



Education Alliance for a Sustainable Ontario

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Attached to this newsletter:

Request for letters of support

EASO powerpoint template

September 18th Agenda



EASO IN ACTION

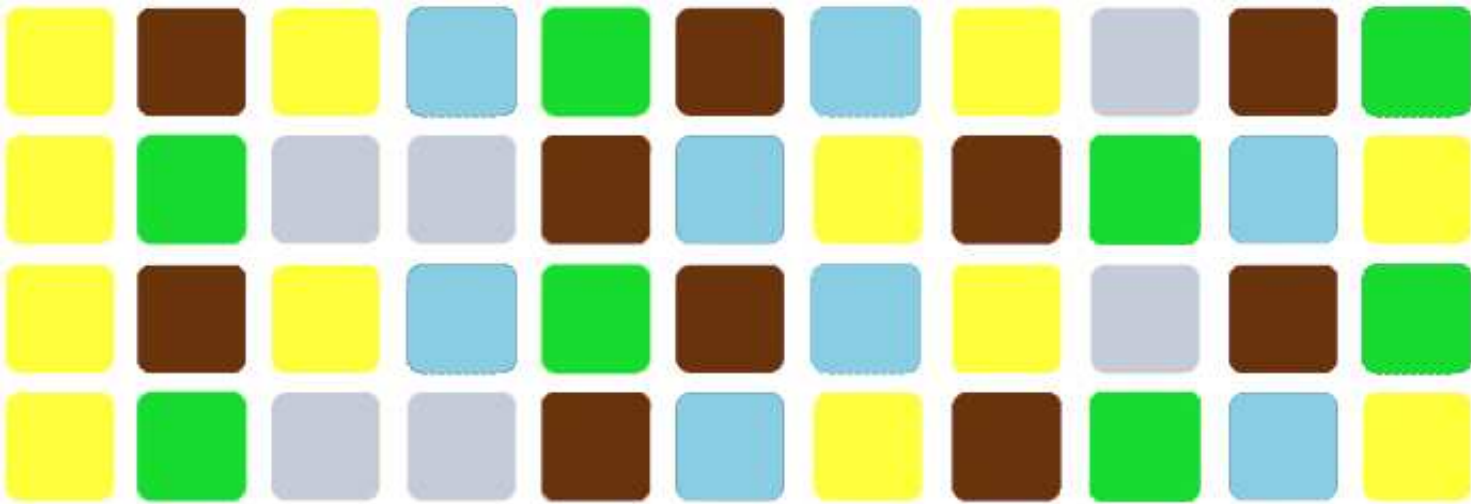
URGENT Letters of Support - Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF) is waiting to hear from Environment Canada on the funding for the National ESD Expert Council and the Provincial/Territorial Working Groups. They had hoped to have an answer by May; according to discussions with Department staff, it was indicated that, should the funding come through this year, it would be the last year that these activities are supported by Environment Canada! It is time to put some pressure on Environment Canada to live up to their commitments to the Decade of ESD (2005-2014) and to provide support our network of organizations implementing ESD in Canada. How can Canada address formal, non-formal and informal ESD without Working Groups and NESDEC! Letters need to be received by September 12th. See attachment for thoughts to include and addresses.

New templates - EASO has worked with a talented graphic designer, Lorena Magee, to create a new newsletter template (VOILA!), EASO powerpoint template, business card template, and she is currently finishing up a promotional brochure. I have attached the powerpoint template to this newsletter so feel free to use it when giving presentations on behalf of EASO. Please let us know about these presentations so we can share this information with others and include it in our reports.

EASO in cooperation with Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF) is applying for a grant with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which will focus on expanding the Resources4Rethinking database, developing a practical teaching guide for sustainability education, and funding for several initiatives on Climate Change Education. The Trillium deadline is November 1st. Any EASO members with expertise in grant-writing are encouraged to contact Ellen: esd_ontario.lsf-1st.ca

The BEAN subcommittee has partnered with the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Education, and the Ontario Teachers Federation (OTF) to focus Camp OTF, a teacher professional development course, on the theme of biodiversity. Two successful camps were offered to elementary teachers during July and one in August to secondary teachers.

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UPCOMING EASO MEETING

Our next EASO meeting is on September 18th from 9 – 2:30 and will be at the [Earth Ranger's](#) Centre in Woodbridge. We will offer tours of the TRCA's Living City - [Sustainable House](#) and the Earth Ranger's facilities. Attached is a tentative agenda.

Please RSVP to esd_ontario@lsf.lst.ca. We will be serving lunch so if you have any dietary needs, also include them.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) is having their [2008 conference](#) in Gros Morne, Newfoundland (September 25-28)

[Time for Action](#) – Tackling Energy Poverty in Canada through Energy Efficiency will bring together 250 delegates from across Canada to examine how best to improve the energy efficiency of Canada's low-income housing. Even is sponsored by Green Communities Canada (September 29 – October 1). Marriott Courtyard in Toronto

Manitoba Education for Sustainable Development Working Group is hosting an [International Conference on ESD](#) in Winnipeg (November 26-28)

[5th World Environmental Education Congress](#) in Montreal (May 10 – 14). Deadline for abstracts for papers is September 30th.

RELEVANT NEWS

How Can We Make This a Reality in Canada?

In Washington on July 31st, Congress passed all provisions of the Higher Education Sustainability Act (HESA) as part of the new Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HR 4137). HR 4137, expected to be signed into law shortly by President Bush. It creates a pioneering "University Sustainability Grants Program" at the Department of Education. It will offer competitive grants to institutions and associations of higher education to develop, implement and evaluate sustainability curricula, practices, and academic programs. This is the first new federal environmental education funding program authorized in 18 years.

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