

FORWARD TOGETHER				2025 Conference Schedule of Sessions (Live) <i>All Times are Eastern Standard Time</i>		
Monday, November 3rd						
11:00–11:40 AM	EE Book Clubs Enhance Elementary Language Arts in Urban Classrooms	Roots of Success Environmental Literacy and Job Training Program	Project WILD: Wildlife Conservation and Student Achievement for 40+ Years (Exhibitor Showcase)	Diversity and Common Humanity: Counterparts and Collaboration in DEI	Engaging Students Through Nature: A Model for Higher Education	
12:00–1:00 PM	Better Together: Lessons from the New Jersey Climate Change Learning Collaboratives	Developing Mission-Driving Metrics for EE Professional Development	Succession Planning (Affiliate Network)	Mapping Equity in Environmental Education: Using Data to Drive Climate Justice in Schools	Youth-Led Climate Action as Civic Engagement for Stronger Communities	
1:30–2:10 PM	Meeting Educators Where They're At	Elementary School Environmental Programs and Resources (Exhibitor Showcase)	Mapping Justice: Youth-Driven Environmental Toward Environmental Resiliency Student Panel	Nurseries Nurturing Communities: Engaging Communities in Stream Health	From Values to Action: Real Stories and Future Pathways with eeVAL	Evidence-Based Principles for Better Environmental Education Field Trips for Early Adolescents in the U.S.
2:30–3:10 PM	Climate Education Across Worldviews: Tips to Productively Engage All Perspectives	Beyond the Conference: Meaningful Professional Development for Members	Empowering Climate Action: Solution-Based Learning for Eco Anxiety and Extreme Weather	Understanding Fear to Hope: Student Engagement in Climate/Forestry Research	Environmental Educator or Natural History Interpreter: Which One Am I?	Insights from Three Nature-Based Early Learning Undergraduate Degree Programs
3:30–5:00 PM	Conference Opening and Keynote – Democracy by Design: Reimagining Community and Civic Innovation					
5:15–6:15 PM	Enhancing Sustainability Education in Higher Education: Examples of Practice	A Choose-Your-Adventure Guide to Equitable Nature Engagement	The True Price Activity: Empowering Decision-Making for a Humane World	Diving into Earth Science by Exploring Water	Leveraging AI to Empower Educators and Advance Environmental Education Practice	Modeling Statewide Climate Education Through an Urban Classroom Intervention
Tuesday, November 4th						
11:00–11:40 AM	UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration	Educating for Climate Action and Justice: Guidelines for Excellence	Creating Community-Based Environmental Literacy Plans: How We Did It	Collaboration + Good Coffee = Fostering Formal and Informal Connections	Diving into Ocean Literacy: Practical Strategies and School-Based Experiences	Motivation to Teach Climate Change: Scale Development and Validation Study
12:00–1:00 PM	Youth Outdoor Policy Playbook: Building Capacity for EE Policy	Cultivating Effective Partnerships with School Districts	Navigating AI Ethics: An Ecosystem Framework for Environmental Educators	Ready Set Resilience: Growing Personal Community and Ecological Resilience in Schools	Turning Anxiety About Science into Action with Edible Experiments and Storytelling	Walking Toward Reconciliation: Educator Journeys with Land-Based Learning
1:30–2:10 PM	Flight Path: Bringing the Science of Bird Migration to Your Community	Igniting Ecological and Social Change with Project Dragonfly (Exhibitor Showcase)	Research for Practice and Practicing Research: Showcasing Students Outcomes from Environmental Action Projects	What’s in a Box: Funding EE with a Packaging Foundation	Teaching for Change: Strategies for Implementing Interdisciplinary Climate Education	Using AI (Affiliate Network)
2:30–3:10 PM	Facilitating Community Action Projects for the Environment (CAPE) with Adult Learners	Nature on Wheels: Where the Road Meets the Roots of Learning	Planting Seeds of Change: The Power of Climate Solutions Storytelling	From Knowledge to Action: Tools to Help Students Shape a Sustainable Future (Exhibitor Showcase)	Let’s Connect: Community Engagement, Relationality, and Resilience	Moving Fast and Consuming Lots: Raising Awareness in Preservice Teachers
3:30–5:00 PM	Keynote – National Geographic: Education at the Edge of Exploration					
5:15–6:15 PM	Over the Oceans: Sharings from NAAEE Sister Organizations in Japan, New Zealand, and Australia	Climate Emotions in the K–12 Classroom: Strategies for Engagement and Empowerment	Elevating and Amplifying Educator Voice	Mapping Environmental Education: Tools and Strategies for Affiliates to Identify Gaps and Strengthen	Environmental Literacy in Career Technical Education: Preliminary Analysis for California	Teacher Candidates’ Environmental Decision-Making: Integrating Spatial Reasoning and Democratic Deliberation
Wednesday, November 5th						
11:00–11:40 AM	The Power of Connection: Networks That Drive Impact	Enhancing Eco-Literacy and Environmental Self-Control in Universities	#PangolinPride: The Importance of Celebrating LGBTQ+ Voices in Environmental Education	Seeds of Memory: Youth Oral Historians Cultivating Relationships to Land	Social Mobilization for Enhanced Environmental Protection and Women’s Economic Empowerment	The 5Es Framework: From Eco-Anxiety to Positive Environmental Action
12:00–1:00 PM	Better Together: Building Collaboration Through Zoo and University Partnerships	11th Annual NAAEE Evaluation Clinic	Affiliate Membership, Marketing, and Fundraising: Connecting the Dots	Facilitating Critical Thinking by Evaluating Climate Solutions in the Classroom	The Climate Education Policy Toolkit	Newly Revised—Environmental Educator Knowledge and Skills: Guidelines for Excellence
1:30–2:10 PM	Behind the Scenes of Accreditation: Lessons from PAEE’s EE Certification Journey	Jane Goodall Institute (Exhibitor Showcase)	Building Confidence in Environmental Vocabulary Instruction Among HBCU Preservice Teachers	Tales of the Sea: Teaching Sustainable Fishing Through Interactive Stories	Harnessing Active Hope When the World Is on Fire	Facilitating Environmental Leadership in College Students: An Exploration of Approaches
2:30–3:10 PM	Able to Explore: Inclusion for Neurodivergent and Senior Communities in Nature Programming	Local-University Partnership Based on Shared Vision and Collaboration	Rewild the Curriculum: Why Environmental Education Must Start with Literacy, Stories, and Student Voice	Step Outdoors to Ease Climate Anxiety: Mindfulness Activities for all Ages	Merging Environmental Education and Critical Multiculturalism: Teacher Education’s Best Future?	Forward Together: Turning Environmental Action into Lasting Impact
3:30–5:00 PM	Keynote – From Noise to Narrative: Stories That Move People					
5:15–5:55 PM	eeADVOCATE: Raise Your Voice for Environmental Education	Resources to Support Equity-Centered Evaluation and Professional Learning (Exhibitor Showcase)	A Path to Really Achieve Daily Outdoor Learning at All Schools	LandPKS: How a Hands-On Soils App Fostered an Unexpected Partnership (Exhibitor Showcase)	Not Speaking For Others: Lessons of Respectful Engagement	
6:15–6:55 PM	Building Ecohabitats: Making Sustainable Living Second Nature	Making Natural History Personal Through Wonder Essays	Empower Youth, Activate Change: Student-Led Sustainability Solutions in Action	Teaching Across Currents: Water as a Lens for Interdisciplinary Climate Education		
Thursday, November 6th						
11:00–11:40 AM	Free Food Impact Education from the Educated Choices Program (Exhibitor Showcase)	Superintendents’ Environmental Education Collaborative (SEEC)	Racial Equity Trainers’ Visions of Racially Equitable Residential Environmental Education	Climate Education: Supporting Youth to Discover, Understand, and Act for a Sustainable Future	Galapagos Children’s Example of Environmental Emotions for Connection to Nature	Schedule, Scope, Budget, and Critters: Project Management for EE Programs
12:00–1:00 PM	Cultivating Connections in Higher Education	21st Century Skills: Tumble Science Podcasting with Project Learning Tree	EcoRise to the Climate Challenge: Designing Resilience Hubs Through Student-Led Innovation	From Curious to Connected: Build Your Online EE Community	Forests, Water & People: Exploring Connections with GIS and PLT	We Were Always in Relationship: Cultural Lineages, Nature Connection, and Shifting Organizational Practice
1:30–2:10 PM	Leading for Change	eeCOURSES and eeCREDENTIALS: An NAAEE–Affiliate Network Professional Development Partnership	A Dash of Climate Hope: Impactful Climate Actions	Enhancing Civic Engagement by Partnering with Educational and Organizational Experts	Indigenous Environmental Science and Studies Curriculum in Higher Education	Ground Up: Making Climate Advocacy Accessible, Collaborative, and Engaging
2:30–3:10 PM	Weaving Together Environmental Action Civics and Youth Climate Action Planning	Climate Hope Through Student-Led Action: Educating Solutionaries: An Inquiry-to-Action Model	Empowering Youth Leadership with Environmental Policy and Ecology	Reimagining Classrooms: Youth-Led Green Schools Rooted in Culture	Student Perceptions of Exemplary Climate Change Instruction	Interdisciplinary Climate Change in K–12 Schools
3:30–5:00 PM	Keynote and Conference Closing – Forecast: Funny with a Chance of Solutions					