

WORKSHOPS

Breakout Session 1 - 10:30 - 11:30am

Breakout Session 2 - 1:00 - 2:30pm

- ☐ Active Design in Schools** – *Sarah Wolf & Monica Ortiz-Rossi - DOHMH*

The Active Design in Schools Workshop empowers teachers, principals, facilities personnel and sustainability coordinators and all those working schools to undertake active design improvements. The workshop provides messaging to help advocate for more resources for physical activity, it highlights case students from sister schools that have implemented active design projects at their schools, it shares ideas for how to create spaces for physical activity and healthy foods and beverages and discusses the synergies between active design and sustainability.
- ☐ CELF’s Efs to Go: Integrating Education for Sustainability into your Curriculum** – *Alan Cass & Aimee Arandia Ostensen – Children’s Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF)*

CELF’s Efs to Go will engage you in Education for Sustainability (Efs) learning activities and best teaching practices that demonstrate how sustainability provides you with an integrating context for the content and standards you are already teaching while raising student engagement and performance. Together we will apply the habits of systems thinking to support your efforts to build a collaborative learning community in your school. You will return to your school with numerous Efs resources including student lessons, professional development activities for staff, and ways to engage other learning community members.
- ☐ Get Growing with a School Garden** – *Jessie Kerr-Vanderslice, Grown to Learn/GrowNYC*

Grow to Learn supports any growing space that is being used as a learning lab for students- indoor, outdoor, rooftop, classroom windowsill, tree pit, etc. Gardens are an inexpensive teaching tool that can be used to expand and deepen classroom learning, connect your families and neighbors to your school, give students the opportunity to create a lasting personal connection to the outdoors and their own communities, and much more. In this workshop, you will get your school registered with Grow to Learn, review some standard garden set ups, craft a beginning plan for your own school, and get some classroom inspiration for the types of lessons you can host in a garden space.
- ☐ Reuse in the Classroom** – *John Cloud Kaiser, Materials for the Arts – Department of Cultural Affairs*

Learn how your school can value reuse and recycling through these great hand-on projects made with reusable materials that can be used by teachers in the classroom. Learn how these sustainability themed projects can be linked to the Common Core curriculum and how Sustainability can be made fun through art.
- ☐ Cool Lessons for a Warming Planet** – *Alex Smith, Solar One*

How can we prepare our students to build a more energy-efficient and sustainable future? This session presents Green Design Lab, an innovative curricular guide for educators that uses hands-on activities to strengthen STEM skills. During the PD teachers will conduct an energy audit, build batteries, experiment with solar circuits and more. Teachers will discover new methods for reducing energy use in their school buildings, and receive lesson plans that are aligned with CCLS, NYS MST and NGSS.
- ☐ What’s the Connection Between Waste and Climate Change?: A Workshop with NYC Eco-Schools** - *Fran Agnone, Emily Fano, Alison Schuettinger, Fai Walker, Sarah Ward – National Wildlife Federation Eco-Schools*

In this workshop, educators will explore the connections between waste and climate change. Participants will learn how they can use the Eco-Schools Climate Change Pathway with students to measure their schools’ carbon footprint and then take action to measurably reduce their impact. Greenpoint Eco-Schools Sustainability Coaches will facilitate a discussion and activity.
- ☐ Recycling Champions Best Practices** – *Sam Silver, Brie Berry & Josh Feinberg, Recycling Champions Program (RCP)*

‘RCP’s Best Practices’ will highlight what’s working for K-12 recycling programs in all five boroughs, including: effective recycling set-ups; starting and engaging a Student Leadership Green Team; and establishing and maintain communication between adult stakeholders for continued success. RCP will discuss how these proven methods can be successfully implemented in your school!
- ☐ Funding my next Green Project and Beyond** – *Tina Wong, Eco-Schools Sustainability Coach @PS34*

Often times, we have great ideas on how to build a greener community at our schools... maybe it’s a garden in the schoolyard or new recycling systems in the cafeteria, a field trip to a farm upstate, etc. but we lack the funding required.

In this session, you will learn about how to “market” your project by telling a great story. We’ll take a look at what kind of funding sources are out there and explore key steps on fundraising. Lastly, you’ll get some tips on ways to stay connected and why it’s important to build those relationships.

