Accelerating Climate Action Through Education at the Global Climate Action Summit

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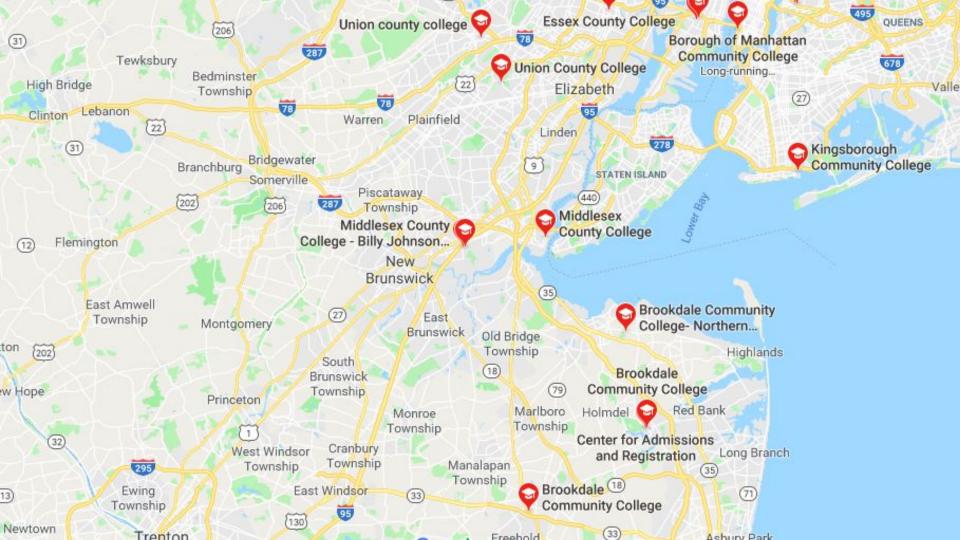
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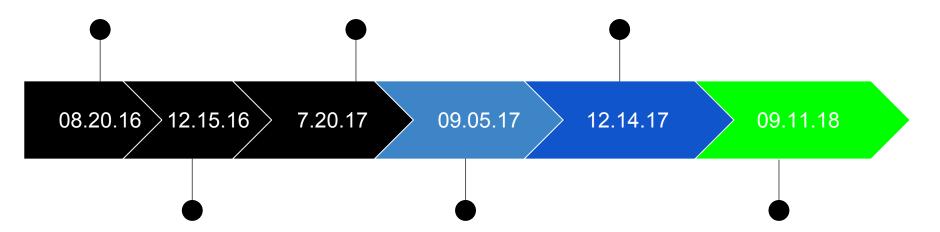


Democratic governor Phil Murphy said, a key development in his goal of adding 3.5 gigawatts of wind energy in the state by 2030 -- which he called "the largest and most ambitious wind energy solicitation schedule in the nation."

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ESIP Summer Meeting 2016: Climate Literacy Collective Impact-Develop a Strategy Climate Change Education Effective Practices Interviews 2017 AGU Fall Meeting workshop in New Orleans: Building Strategies for Cities to Address Climate Change With Climate Literacy Cross-Sector Collaboration



2016 AGU Fall Meeting workshop: Increasing Our Capacity to Address Climate Change Through Collective Impact

Climate Education and Opportunities Collective Impact Summit in Sundance Utah Accelerating Climate Action: A Workshop for Community and Education Leaders in San Francisco





This workshop will be a forum for community, business, and education leaders to showcase and explore models that build social will and capacities needed to assist communities and businesses in reaching the net zero emissions by 2050 needed to achieve the Paris Agreement's aspiration for a 1.5 degree world. Participants will work together to develop options for integrating climate change education, community engagement, and workforce development activities into local climate action plans with the goal of accelerating and supporting place-based climate solutions.



Workshop Supporters

This event is primarily supported by the National Science Foundation-funded Climate Change Education Partnership (CCEP) Alliance and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in coordination with the Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network (CLEAN). The organizers are joined by colleagues from across the nation's climate education community who have synthesized a decade of federal agency and philanthropic literacy initiatives to support the event's outcomes.









Workshop Planning Committee

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Haley Crim

Haley Crim is an intern with the New Knowledge Organization and a rising senior at Bates College in Maine. She is majoring in environmental studies and minoring in physics and Russian. Silas Swanson

Silas Swanson is a Sophomore Earth and Environmental Engineering major at Columbia University, and member of Youth Climate Advisory Board Member at The Wild Center Samaa Eldadah

Samaa Eldadah is a senior at Sandy Spring Friends School. She is a goal-oriented and team-minded worker. Her interests include policy, advocacy, and education.







The Objectives

Supporting Action

Explore how climate change education, community engagement, and workforce development programs are assisting communities in their ambitious climate action goals for the coming decades; and

Community Collaborations

Identify how community and business leaders can work with climate change education professionals to meet the goals of local and regional climate action plans.

Panel I: The Private Sector - Innovative Partnerships to Accelerate Implementation of Climate Action Plans

(Moderator, Mil Niepold)

Objective: Using the power of example to inspire new partnerships between the private sector, communities/municipalities, and education professionals that will accelerate implementation of climate action plans in synergistic ways

Panelists:

- 1. Maura McKnight, Executive Director, Business Council on Climate Change
- 2. Sasha Radovich, Director of our PACE Personal Advancement, Gap, Inc.
- 3. Brent Habig, Vice-President, International Programs, Institute for Sustainable Communities







Resource Matching Gallery Walk : Interactive Session

Session Objective: To showcase the current array of existing educational tools, strategies, and models and offer participants the opportunity to match their needs to various tools and resources based on survey results.

(Participants will review the posted, thematically grouped survey results, that are related to what participants indicated they were aiming to achieve locally in the coming year as they address climate change and implement climate action plans.









Panel II: Community Leaders – Partnering to Implement Change

(Moderator: Gail Scowcroft)

Objective: To highlight the diverse partnerships that are needed to build social momentum to ensure community climate action successes and offer the nuts and bolts of how education can support communities

Panelists (pending confirmation):

- 1. Garrett Fitzgerald, Strategic Collaboration Director, Urban Sustainability Directors Network
- 2. Malinda Chase, Tribal Liaison, Alaska Climate Science Center
- 3. Enei Begaye, Executive Director, Native Movement
- 4. Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment, Somerville







Lightning Round: Education Leaders as Partners

(Moderator: Billy Spitzer)

Session Objective: To give city, community and company leaders practical guidance on how to integrate education throughout a community and how this accelerates action on climate – while leveraging what everyone does best (further building on the Resource Matching exercise from the morning)

Represented initiatives (4 minutes each):

- William S. Spitzer, Ph.D., Vice President Programs, Exhibits, and Planning, New England Aquarium, National Network for Ocean and Climate Change Interpretation (NNOCCI)
- Michel A. Boudrias, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Environmental and Ocean Sciences, University of San Diego, Climate Education Partners
- Carey Stanton, Senior Director for Education and International Marketing, National Wildlife Federation, Eco-Schools
- Cyane Dandridge, Strategic Energy Innovations Energize Schools
- Jen Kretser, Director of Programs & the Youth Climate Summit Initiative, The Wild Center
- Reb Anderson, Director of Education, Alliance for Climate Education
- Lauren Friedman or Stephanie Thornton, Grid Alternatives
- Ann Reid, Executive Director, National Center for Science Education
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Affiliate Event of the Global Climate Action Summit

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Workshop objectives are to:

- Explore how climate change education, community engagement, and workforce development programs are assisting communities in their ambitious climate action goals for the coming decades; and
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Case Studies

- Education to Support Informed Decision Making by Key Influential
 Community Leaders, Climate Education Partners
- Building Capacity for Productive Public Engagement, NNOCCI Program
- Youth at the Helm of Building Community Climate Empowerment, The Wild
 <u>Center</u>
- Empowering Communities through Workforce Development, GRID
 <u>Alternatives</u>
- <u>Comprehensive Workforce Development for Social and Environmental</u>
 <u>Justice, Solar One</u>
- <u>Community Transformation through Youth Leadership, Strategic Energy</u>
 <u>Innovations (SEI)</u>

Education Supporting Community Climate Action Case Studies



Comprehensive Workforce Development for Social and Environmental Justice

Solar One's Green Workforce Training Program and Green Design Lab Program

Solar One delivers environmental education programing to New Yorkers of all ages through five distinct programs aimed at different audiences. The organization was founded in 2004 to manage Stuyvesant Cove Park- an all native plant park located on the banks of the East River in Manhattan, but has since grown into a multifaceted renewable and energy efficiency education operation. In addition to their workforce development programs, Solar One has installed over 2 megawatts of photovoltaics on low income housing in New York City, become a central coordinator of citywide and regional climate and energy discussions, set in motion the construction of a state of the art environmental education center, and continued to manage and improve the park that was their birthplace. Solar One is supporting NYC's climate action plan by implementing high impact actions that accelerate near-term greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.

"Increasing the sustainability of New York City's systems is of critical and growing importance. Solar One's Solar Schools and Career and Technical Education Programs bring our solar program to life for school communities in an engaging way, connecting the benefit of resilient infrastructure with the value of career preparation. Green jobs have earned a place on the radar of our youth, and we are thrilled that Solar One strongly supports student learning and leadership in this workforce development!"

Meredith McDermott, Director of Sustainability, NYC Department of Education



Daisy Meyer Workforce Development Manager GRID Alternatives

Cyane Dandridge is the Founder and Executive Director of Strategic Energy Innovations (SEI)

Panel III: Funding and Resource Models for Climate Action Implementation

(Moderator: Frank Niepold)

Session Objective: To highlight new approaches to funding and project resourcing, taking into account the value of synergy [research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDDD)] alongside philanthropic and traditional financing of community based education, engagement, and workforce development supporting climate actions.

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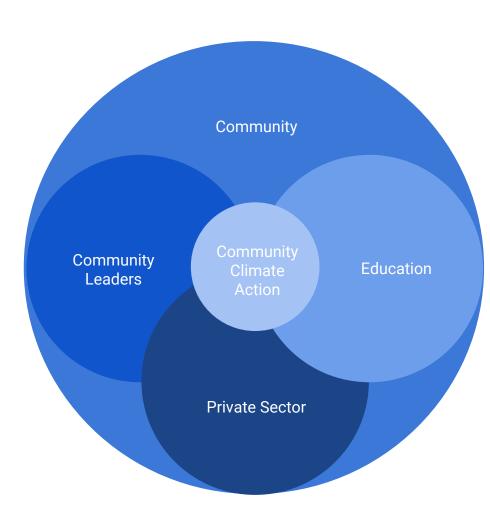
- 1. Carrie McDougall, NOAA Office of Education
- 2. Jason Morris, Pisces Foundation
- 3. Guy Williams, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice





Key Solution to Sustained Climate Actions

Effective climate change education, civic engagement, and workforce development are critical for communities to reach their climate action goals. The event confirmed that education can support community leaders by building social will, making solutions visible and create the capacities needed to support communities so they can seize the opportunities of a post-carbon and climate resilient future.





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- **Climate Action Philanthropy**
- Bay Aquarium in San Francisco
- 14th September





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Check out the Climate Education and Opportunities Collective Impact Summit Report http://ccepalliance.org/collective-impact-summit/