Center for Sustainability & Climate Education at Dutchess BOCES

The mission of the Dutchess BOCES Center for Sustainability and Climate Education is to engage and empower all K-12 educators, students and communities, through learner- centered curricula and experiential learning, to contribute to a socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable community for current and future generations.

In service to our mission, the Center and its partners are proud to offer a full range of free supports that we are rolling out throughout the 2020 – 2021 school year to introduce ourselves and our services.

Free Workshops ✦ Spring Summit

These events are **available to educators, administrators, students, facilities and operations staff, and community members.** They will focus on the areas of **leadership development, professional learning opportunities, curriculum design, development and evaluation, student empowerment and engagement,** and **strategic planning for a sustainable future**.

Free Workshops

Orientation to the Strengths Assessment Tool

Jan. 26, 2021 - 10:00am – 11:00am

What does it mean to educate for a sustainable future? To what extent are we already doing it? How can we most effectively use the strengths assessment tool to inform our planning? These are the questions we will address in this orientation session. Participants will then have a chance to decide if they are ready to utilize this tool and if so, who should take part in the process - *Facilitated by: Jaimie Cloud, Terrence McKiernan & Lauren Mathis*

Mid-Hudson Teachers' Center Sustainability Series: Teaching About Environmental Justice

February 3 & 10, 2021 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

"According to the US EPA, Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." Join educators Samrat Pathania and Laura Diaz as they explore specific ways to teach about this timely and important social and environmental topic. Attendees will be guided through ways in which they can integrate global and community resources into learning experiences for their students. Each participant will make their own Story map using ArcGIS, a tool that can be used by students to gather, analyze, and present demographic data. Emphasis will be placed on how students themselves can propose solutions and educate others."

Facilitated by: Samrat Pathania and Laura Diaz

Register for this workshop with the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center at:

https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=10627&I=3688265

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Student Empowerment Panel: Climate Leadership in Action!

March 9, 2021 – 11:00am – 12:00pm

Students who attended the YESS! Feb 2020 Summit will share their successes and challenges in developing and implementing action plans in their communities. - *Facilitated by: Dan Shornstein*

"Sustainablizing" the Curriculum: A Mini Design Studio

March 10 & 17, 2021 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm

In these two sessions, participants will use a backwards design methodology to embed selected attributes of Education for Sustainability (big ideas, performance indicators, content/skills) into a unit of study of their choosing. The goal is to create exemplars that educate for sustainability through curriculum and instruction, and that produce student work as evidence. - *Facilitated by: Jaimie Cloud*

Getting Students to Organize: Incorporating Grassroots Movement into Curriculum

May 12, 2021 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

How can we create classroom environments that inspire students to come together and organize for change in their community? Attendees will experience what it means to integrate actionable curriculum that immerses students in the process of organizing within their communities. - *Facilitated by: Terrence McKiernan*

Spring Summit

Save the Date!

April 14, 2021

Spring Summit: Educators and Youth for a Sustainable Future

The Dutchess BOCES Center for Sustainability and Climate Education announces its first annual Summit *for School District Leaders, Educators, Facilities and Operations Staff, PTSO Members, and Students.*

This gathering will provide participants with opportunities to learn, share successes, and network with others interested in building a more sustainable future.

Potential workshops and sessions include:

How to Talk to Your Kids About Climate Change: Turning Angst into Action with Harriet Shugarman
Schools As A Springboard For Climate Action with Krystal Ford *Biodiversity/Nature-Based Solutions*
Reversing Global Warming: Introduction to Drawdown
The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back our Planet
Sustainabilizing School Buildings and School Policies

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