# Earth Day Network Education Programs www.earthday.org

#### **Building Environmental Literacy**

We create resources and programs for a global audience to increase <u>environmental literacy</u>. We are also working to develop an initiative which would establish an Earth Day Coordinator at schools across the world to ensure high-quality environmental education implementation.

#### **Researching Best Practices**

To move environmental literacy forward across the globe, we are leading a research study funded by the World Bank to establish the status of <u>environmental education</u> in formal primary and secondary education systems around the world. A publication with analysis and results will be available in Spring of 2019.

# **Developing Civic Engagement**

EDN created the <u>National Civic Education Project</u>, a student led, project-based learning, environmentally focused, civic education program to help students and teachers implement action projects in their community to solve local environmental issues.

# Supporting the Greening of Schools

We were a founding partner of the US Department of Education's <u>Green Ribbon</u> Award program. We also seek grants to help schools with energy retrofits, planting native landscapes, and incorporating environmental education curriculum.

### **Connecting to Higher Education**

Our <u>MobilizeU</u> program helps higher education students, faculty, and staff coordinate environmental events and initiatives campus-wide and provide a framework for implementing successful Teach-In events. Teach-Ins, a method used at the first Earth Day in 1970, are a series of lectures and discussions on a subject of public interest and are designed to ignite action!

#### **Facilitating Climate Education Week**

Climate Education Week occurs annually the week leading up to Earth Day. EDN develops a series of <u>Toolkits</u> including a K-12 toolkit which is a web-based, cross-disciplinary resource that incorporates a range of curricula, lesson plans, educational activities, and films which focus on the yearly Earth Day theme. In 2019 the theme is Protect Our Species and will focus on local and global biodiversity conservation.

# Expanding Teach-Ins for Earth Day 2020

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day in April 2020, Earth Day Network will engage 500 million students and teachers in a <u>Global Teach-In</u> with at least 5,000 live events, sparking dynamic new curricula, understanding, and innovative opportunities. The teach-in methodology will be structured to not only provide valuable information from trusted experts and inspiring individuals but also to issue a clarion call to action. This historic and monumental anniversary will also provide a platform for communicating about and advancing environmental and climate literacy worldwide through a variety of activities and initiatives.

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