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Introducing:



New eeRESEARCH library offers free access to one of world's largest collections of environmental education and nature connection research

APRIL 9, 2018: The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) and the Children & Nature Network (C&NN) launched eeRESEARCH today, a joint research library designed to support and advance the field of environmental education and efforts to connect children to nature around the world.

Through this collaborative effort, [eeRESEARCH](#) provides free access to the combined and extensive research collections of both C&NN and NAAEE in a user-friendly online portal. Users will find more than 1,000 summaries of scientific articles, links to research syntheses, and, where available, access to full research articles with open access rights.

"We know that new and exciting research is being published daily, but that much of it is behind firewalls, making it inaccessible to practitioners, funders, parents, and others," says Judy Braus, NAAEE's executive director. "We are thrilled to launch [eeRESEARCH](#) and believe it to be one of the largest freely accessible collections of scientific literature focused on nature connection and environmental education in the world."

"Advancing a research agenda for this field and translating scientific evidence for practical use are daunting tasks for any one organization," says Sarah Milligan-Toffler, C&NN's executive director. "By joining forces, we are improving the availability of research for everyone working to improve their practice and/or make the case for equitable access to nature and high quality environmental education."

C&NN and NAAEE spent a year planning and designing the joint database, with support from the Pisces Foundation. Articles originating in the Children & Nature Network's online research library are curated and summarized by C&NN's research team, led by University of Minnesota's Dr. Catherine Jordan; NAAEE partnered with Duke University to write research summaries and assist with database planning and development. A unique feature of the database is that one of its search options aligns with five broad search categories (education, conservation, health, social justice, human development) used by the funding community, allowing researchers, practitioners, and funders to use the same search taxonomy.

“Whether you are looking for research about environmental literacy, the benefits of connecting to nature, or proven strategies for fostering environmental behaviors, you’ll find a comprehensive body of peer-reviewed literature to support your work through [eeRESEARCH](#),” says NAAEE’s Judy Braus.

Says C&NN’s Sarah Milligan-Toffler, “Through our combined efforts and with the strategic support of the Pisces Foundation, we’ve forged a new path for how organizations can work together to not only advance our missions and goals, but truly advance our field. We hope to add new partners in the future!”

ABOUT North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)

For more than four decades, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has been dedicated to accelerating environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education to create a more sustainable future for all. NAAEE supports a network of 20,000 educators and 56 regional affiliate organizations working in environmental education in more than 30 countries. Learn more at [naaee.org](#).

ABOUT Children & Nature Network

The Children & Nature Network (C&NN) believes that nature makes children healthier, happier and smarter. C&NN is a US-based 501c3 nonprofit organization working to increase equitable access to nature for children, families and communities so that children—and natural places—can thrive. We do this by investing in leadership and communities through sharing evidence-based resources, scaling innovative solutions and driving policy change. Learn more at [childrenandnature.org](#).

ABOUT Pisces Foundation

The mission of the Pisces Foundation is to advance strategic solutions to natural resource challenges and prepare the next generation by supporting environmental learning. We collaborate, innovate, and work respectfully in our community. Learn more at [piscesfoundation.org](#).

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