

ACTIVENATURE

LEARNING, CITIZENSHIP, ACTIVISM FOR SUSTAINABILITY

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference Program Thursday 3 rd October						
8.00-9.00am	Registration and networking					
9.00-9.45am	Conference Opening, Welcome to Country, Partner and Sponsor Introductions					
9.45-10.00am	Keynote presentation - Why Me? Why and how I am here today speaking about activism: Nosrat Fareha, student and climate action organiser					
10.00-10.15am	Moving to breakout rooms					
10.15-11.00am	Room 1 – Snapshots Swap for the Sea, and for you and me – how to simply engage, enlighten and empower students and communities: Sarah-Jo Lobwein, SO SHIRE Sustainability and Student Wellbeing: Cyrelle Field, Sustainability Victoria Fanning the flame of nature connection: Nicole Lewis, Moriah College Take Me Outside NSW – getting kids outdoors and learning in nature! Melissa Sellen, AAEE NSW	Room 2 – Presentations It's what we do in the kitchen - Using a behavioural approach to Fight Food Waste: Mark Boulet, BehaviourWorks Australia, and Annika Stott, OzHarvest Applying Social Practice Theory to promote recycling behaviour in Australian households: Susan Noe, University of Notre Dame Australia	Room 3 – Presentations The power of authentic adventure for change makers: Lisa Flower, Outward Bound Australia Activism within the environmental education centres within NSW Dept. of Education - A historical account: Anne Marie Ross, Uni. of Newcastle	Room 4 – Workshop Youth Workshop: Organising and inspiring others to participate: Facilitated by youth leaders	Room 5 – Workshop How a Collective Memory process creates 'aha!' moments for transformative learning: Lisa Siegel, Southern Cross University, and Lorraine Larri and Hilary Whitehouse, James Cook University	Room 6 – Workshop Sustainable Schools NSW – growing our capacity: Julia Barnes, Sustainable Schools NSW
11.00-11.30am	Morning Tea					
11.15-11.30am	Keynote presentation - Mixing politics and science to address the challenges facing our planet: Ruby the Climate Change Kid, Gamilaraay climate activist					
11.30-11.45am	Keynote presentation - Floods, fear and forests: Harry Burkitt, Campaign Manager, Colong Foundation for Wilderness, and 2018 Young Environmentalist of the Year					
11.45-11.50am	Moving to breakout rooms					
11.55-12.40pm	Room 1 – Snapshots Our Sensory Garden: Alia Gurtner, Milperra Public School Spoilt by nature – How the students at WRPS protect the environment: Suzy Newell-Courtney, Woronora River Public School Outdoor Classroom - A nature based curriculum for the good of the planet: Michael Thompson, Orana Steiner School	Room 2 – Presentations Investigating Sustainability - Ocean Science and Health: Chasna Harper, Australian National Maritime Museum Identifying the key components for an environmental youth leadership program	Room 3 – Presentations How we make Sustainability fit into Education: Helen Byfield-Fleming and Anne Maree O'Neill, Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living The Citizens' Climate Lobby Story: Howard Witt, Citizens' Climate Lobby	Room 4 – Presentations Youth Workshop: Organising, Acting, Changing: facilitated by youth leaders	Room 5 – Workshop The reality of what activism is - Should teachers and students be responsible for advocating social, cultural and political issues? Greg Mills, Future Gen Education	Room 6 – Workshop Reimagining our work in sustainability beyond school – a creative approach to inspiring change: Bronwyn Sutton, Mesch Engagement

	Speaking 4 the Planet: Phil Smith, 4Sustainability	within a school setting: Karen Jones, Port Phillip Eco Centre				
12.40-1.25pm	Room 1 – Snapshots Finding ways to communicate about catchments and flooding in Fairfield City: Aimee Freimanis, Ecohort Pty Ltd Does traditional environmental education hinder active citizenship? Julian Lee, Randwick City Council Move the Money to Save the Planet: Tassia Kolesnikow, Sutherland Shire Environment Centre Instruction for Sustainable Development - preparing the young generation for the future: Waleed Alhadadi, University Malaysia Pahang	Room 2 – Presentations OzHarvest FEAST Program - Taking Action on food waste and health in the classroom and community: Amelia Berner, OzHarvest Return and Earn - 2 Billion reasons to be proud: Return and Earn and Jack Berne, year 5 student at St Augustine’s College, who started the inspirational ‘A Fiver for Farmer’ charity.	Room 3 – Presentations Improving attitudes towards insects to support urban biodiversity: Lizzy Lowe, Macquarie University Changing the Ecological Landscape in Australia’s largest employer outside government: Sue Martin, Catholic Earthcare Australia	Room 4 – Workshop Youth Workshop: Citizenship and Activism in Sustainability programs - the perspective of youth: Phil Smith, 4Sustainability	Room 5 – Workshop Age of Activism: What role did AuSSI play in activism? Angela Colliver, Angela Colliver Consulting Services, and Lorraine Larri, Renshaw-Hitchen & Associates	Room 6 – Workshop The Change Room - Combining the behavioural sciences with the performing arts to translate research into program design: Geoff Paine, Behaviour Works Australia, Monash University
1.25-2.25pm	Lunch					
2.25-3.10pm	Room 1 – Presentations The delivery of sustainable agriculture in a low SES government school: David Giblin, Chifley College, Bidwill Campus Wiping Out Waste: Sharon Carson and Lisa Wriley, Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre	Room 2 – Presentations #SustainabilityBelongs: Nicole Butler and Dominique Dybala, Environment Education Victoria Becoming leader - educating for citizenship/activism in the mountains of Uttarakhand, India: Susan Germein, Western Sydney University	Room 3 – Presentations The power and vulnerability of activism: Victoria Walker, Inner Landscape How can we catch and share The Overview Effect without ever leaving the planet? Jodie Green	Room 4 – Workshop Youth Workshop: 100 Jobs for the Future: Peta White, Deakin University	Room 5 – Workshop Active Hope - dealing with ecological grief in troubled times: Lisa Siegel, Centre for Ecological Learning	Room 6 – Workshop Build our Diversity, Building our Power: Sandy Wilder, Sustaining All Life
3.10-4.00pm	Panel Discussion: Journeys through activism Panellists: Lee Rhiannon and Nosrat Fareha					
4.00-4.30pm	Afternoon Tea					
4.30-5.15pm	AAEE NSW AGM and Informal Drinks					

Conference Program Friday 4th October						
8.30-9.00am	Registration and networking					
9.00-9.10am	Welcome and Introduction					
9.10-9.40am	Allen Strom Lecture – Becoming critical consumers of environmental education research: Dr Peta White, Lecturer, Deakin University					
9.40-10.10am	Keynote presentation - Protest and Survive: Dr Marty Branagan, Senior Lecturer and Convenor of Peace Studies, University of New England					
10.10-10.45am	Morning Tea					
10.45-11.30am	Room 1 – Snapshots	Room 2 – Presentations	Room 3 – Presentations	Room 4 – Workshop	Room 5 – Workshop	Room 6 – Workshop
	Moving from advocacy towards activism for sustainability in ‘bush kinder’: Fran Hughes, TAFE NSW	Greener Places for Healthier Spaces: Katie Denoon, Sutherland Shire Council	A Tertiary Network in support of Sustainable Schools: Sue Martin, AAEE NSW, Peter Andersen, University of Wollongong, and Dr Sue Elliott, University of New England	The problem is smaller than you think - mapping microplastics using a robust citizen science program: Kate Keary, Brewongle Environmental Centre & Australian Microplastic Assessment Project	Making space for the soul of our work: Victoria Walker, Inner Landscape	Creating a Habitat Garden as a Resource: Peter Dawe, Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust
	STEAM/STEM through the sustainability lens - Drain Detectives and public art powered by renewable energy: Karen Jones, Port Phillip Eco Centre	Driving change from within - lessons and successes of a staff engagement program: Niki Carey, North Sydney Council	Growing community relationships in education: Rebecca Burch, Nature Explorers, Pottsville Preschool			
	Stand up for your Climate/Future - Youth activism is education: Peta White, Deakin University, and Phil Smith, 4Sustainability To be confirmed					
11.30-12.15am	Room 1 – Snapshots	Room 2 – Presentations	Room 3 – Presentations	Room 4 – Workshop	Room 5 – Workshop	Room 6 – Workshop
	Is the ‘Lone Environmental Educator’ still alone? The lines, knots and knotting of environmental educator networks: Lisa Siegel, Mid North Coast Sustainability Educators Network	Regent Honeyeater - Using GIS and live data in the classroom: Freddy Herrera, NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Sustainability projects on the Northern Beaches: Jules Bellamy, Northern Beaches Council	How to spot the creative potential for reuse: Brett Lyon, Reverse Garbage	Planning best practice education and engagement projects: Melissa Sellen and Jem Hansen, AAEE NSW	Bush Foods – their history and how to grow and harvest them: Narelle Happ, A Garden for Life
	Locked On! Why Humorous Cli-Fi?: Marty Branagan, University of New England	Wildlife Disease Surveillance and Community Science: John Rafferty, Charles Sturt University	Children’s everyday experiences for the building of the child-environmental-citizen: Dr Annette Sartor, Western Sydney University			
	Inner West Tool Library - Sydney’s first community tool library: Amy Croucher, Inner West Tool Library Sydney Join a group to create change big enough to matter: Melinda Millen, Climate Action Network Australia					
12.15-1.00pm	Lunch					
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	Positive behaviour change through environmental education: Nick Carson, Central Coast Council	When you’d best not be protesting - the challenge of speaking for trees in Randwick: Rickie-Lee McLaurin-Smith	Designing a successful citizen science project: Paul Harvey, Environmental Science Solutions	Do Something Wild: Erin Chapman, Centre For Ecological Learning	Experience it yourself - Step in to the complex process of Light Energy for Food Production: Lisa Stobe, Climate Action	ReThinking Sustainability - perceptions of an educator-parent-researcher into the changing nature of

	Finding yourself on the world stage - lessons from a simple environmental educator: Sue Martin	Destination Pagoda - Protecting Lithgow's Gardens of Stone: Janine Kitson, Combined Retired Union Members Assoc'n	Connection and Collaboration within Conservation: Elliot Connor, Human Nature Projects International		Mobilisation Bega Valley Group	nature: Simone Blom, Southern Cross University
1.45-2.45pm	Panel Discussion: Challenges and Solutions for Integrating Citizenship and Activism into our Organisations and Education Programs Facilitator: Costa Georgiadis, AAEE NSW Patron and Presenter, Gardening Australia					
2.45-3.15pm	Afternoon Tea					
3.45-4.30pm	AAEE National AGM					
7.00-11.00pm	Conference Dinner: Cronulla RSL Club, including Guest Speaker Rowan Cahill, author and Honorary Fellow, Wollongong University					

Conference Program Saturday 5th October

8.30-9.00am	Registration and networking					
9.00-9.10am	Welcome and Introduction					
9.10-9.40am	Keynote presentation - Formal schooling: a broken system or working exactly as intended? Amy Thunig, Associate Lecturer, Department of Educational Studies, Macquarie University					
9.40-10.10am	Keynote presentation - Re-thinking Bronfenbrenner's model of development: A revised theoretical lens for promoting active citizenship in sustainability: Dr Sue Elliott, Senior Lecturer and Course Co-ordinator in Early Childhood Education, University of New England					
10.10-10.25am	Keynote presentation - Eco Smart: A sustainable standard for early education: Deb Watson and Julie Gaul, NSW Early Childhood Environmental Education Network					
10.25 -11.00am	Morning Tea					
11.00-11.45am	Room 1 – Presentations		Room 2 – Workshop		Room 3 – Workshop	
	Cultivating young children as active citizens in drought: Alison Thompson & Sue Elliott, Quirindi Preschool		Children are change makers: Catherine Lee, The Point Preschool, Oyster Bay		The Answers Engine - designing solutions to tricky behaviour change problems: Les Robinson, Changeology	
Insect Hotels - A STEM based project for 3-5 year olds: Martha Johnson, Early Start Discovery Space						
11.45-12.30pm	Room 1 – Presentations		Room 2 – Workshop			
	Inspiring children and their parents - Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living's 'Little Explorers Program': Carolan Nicholson and Fiona Barber, Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, and Peter Andersen, Uni. of Wollongong		Actively engaging with children & families in sustainability: Deb Long, Sutherland Shire Council			
	Moving from advocacy towards activism for sustainability in 'bush kinder': Fran Hughes, TAFE NSW					
12.30-3.00pm	Field Trips (including lunch)					
	Field Trip 1	Field Trip 2	Field Trip 3	Field Trip 4	Field Trip 5	Field Trip 6
	Explore sustainability in Children's Services, with visits to Franklin Road Early Education Centre and one of our Family Day Care educators	World Heritage, Aboriginal history, and the connection between nature, learning, and curriculum... in a bushwalk from Garrawarra Farm to Slipway Lookout, Royal National Park	Learn about bees and making a Bee Hotel, at Sutherland Shire Council Nursery	Investigate composting, worm farming, insect hotels and bush tucker in a visit to Sylvanvale Inclusive Classroom, Garden House, Sutherland	Find out all about community gardens – setting up, management, tips and tricks, with visits to the successful Community Gardens at Miranda and Cronulla	A tour of the Lucas Heights facility of ANSTO - one of Australia's largest public research organisations and widely recognised as an international player in the field of nuclear science and technology.
3.00-3.30pm	Conference Farewell, networking, wine and cheese					
3.30pm	Conference Close					