

Adult Ed Sustainability Newsletter

February 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

Note: California is my home base and often highlighted.

Previous newsletters: [November 2023 Newsletter](#)

Climate Conversations

Our next zoom gathering will be Tuesday, February 6 at 4 pm. [Calendar invite link](#) to Feb 6 convo.

I am proposing that we move to a rotation of zoom hosting.

If you are interested in learning more about these conversations, reading past notes, getting on the email list, or hosting a zoom, email me at gcteachercynthia@gmail.com.



Climate News

- [2023 was the hottest year on record.](#)
 - [Summary of Projected Climate Change Impacts on California](#)
 - [First Street Foundation](#) - Climate Risks Explained
 - [Global warming to cause a U.S. "Extreme Heat Belt." study warns](#)
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Green Jobs

- [The Lithium Revolution Has Arrived At California's Salton Sea](#)
 - [Job Openings — California Society for Ecological Restoration](#)
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Black History Month

We can't talk about Black History without talking about Black knowledge of science and nature, the Environmental Justice Movement, and the historical exclusion of the Black community from the Environmental Movement. Some links to learn more:

- [Black Rice —The African Origins of Rice Cultivation in the Americas](#)
 - [BlackForager - YouTube](#)
 - [40 Acre Conservation League](#)
 - Baltimore Green Justice Workers Cooperative
 - *Follow [Lynn Pinder on LinkedIn](#) to learn more!*
 - [The Father of Environmental Justice Exposes the Geography of Inequity](#)
 - [A Terrible Thing to Waste by Harriet A. Washington](#)
 - [Black Faces, White Spaces | Carolyn Finney](#)
 - <https://sustainability.yale.edu/blog/15-black-environmental-leaders-follow>
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Latinos and Climate Change

SPOTLIGHT: LATINOS IN CALIFORNIA



Latinos are the largest ethnic group in California *and* amongst California Adult Learners. They are a group hard hit by Climate Change *and* ready to take action.

- [Why Latino communities are on the front lines of climate change : NPR:](#)
- Latinos in the U.S. are more likely than non-Hispanic Whites to experience heat waves, powerful hurricanes, sea level rise and floods, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.
- The EPA estimates that Hispanic and Latino people are more than 40% more likely to live in places where it will frequently be too hot to work a full day outside.
- A 2017 survey found that Latinos are more engaged with the topic of climate change, and more concerned about its effects, than other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S.

New! [Environmental Policy Toolkit 2023: Impacts and Solutions for Latino Communities](#)

- Largest demographic served by CA Adult Ed: *Latinos*
- Demographic hardest hit by Climate Change: *Latinos*
- Demographic most interested in addressing Climate Change: *Latinos*

Given these facts, a question:

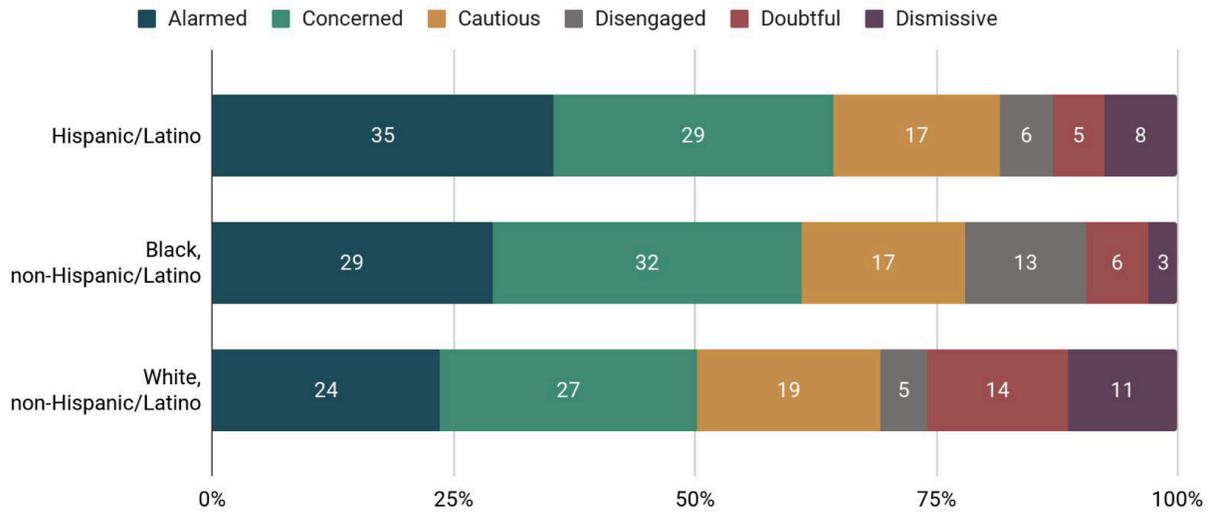
- How is Adult Ed in California and other states integrating Climate Literacy, Emergency Preparedness & Resiliency, and Green Job Pathways into planning, programming, and advocacy?

Helpful Links

- [New Initiative Based at YSE Provides Timely Climate News in Spanish](#)
- [Why Latino communities are on the front lines of climate change : NPR](#)
- [Most U.S. Latinos say global climate change and other environmental issues impact their local communities](#)
- [Climate Change in the Latino Mind](#)
- [Environmental Policy Toolkit 2023: Impacts and Solutions for Latino Communities](#)
- [Global Warming's Six Americas across age, race/ethnicity, and gender - Yale Program on Climate Change Communication](#)
- Stats on CA Adult Ed Demographics
 - [Administrators - 2021 Fact Sheets - California Adult Education Program](#)

Majorities of Hispanic/Latino and Black adults are Alarmed or Concerned about global warming

Hispanic/Latino and Black adults are more likely than White adults to be Alarmed



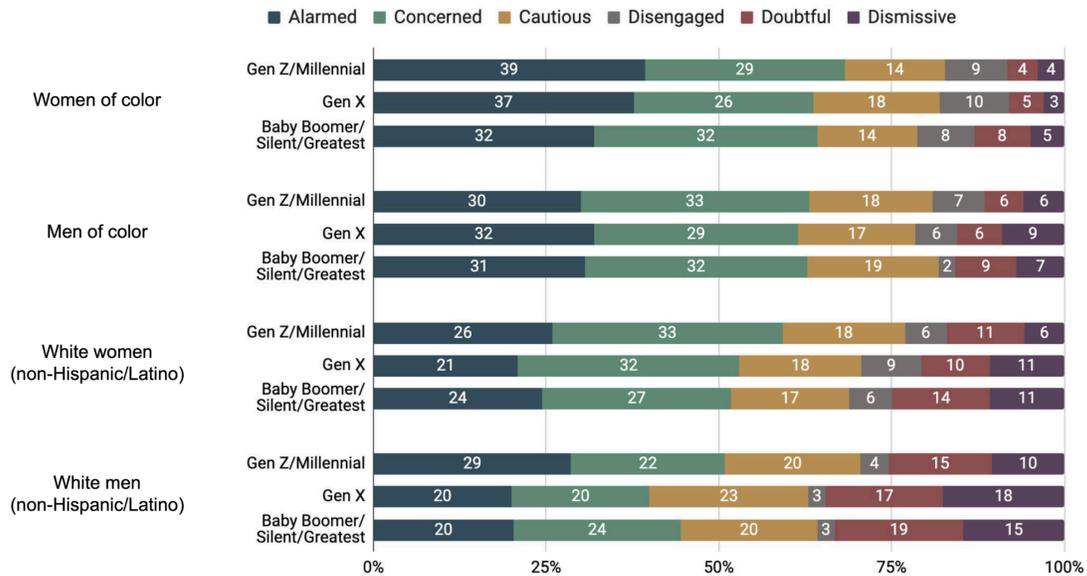
Global Warming's Six Americas

April 2020, December 2020, March 2021, September 2021, April 2022, December 2022. Base: 5,764 U.S. adults (Hispanic/Latino $n = 706$; Black, non-Hispanic/Latino $n = 572$; White, non-Hispanic/Latino $n = 4,486$)

Source: Yale Program on Climate Change Communication; George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication

People of color, particularly women of color, are the most Alarmed about global warming

Women of color are the most Alarmed among Gen Z and Millennials



Global Warming's Six Americas

April 2020, December 2020, March 2021, September 2021, April 2022, December 2022. Base: 6,211 U.S. adults (Women of color: Gen Z/Millennial $n = 299$; Gen X $n = 255$; Baby Boomer/Older $n = 329$; Men of color: Gen Z/Millennial $n = 305$; Gen X $n = 247$; Baby Boomer/Older $n = 290$; White women, non-Hispanic/Latino: Gen Z/Millennial $n = 559$; Gen X $n = 515$; Baby Boomer/Older $n = 1,188$; White men, non-Hispanic/Latino: Gen Z/Millennial $n = 544$; Gen X $n = 550$; Baby Boomer/Older $n = 1,130$)

Source: Yale Program on Climate Change Communication; George Mason University Center for Climate Change Communication

Questions for Adult Education Folks

As We Enter Advocacy Season

- **Huge Federal Budget for Climate**
 - Are Feds thinking about Adult Ed and what it can do for Climate Change Mitigation, Emergency Preparedness, and Green Workforce Training?
 - Do you take steps to educate Feds about the role Adult Ed can play in Climate Change Mitigation, Emergency Responsiveness & Resiliency, Green Workforce Training?
 - **Huge CA Budget for Climate**
 - If you're in CA, are you connected with agencies, orgs, groups, [Climate Action Plans](#) that are connected with that big CA Climate Budget?
 - Are these folks aware of your existence and have some idea of what Adult Ed offers - aka Green Job Pathways, Climate Literacy, Emergency Preparedness, an engaged community who understands climate risks and takes part in local efforts to address -- *and* -- votes – ??
 - **Advocacy and Messaging**
 - Do you talk about Climate, Emergency Preparedness, and Green Jobs in your Adult Ed advocacy?
 - Do you post items on Climate, Emergency Preparedness, and Green Jobs in your school social media?
 - Do you message to others that Adult Ed, your school, your program, you have something to offer and are interested in these topics, in being at the discussion table around them, and in being a budgeted provider of solutions?
 - **Fed and CA Budget Info**
 - Federal Budget
 - [Climate and Environment | Congressional Budget Office](#)
 - [FACT SHEET: President Biden's Budget Lowers Energy Costs, Combats the Climate Crisis, and Advances Environmental Justice | OMB | The White House](#)
 - CA Climate Budget
 - [Newsom unveils plan to cut California climate funding - CalMatters](#)
 - CA Climate Budget still huge at \$48.3 billion
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Outdoors for All

California's Pathway to Providing Equitable Outdoor Access

[Link to Recording](#)

- [CA Natural Resources Agency](#)
 - [Outdoors for All](#)
 - https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/Initiatives/Access-for-all/Outdoors_for_All_Strategy_English.pdf
 - [Adventure Pass](#)
 - [Katherine Toy, Deputy Secretary for Access](#)
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Adult Ed School or Program Spotlight

- [Pima Community College - Tucson, Arizona](#)
 - [Climate Action and Sustainability Plan](#)
 - [CASP](#) pdf of the plan
 - Adult Education is part of their workforce division
 - Climate - being infused across all programs
 - Reducing carbon footprint across the college
 - Donya Meggs is on the CASP Team, focusing on curriculum development
 - Continuing Ed - a good place to start because more flexibility
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Resources

Specific to Adult Education

- **NEW!** [CA Naturalist Resource Deck for English Learners](#)
 - Designed for High Level English Learner Adult Ed Classrooms

- *Everyone is welcome to use it!*
 - A work in progress - not all slides complete and some may change
 - Teacher Guide coming later in 2024
 - Information, Vocabulary & Word Families, and Activities
 - To learn more about nature, science, nature-focused jobs
 - Good supplement to the EL Civics Environment COAPP
 - Kristen Pursley created an EL Civics Environment COAPP
 - Contact Kristen at kpursley@wccusd.net
- **[The Change Agent](#) - magazine by and for Adult Ed students**
 - Relevant - and free access - [Lesson Packets](#)
 - [Packet 17 - Indigenous People's Issue - Beginning Literacy Adaptations](#)
 - [Packet 31 - Climate Refugees - Numeracy, Literacy, and Science](#)
 - Other lessons are available with a subscription
 - *Affordable, wonderful resource!*
 - **[Teaching Sustainability in Adult Education](#)**
 - *Now alphabetized!*

Education & Professional Development

- [Climate Change Basics: Five Facts, Ten Words](#)
 - Designed for Grades 6 to 12
- [AEOE - Programs & Events](#)
 - Accessible (recordings from past events all posted online)
 - Affordable (the short workshops are all free)
 - Programs to increase your environmental knowledge and skills

Books and Podcasts

- [All We Can Save - Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine K Wilkinson](#)
 - Book - read or listen
 - Women writing on climate with courage and creativity
- [An Immense World by Ed Yong](#)
 - Book - read or listen

- How animals experience the world
- [Golden State Naturalist](#) - Podcast
 - Podcast by former K-12 and Adult Ed teacher
 - Key words and transcriptions
 - Wonderful interviews with naturalists from around the state.
 - New video series highlights and explains one naturalist term at a time

Conferences

- Costly in money and time. Also invaluable ways to share, connect, learn.
- **Action Step:** Consider presenting on a topic relating to sustainability, climate literacy, green job pathways, adult learner driven climate work.
 - Now is the time to think and prepare proposals to present!
- If attending, consider bridging up these topics in conversations and workshops.
- Consider a Gofundme if you need \$ to attend.

Upcoming Adult Ed Conferences

- [California Adult Education Administrators Association](#)
 - Feb 8-9, 2024
 - Sacramento, CA (state capitol)
- [OTAN Technology and Distance Learning Symposium](#)
 - March 2, 2024
- [COABE National Conference](#)
 - March 17-20, 2024
 - Nashville, TN
 - In person and remote options for presenting and attending
 - Donya Meggs will be presenting remotely
- [CCAEC California Council for Adult Ed](#) State Conference
 - May 9-11, 2024
 - Anaheim, CA (Disneyland!)
- [AAACE American Association of Adult & Continuing Education National Conference](#)
 - Reno, NV
 - October 29 - November 1, 2024

Adult Ed Sustainability Slide Decks

- Below are slide decks from presentations I've given.
- Feel free to use.
- Please credit my work.
- Got a slide deck or resource you're willing to share here or on the AES website?
 - Or need a presentation for your school or program and willing to pay \$?
 - Email me at gcteachercynthia@gmail.com
- **Slide Decks**
 - [Adult Ed Green Teams: Growing Sustainability, Community, & Power](#)
 - Presented at [COABE 2022 Conference](#)
 - [Adult Ed Sustainability: Key to Equity, Community, Prosperity](#)
 - Presented at [CCAIE 2023 State Conference](#)
 - [Adult Education: Part and Partner in Climate Conversations](#)
 - Presented at [AAACE 2023 Conference](#)
 - [Adult Ed Sustainability for West Contra Costa Adult School](#)
 - Presented January 2023
 - [California Naturalist Climate Steward Capstone Project](#)

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