



Preparing Pre-Service Environmental Educators To Use Service Learning in the Classroom

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The Challenge

We live in an era of unprecedented environmental challenges. Addressing these challenges will require a populace that understands environmental science and has the civic skills to be effective participants in their communities. Expanding the skills and knowledge of young people to serve in this capacity should be a high priority for our educational system.

Unfortunately, precious few new teachers graduate prepared to teach young people how to be civically engaged around environmental issues. To increase that number we need to develop programs that prepare tomorrow's teachers to lead their students in real world problem solving projects. Teacher preparation courses are the best avenue to do that.

What We're Learning

While there has been considerable progress in integrating environmental education into pre-service preparation of educators, training pre-service educators to use environmental action strategies in their classrooms requires a new approach to teacher preparation. Earth Force has been working with three universities to explore models for this integration. As a result of this collaborative effort, each university is developing a unique model for incorporating service learning into their teaching methods and environmental education programs.

Your Role

We are reaching out to a small group of leaders in the environmental education and service learning fields to join us for a conversation about this exciting initiative. We hope you can join us to discuss your experiences identify future directions for similar work.

Panelists

Alyssa Hawkins, Earth Force
Dr. Joe Baust, Murray State University
Pat Marinac, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Dr. Terry Wilson, Western Kentucky University
Alan Melchior, Brandeis University

Location

National Service Learning Partnership
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