



ee360

From Inspiration to Impact

ee360 is powered by collaboration and innovation and works to advance environmental literacy and build a more equitable and inclusive movement.

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VISION: An environmentally literate and engaged public is building more resilient communities resulting in a healthier, more sustainable future for all.

ee360 is an ambitious five-year program, led by NAAEE through a cooperative agreement with US EPA and eight partner organizations, to grow, strengthen, and diversify the field of environmental education. By promoting and providing top quality professional development, ee360 seeks to create a workforce of environmental educators who are well prepared and positioned to increase environmental literacy across the continent, for everyone, everywhere.

NAAEE brings nearly five decades of expertise to build on 27 years of EPA's long-standing commitment to nationwide efforts to support established and up-and-coming leaders in environmental education through face-to-face and virtual leadership training, state-of-the-art education materials and research, networking opportunities, and eePRO, an online hub where educators can share new approaches and best practices.

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Leadership Development: Supporting a diverse and talented group of up-and-coming and proven leaders with high impact training

- **Community EE Fellowship:** Building community resilience by equipping environmental education leaders with project planning, communication, evaluation, and networking skills
- **State Infrastructure:** Increasing the capacity of the NAAEE Affiliate Network and fostering strong leaders at the state and regional level



ee360 FELLOWS

ee360 Fellows **Quilen Blackwell** and **Anita Singh** are collaborating to bring the Chicago Eco House social enterprise model to Get Down Farm in Detroit, a project that's educating and employing youth and building community.



ee360 leadership development is fostering increased collaboration among **NAAEE Affiliates**, with collaboration taking many forms. For example, twenty state teams took part in a week-long Leadership Clinic in June 2019. And ee360 has helped support regional Affiliate networks, including the Southeastern EE Alliance (SEEA).



MISSION: To train a cadre of culturally diverse education professionals who have the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to deliver high-quality environmental education in formal and non-formal settings and to strengthen the environmental education field so it can sustain these efforts over the long-term.

The Affiliate workshop provided an invaluable opportunity to advance our work as an Affiliate, to feel connected to something bigger, and to think about innovative ways to move forward. We are in the midst of growing our own Affiliate and what we learned at the workshop is having a direct impact on our current and next steps.”

— NAAEE Affiliate Leader

- **Accreditation for Institutions of Higher Education:** Integrating high quality environmental education into college and university educator preparation programs
- **Educator Certification:** Setting the bar for excellence for individual educators

Professional Learning Opportunities: Creating access to scale-up professional learning activities to reach a greater number of educators

- **In-service Training:** Training educators to teach effectively about environmental issues and to use EE as a tool for improving teaching and learning
- **Preservice Training:** Delivering training and ongoing support to preservice faculty to embed environmental education effectively into their methods courses

- **Guidelines for Excellence Training:** Working with the National Project for Excellence in Environmental Education to develop, promote, and provide training on a series of publications called the Guidelines for Excellence, which provide a foundation of effective practice and ideas for the field

Antioch University and the University of Oregon are leading train-the-trainer workshops on *Community Engagement: Guidelines for Excellence*, a tool for educators on how EE programs can be designed to address community needs and priorities. The latest versions of the *Guidelines for Excellence* series are available as free download PDFs at: naaee.org/guidelines



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Guidelines for Excellence
Community Engagement



I was impressed with this powerful tool. We touched on some big topics, such as social justice, voice, facilitation, community – so important to building a sustainable future.”

— **Community Engagement: Guidelines for Excellence** workshop participant

I am very grateful to have been able to attend this training and to experience the depth of the training. We were able to cover more ground and learn invaluable strategies for doing this critical work.”

— Member of EE Association of New Mexico



The Center for Diversity and the Environment is working with the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico to evaluate the impact of equity, inclusion, and diversity in their work across the state.



Resources: Providing easy access to high-quality resources for the environmental education community

- **Access to Info & Materials:** Expanding content and growing number of users of eePRO, an online professional development hub
- **Synthesis of Research:** Summarizing and annotating environmental education research, writing summaries in accessible language tailored for field practitioners, and developing workshops focused on the research-and-practice connection



NAAEE continues to maintain and grow eePRO as a high-performing, technology-based EE platform. The monthly webinar series “**Bringing New Ideas and Innovation to the Field of EE**” brings a wide variety of topics to the online EE community: Embedding Justice and Equity in Organizations, Presentations for Impact, Connecting People to Nature, and much more. See a complete list and listen to all past recordings: <https://naaee.org/eepro/learning/monthly-webinar-series>



Stanford University is leading in-person and on-line EE Research and Practice workshops, using design-thinking strategies and activities to guide participants through key questions, such as: How might we more effectively connect on-the-ground EE work with research? Stanford also provides opportunities for participants to engage with existing tools and resources designed to bridge the research-practice gap.

- **Online Materials Review:** Ensuring educators can find outstanding materials recommended by experts in the field through ProPicks

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