Climate Justice Education Knowledge Exchange Event
Friday 30th November 2018
Glasgow Caledonian University

Aim

This first Climate Justice Education Knowledge Exchange Event is an opportunity for teachers, policy makers, academics, activists and learners who have an interest in climate justice education to come together in a friendly environment to share their perspectives and to engage in conversation on the future of climate justice and sustainability across the education sector. The event will allow participants to exchange best practice in the Scottish Education sector and provide an opportunity to share our research findings. Coinciding with UNFCCC COP24 and the launch of the Routledge Handbook of Climate Justice, this event is designed to provoke discussion amongst the audience and in doing so aims to bring your voices, ideas and approaches into our research process.

Background

Climate Justice is an integral part of the greater Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) discourse and fits with the stated goals of Learning for Sustainability. The Centre for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) and Moray House School of Education at the University of Edinburgh have been conducting research into the development and scope of Climate Justice education in Scottish schools. We are seeking feedback, discussion and practitioners’ views on the future of the Climate Justice in education.

The Centre for Climate Justice – our team

The causes and consequences of climate change and the ability to respond and adapt are unevenly distributed across different axes of inequality. Our research, working with primary schools in Glasgow, highlights that it is possible to engage children not only with a complex topic such as climate justice, but with the contemporary research behind it through a process of connecting them to it and embedding them within it.

We wish to explore this ‘process’ of putting research through a formula of translation and communication before it can be shared with children and result in the development of practical learning classroom exercises.

Moray House School of Education – Dr Callum McGregor, Dr Beth Christie, Mary Collacott
Despite the fact that climate justice is a key concept developed by grassroots movements, and latterly adopted by the Scottish Government, less attention has been paid to its significance in educational spaces. In light of this, we wish to explore the intertwining of policy, knowledge, values and action by examining the contributions of activist movements, teachers’ experiences and understandings of climate justice, and how these can relate to active citizenship through climate justice education. Our objective is to inform policy and practice by better understanding the views of practitioners across a range of contexts.

What will you get from the day?

This first knowledge exchange event is an opportunity to share your practice, engage in open conversations and discussions across professional boundaries, and develop a network for teachers, academics and practitioners in the field, allowing them to share their experience and create a common climate justice education resource base in this context.

Outline Programme:

09:30 - Registration and Coffee
10:00 - Chair’s welcome and overview of panel talks
10:10 - Short Talks and Panel Discussion on different perspectives of climate justice education
11:00 - Coffee Break
11:20 - Workshop Sessions 1 & 2 - parallel presentation of research findings with discussions and feedback:
   Workshop 1  Glasgow Caledonian University
   Workshop 2  University Of Edinburgh
12:40 - Picnic Lunch - and opportunity to look around Schools’ Exhibition
13:40 - Reality Check – education for climate justice as a local and global issue
14:15 - Workshop Session 3 – Where do we go from here?
15:00 – Workshop Summary
15:15 – Closing Remarks

This is a free event but refreshments will be available throughout the day and lunch (vegetarian/vegan) will be provided, so to help us plan for catering, please register here:


If you would like any further information, or if the cost of travel would be a barrier to you attending this event and you would like to find out about help with transport costs, then please get in touch with us at climatejustice@gcu.ac.uk.