivals, free public learning offers

Examples:

- Limerick's Lifelong Learning Festival
- Wyndham's Green Living Series
- Edmonton's Neighbourhood for Climate - Climate Action Cards



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