# **Adult Ed Sustainability**

#### Newsletter

**November 2024 Edition** 



Information to Increase Sustainability in Adult Education
Climate Literacy. Green Job Pathways. Campus Sustainability.
Community Resiliency.

Got info to share? Email Cynthia at gcteachercynthia@gmail.com

**Previous newsletters:** 

November 2023 Newsletter, February 2024 Newsletter, April 2024 Newsletter



I'm working on pulling together a panel of green groups and organizations

- to share what they do and how Adult Ed can partner with them
- hopefully for an AES Zoom Gathering in February 2025

## **Climate News**

- Climate Extremes (Full Documentary)
- Daniel Swain on why 1.5°C of global warming is such a big deal
- United Nations Climate Change Conference 2024 Nov 11 to 22, 2024
- What Trump's election win could mean for AI, climate and health

## Climate Alliances

- <u>U.S. Climate Alliance</u> Bipartisan alliance of 24 governors
- <u>Climate Mayors</u> Bipartisan network of more than 650 mayors

#### HOMEWORK

- Is your school in a city or state that is a member of these alliances?
- How can your classroom, program, school, district connect with, benefit from, partner with alliance members?

# What Do People Think About Climate Change?

What do people in your county or state think about Climate Change?

- What do they want? Who do they think should take action?
- Find out with the <u>Yale Climate Opinion Maps 2023</u>
  - Insert state, county, congressional district, metro area to find out what people think about Climate Change.
  - Examples:
    - 63% of Floridians are worried about Climate Change
    - 75% of Californians think Climate Change will harm future generations
    - 52% of people in the Riverside Metro Area Inland Empire of Southern CA think Climate Change will harm them personally

# **Emergency Preparedness**

Climate Change increases and intensifies natural disasters.

- How Climate Change Impacts Each Type of Natural Disaster | Peril & Promise |
   PBS
- <u>Is climate change increasing the risk of disasters?</u>

What can and should Adult Education do to educate Adult Learners about these challenges?

What can and should Adult Education do to prepare for emergencies as they impact their campuses and communities and ultimately, budgets?

#### **Emergency Preparedness Resources for Adult Education**

- COABE's Oct 18th Weekly Newsletter offers many links for disaster resources including information from the US Dept of Ed
- FEMA and the Changing Climate
- <u>CERT classes</u> on Adult Ed Campuses
- EL Civics Task 0 or COAAPs
  - Red Cross Visit Task 0
- AES Blog post on Extreme Heat includes resources

One School's Story - San Mateo Adult and Career Education

• ESL Government Academy

- o Article about ESL Govt Acad Grads
- Wendy's story about the Academy
- o Claudia's story about the Academy
- Student Perspective
  - o Funding Adult Ed Means Better Preparedness for Emergencies

#### HOMEWORK

- How is your classroom, program, school, district, regional/state/national organization preparing for the impacts of Extreme Heat, Climate Intensified Storms, Hurricanes, Flooding, Drought on learning, commuting, community, funding?
- Are you discussing the impact of these Climate Events on testing, metrics, outcomes?
- Does your school have an Emergency Response plan? Do you know what it is?
- Does your AE school or program discuss or teach Emergency Preparedness for the emergencies most common in your area - storms, flooding, hurricanes, etc.?
- Does your school offer a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Class?



Donate to help Adult Ed programs impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

## Green Infrastructure Boom

- With a change in Federal Administration, things may shift, but for now, there is a Green Infrastructure Boom, thanks to the
  - o Inflation Reduction Act and the
  - Governors Climate Ready Workforce Initiative

o Learn more here.

## Adult Ed School or Program Spotlight

- <u>LAUSD Adult School</u> Climate Champion Newsletter
  - Michelle Cohen designed a wonderful newsletter for use at her school and other <u>LAUSD Adult School Climate Champions</u>.
  - <u>Click on this link</u> to customize the newsletter for your AE school or program.
  - Learn more about the newsletter and what's happening in Los Angeles
  - New LAUSD Climate Champion Newsletter coming soon!

## November is Native American Heritage Month

Spotlight on California

- Inaugural National Native American Heritage Month Parade and Native American Monument Commemoration Event
- <u>Native American Heritage Month</u>
- <u>A Path to Tribal Stewardship Supporting Tribal Access to Traditional Foods</u>
- <u>Building Trust Between State and Tribal Governments</u>
- Native Voices on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and How It Informs Advocacy
- Strengthening Tribal Partnerships in our Nature Based Solutions Work
- Righting Historic Wrongs Truth, Healing, and Tribal Stewardship
- <u>AES Nov 2023 Newsletter</u> has list of books and resources for Native American Heritage Month

## Resources

#### Specific to English Learners

• Cambridge Uni Pub: Sustainability in English Learning Teaching

#### **Environmental Education**

- Acorn Naturalists Resources for trail & classroom
- AEOE Association for Environmental & Outdoor Ed California
  - Free one hour zoom workshops
- All We Can Save Project Resources for Educators
- Amazon.com: Applied ESL Life Skills Student Workbook eBook
  - Lesson on recycling
- California Native Plant Society resources for educators
  - Link to request nature journal curriculum
  - Botanical word puzzles
  - o California Native Plant Society YouTube

#### **Adult Education Sustainability**

- EL Civics Sustainability Curriculum
- California Naturalist English Learner Resource Deck

#### **Climate Literacy**

- Teaching Climate
- ecoAmerica
  - o Resources, research, social media toolkits, one sheets, etc.
    - Research ecoAmerica
    - American Climate Metrics Survey 2023 ecoAmerica
    - Climate Action Sheets ecoAmerica
  - o Free four hour course to become a Climate Health Ambassador

## Conferences

- Now is the time to think about presenting at a conference in 2025 and work or submit a proposal.
- <u>COABE</u>, <u>AAACE</u>, <u>CCAE</u>, <u>CAEP</u> all will have conferences in 2025
- Green Job Pathways, Climate Literacy, Emergency Preparedness rarely on the list of presentations - but so needed!
- Do you have ideas, knowledge, best practices to share but need help funding attending a conference? Contact Cynthia at <a href="mailto:gcteachercynthia@gmail.com">gcteachercynthia@gmail.com</a>
  - Let's find a way to get you to that conference!

## Cynthia's Slide Decks

#### Free to use. Credit my work.

- <u>California Naturalist English Learner Resource Deck</u>
- Adult Ed Green Teams: Growing Sustainability, Community, & Power
  - o Presented at <u>COABE</u> 2022 Conference
- Adult Ed Sustainability: Key to Equity, Community, Prosperity
  - Presented at <u>CCAE 2023 State Conference</u>
- Adult Education: Part and Partner in Climate Conversations
  - o Presented at <u>AAACE</u> 2023 Conference
- Adult Ed Sustainability for West Contra Costa Adult School
  - o Presented January 2023
- <u>California Naturalist Climate Steward Capstone Project</u>

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- Hosting the website, paying for pro level zoom, presenting at conferences, researching and creating content all cost time and money.
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- Your financial support makes it possible for me to do this work.

## Adult Ed Sustainability Website

