



Interested in Educating for a Sustainable New Jersey? *Schools and Communities That Learn for a Sustainable future*

Thanks to a generous grant from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education has designed a program that will contribute to New Jersey's capacity to educate for sustainability through leadership training for interested teams of stakeholders from selected communities around the state. The **NJ Learns Leadership Training** is designed to prepare educators, trainers and organizational/municipal/community leaders to introduce their constituents to sustainability and education for sustainability, and to provide the opportunity for their participants to develop a rationale for participating in the shift toward a sustainable future. Communities are invited to bring together a team of 2-5 participants to participate in the NJ Learns Leadership Training.

The NJ Learns Leadership Training is one of a series of efforts in New Jersey to link learning associated with sustainable community development with teaching and learning in our schools K-12. Partners in this effort include The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey, The Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education, Fairleigh Dickinson University's, Institute for Sustainable Enterprise, Unity Charter School, Unity Learning Environments and Morristown Partnership. New Jersey is also a member of the SoL Education Partnership (www.SoLonline.org), a national learning community of Schools and Communities that Learn *for a Sustainable Future*.

Pending the approval of the second year of funding by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Community based NJ Learns Leadership Training Teams will participate in **one year** of introductory training, implementation, coaching and assessment activities after which they will receive certification by The Cloud Institute.

Spring Session	2 Days – May 22nd-23rd
Summer Session	5 Days - July 21st-25th
On line coaching	Fall/Winter '08-'09
On site coaching, mentoring, modeling and observations	Fall/Winter '08-'09
Culminating Intro Practicum/Certification	1 Day - January 14th, 2009

As a result of participation in the NJ Learns Leadership Training, participants will be able to:

- Facilitate introductory sustainability education programs
- Facilitate learning communities for sustainability
- Facilitate Education for Sustainability (EFS) project/curriculum designs in your community

For more information and applications, please contact:

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Applications are due by Friday, March 14, 2008.

Program pending funding from a generous grant by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation



General Application for *New Jersey Learns Leadership Program 2008*

This program is open to community teams comprised of individuals who are interested in developing their community's capacity to make the shift toward sustainability. By linking community efforts to K-12 Education for Sustainability we create a whole community learning environment for systemic change.

Objectives:

- To inspire and prepare K-12 teachers and Higher Ed. faculty to educate for sustainability
- To inspire and prepare community educators and leaders to educate for sustainability
- To link schools with their communities as strategic partners for sustainability

Criteria for Selection

- Applicants have sufficient experience in facilitation and training to incorporate Education for Sustainability (EfS) knowledge, skills, and attitudes into their work.
- Applicants are able and willing to commit to the entire **one year** schedule of training.
- Applicants work in communities that are ready and willing to make a shift towards community sustainability and thus their communities have networks in place to support this change.
- Applicants can envision education as a way to move their communities forward in this work.
- Community capacity for EfS is demonstrated by the make-up of the community learning team that have committed to participating in the year long training program.

General Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name of Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Office Phone: _____

Email: _____

Application- ***New Jersey Learns Leadership Training 2008***

1) Briefly describe your experience working with groups; training, facilitating, and/or educating:

2) In your work and practice, in what ways have you created a learning community?

3) What types of “learner-centered” instructional practices have you used in your work?

4) Please describe the connection between sustainability and Education for Sustainability as you see it:

5) Please provide your rationale for wanting to engage in this work with The Cloud Institute:

6) What is going on in your community in terms of sustainable community development?

7) What indicators do you have that your community is ready to contribute to sustainability through Education for Sustainability?

8) Briefly discuss your strategy for contributing to your community's commitment to sustainability by educating for it:

9) Please list the potential audiences that you have already identified as training participants:

10) Is there anything else that you would like us to consider regarding your team, your work, or your philosophy for sustainability and Efs?

11) Below, please list each member of the learning team along with their relationship to and role within the community sustainability education initiative (teams can vary in #).

12) Along with this application please also include a short bio and resume, as well as a letter from each team member expressing their commitment to their program and agreement to attend all of the training dates listed in the program announcement.

Applications should be submitted electronically to leah@sustainabilityed.org by 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 14 2008 and will be reviewed immediately.

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Thank you for your application and your commitment towards a sustainable future.