



Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation Announces Commitment to Action for Clinton Global Initiative

CELF's Commitment will help NYC public school teachers incorporate sustainability into curriculum

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The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF) (<http://www.celfeducation.org>), a 501©(3) charitable foundation dedicated to making sustainability education an integral part of every school's curricula and culture, announced its membership and Commitment to Action at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Annual Meeting, held September 23-25, 2012. CELF's commitment will recruit and train teachers from 30 schools in the New York City public school system.

The selected schools will become model "sustainable schools," with Education for Sustainability (EfS) integrated into existing curricula. Curriculum design is aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education standards, and career preparation in the emerging green careers sector. The Project's goals are to accelerate the adoption of EfS as an overarching teaching platform for improving college, career and life preparedness and to demonstrate how K-12 education can lead the way in preparing a citizenry with sustainable approaches to the major economic and social issues of our time.

The Project is in partnership with Shelburne Farms, Manhattanville College, and the New York City Department of Education.

"It is not up to a cadre of experts to find solutions to massive ecosystem decline and widespread poverty and inequity. We must EACH take responsibility and education MUST play a role in imagining new ways of thinking, acting and living," said Katie Isaak Ginsberg, CELF Founder and

Executive Director. "The program is designed to make education more relevant to global challenges and to better prepare students to thrive in and contribute to a sustainable future."

As part of the year-long program, partner schools will receive regular on-site support throughout the 2012-2013 school year and will provide implementation reports and student work products. Additionally they will learn best practices in EfS student assessment to evaluate how using sustainability as an integrating context improves student learning and community engagement. For more information, go to (<http://www.celfeducation.org>) Organizations and individuals interested in supporting this initiative should contact Katie Ginsberg: [Katie\(at\)celfeducation\(dot\)org](mailto:Katie(at)celfeducation(dot)org).

About The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELf): Founded in 2003 and based in Chappaqua, NY, CELf was created to promote awareness of the importance of sustainability education and to help schools and school districts make sustainability an ongoing part of education. To achieve this, CELf provides consulting services for schools and school districts, training for teachers and administrators and sustainability education programs for students. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, CELf works with all kinds of schools—urban, suburban and rural, public and private. For more information go to: <http://www.celfeducation.org>.

About the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 150 heads of state, 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media. To date CGI members have made more than 2,300 commitments, which have already improved the lives of more than 400 million people in more than 180 countries. When fully funded and implemented, these commitments will be valued at \$73.1 billion.

CGI also convenes CGI America, a meeting focused on collaborative solutions to economic recovery in the United States, and CGI University (CGI U), which brings together undergraduate and graduate students to address pressing challenges in their community or around the world. For more information, visit clintonglobalinitiative.org and follow us on Twitter

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