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Thirteen Environmental Educators From Eight Countries Selected as EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker Grantees

Washington, D.C., United States, March 9, 2020 – Today, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) announced its first class of EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker grantees. Thirteen leaders from eight countries will receive small grants and technical support to implement environmental education projects that build low-carbon economies, create resilient communities, and protect and restore ecosystems.

NAAEE's EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker grantees will work on a diversity of sustainability issues -- from creating food forests in New Zealand to building a global movement for circular cities.

“Wells Fargo understands the urgency of accelerating a just transition to a low-carbon economy and helping communities become more resilient to the impacts of climate change – that’s why we collaborated with NAAEE to support these inspiring Changemakers. Through their passion, innovation, and perseverance, these young leaders are helping to shape the communities of the future,” says CaSondra Devine, Enterprise Sustainability Leader at Wells Fargo.

EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker grantees will lead their projects over the course of 10 months, and in addition to seed funding will receive professional development support, including the opportunity to present about their work at [NAAEE's 49th international conference](#) in Tucson, AZ, in October 2020. Says Judy Braus, Executive Director of NAAEE, “Our EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker grantees exemplify the very best in environmental education and inspire us to think boldly about how we can tackle the tough issues we face. NAAEE is so proud to collaborate with Wells Fargo on this initiative, and to be able to provide these leaders with the support they need to shape healthier and more sustainable communities.”

The 2020 EE 30 Under 30 Changemaker grantees include:

[Adedoyin Adeleke, Nigeria](#)
[Alerick Pacay, Guatemala](#)
[Anna Tari Sanchez, U.S.](#)
[Dieuwertje Kast, U.S.](#)
[Emmanuel Ken Ekwerem, Nigeria](#)
[Jared Hiakita, New Zealand](#)
[Lauren Gibson, U.S.](#)

[Leah Davidson, U.S.](#)
[Luisa Martinez Zarate, Mexico](#)
[Mariam Kabamba Merry, Democratic Republic of Congo](#)
[Nicole Andreou, Denmark](#)
[Pratikshya Paneru, Nepal](#)
[Sean Russell, U.S.](#)

The program is open to previous awardees of NAAEE's [EE 30 Under 30](#) program, which annually recognizes exemplary leaders under the age of 30 who are harnessing the power of education to create a more sustainable future. To learn more, visit naaee.org/ee30under30.

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About NAAEE

For nearly five decades, the [North American Association for Environmental Education](#) has led efforts to use the power of education to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement and create a more equitable and sustainable future. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators and 56 state, regional and provincial affiliate organizations working in environmental education in more than 30 countries.

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