



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AND EDUCATING FOR SUSTAINABILITY



About us

THE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY FOUNDATION (CELF) IS A

501(c)(3) organization with the mission to establish sustainability as an integral part of every child's K-12 learning experience.

Our programs are designed to succeed in a wide range of settings. These include multi-day Summer Institutes, school-wide professional development workshops offered onsite and virtually, custom curriculum and instruction consulting projects for K-12 educators, and green career speaker series. Our framework enables educators to seamlessly integrate sustainability tools, resources and projects into their curriculum with the support and guidance of CELF facilitators, while remaining aligned with state-mandated curriculum standards.

There is a sea change happening in K-12 education toward community-connected schools that engage students as agents of change. CELF supports teachers as they reframe teaching practices to ensure that our next generation is prepared with the systems-thinking mindset they'll need to solve the world's most pressing challenges.

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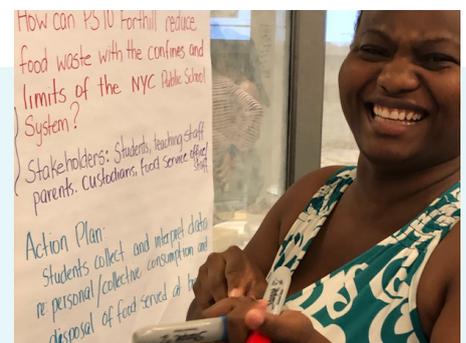
OVER 1.5 MILLION STUDENTS



BY TRAINING OVER 15,000 TEACHERS



IN OVER 5,000 SCHOOLS



Becoming a Member

EMBEDDING SUSTAINABILITY IN SCHOOL CULTURE & COMMUNITY

In winter 2021, CELF launched a Pilot Membership Model in response to school communities' expressed need for resources connecting timely topics to remote and in-person instruction. With a focus on equity, emotional and physical health, and knowledge growth, educating for sustainability (EfS) addresses the spectrum of disparities frequently determined by racial bias, poverty, food insecurity, and environmental health impacts. ***CELF Membership provides EfS digital resources, long-term curriculum and instruction support, team-based and 1:1 coaching support, and flexible program options.***

CELF's Membership platform also provides space and expert facilitation for teachers from diverse school communities to connect for thought-exchange, community building, and self-paced learning centered on ideas of sustainability and environmental literacy.

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY (EFS)

An innovative teaching methodology that develops critical thinking skills necessary to understand complex, interconnected social, economic and environmental issues

WHY EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY?

What if learning was connected to REAL WORLD issues and opportunities? What if students learned math, science, ELA, history and technology both IN and BEYOND of the classroom? What if, as part of the core curriculum, they helped design solutions to make their communities healthier and more sustainable? Education for Sustainability (EfS) challenges students to prepare for their future today while stimulating academic engagement.

We are in a pivotal moment where the inextricable connections between public health, social equity and the climate crisis have been made abundantly clear. Those of us in education can feel and see this collective shift in awareness as young people emerge as vocal advocates for racial justice, environmental equity and a more sustainable future for all. The need to educate our students on the interdependence of environmental and social factors in an authentic and engaging way, is more urgent now than ever before.

THE BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

Multiple studies demonstrate improvement in student performance and well-being when schools apply EfS principles and practices. Evidence suggests that students:

- Learn to engage with and care for their local environment, both in their school buildings and in their local communities
- Cultivate greater motivation for learning by connecting to real-world issues that matter to them
- Develop social and emotional skills like confidence, team work, and leadership
- Improve mental and physical health and well-being when spending time in the natural world
- Enhance critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills through inquiry- and place-based education
- Increase civic engagement and understanding of the ability to make a difference
- Improve academic performance in a range of subjects

Member Services

\$2,500/YEAR*

CELF will work with an administrator or teacher liaison at your school who will serve as the point person for your CELF Membership*, communicating all upcoming events and opportunities to your school community. In addition, teachers can access resources and content on the CELF Member platform at any time. Services include:

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

Set the stage and gain common language for Education for Sustainability with a one-hour virtual orientation, open for any or all teachers in your school to experience together once a year.

A ONE-ON-ONE OR SMALL GROUP CONSULTING SESSION

CELF will support your team with ideas to bring project-based learning into the classroom, whether that means helping with a specific project or digging in to a particular topic of interest. Two hours in one or two sessions. In-person or virtual based on location.

MEMBERS-ONLY CONTENT & CELF MASTER TEACHER RECOGNITION

Your school will have access to exclusive content and resources - such as teacher tips, premier videos, and scaffolded content support - via CELF's password-protected, digital platform. Membership provides a measurable pathway towards recognition as a CELF Master Teacher, plus support for pursuing school recognition through existing programs (i.e. US DOE Green Ribbon Award).

TEACHERS' ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY SERIES (TELS)

Teachers at your school may attend up to four TELS sessions during the year at no additional cost. With guest speakers and practitioners, these sessions address timely and current themes in K-12 education.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR CELF PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

Members will have access to exclusive discount codes for participating in additional CELF programs, such as the Summer Institute, CELF in the Field events, and Teacher's Environmental Literacy Series.

CELF IN THE FIELD & VIRTUAL EVENTS

Build community amongst your teachers and other educators during these fun, informal events hosted by CELF (virtual or in person).

STUDENT "EXCHANGE" (\$500 MEMBERSHIP ADD-ON)

Connect a class of students to another group of youth --be it across town, across the country or across the world--building global citizenship into school culture through ongoing cross-cultural collaboration during the school year.

THE BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS

- Build community and exchange ideas with educators in a variety of schools
- Team building and interdisciplinary planning with coworkers using the context of sustainability
- Self-paced learning
- Gain confidence in new teaching practices and reinvigorated curricula
- Opportunities to gain CTLE/GT/CTE credits
- Multiple access points for all--no matter where they are on their EfS learning journey
- Leadership and facilitation development, with opportunities to become a CELF Master Teacher



"CELF helped our teachers connect core curriculum with environmental literacy; the ultimate outcome being active, informed students who grow into environmental stewards for years to come!"

James Yap
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Warwick Valley Central School District (2018 U.S. Green Ribbon Award-Winning District)

***Annual Membership runs for the full academic year.**