Teacher Seminar

Get Involved! Reaching Young People Through Innovative Teaching and Learning About Sustainability

Friday, October 6, 2017, 14:00-17:00
Venue: Life e.V., Rheinstraße 45, 12161 Berlin (Aufgang 3, 3. Stock)

Please join us for lectures in English and German by sustainability experts and an update on the extended curriculum for our Teach About US – Education for Sustainability project.

We especially encourage partnerships between EFL and STEM/MINT courses.

Registration until Oct. 1 online: http://www.teachaboutus.org/mod/feedback/view.php?id=17795

Program
14:00: Welcome remarks
Dr. Karin Ernst, Life e.V.
Tanja Brothen, U.S. Embassy
Ines Blumenthal, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Lectures
Ursachen, Folgen und möglichen Lösungen zur Klimawandelproblematik
Carsten Walther, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

Reaching out to Teens: The Alliance for Climate Education
Connie Roser-Renouf
Associate Research Professor at the Center for Climate Change Communication at George Mason University

Teach About US – Education for Sustainability: EFL Meets STEM/MINT. An Update
Joannis Kaliampos
Research Assistant and PhD candidate, Leuphana University Lüneburg

Workshops
KlimafolgenOnline-Bildung.de – ein visuelles Bildungsportal für die Darstellung von Klimafolgen an deutschen Schulen
Ines Blumenthal, Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung

EFL Meets STEM/MINT – A Hands-On Session
Joannis Kaliampos, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Dr. Karin Ernst and Katja Krüger, Life e.V.

Teach About US is a major national and developing transatlantic program that makes use of an intercultural blended-learning platform. It is the product of a partnership between the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Leuphana University Lüneburg, and LIFE e.V. with support from our U.S.-based partner, the Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP)
in Washington D.C. Local partners include the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin, the Senatsverwaltung für Bildung, Jugend und Wissenschaft Berlin (Senate Department for Education, Youth and Research), The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the Ministerium für Schule und Weiterbildung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen (Ministry for Schools and Further Education). The platform features two innovative programs: “The U.S. Embassy Election Project” (every four years) and “Going Green – Teaching For Sustainability (annually)” as well as a blog run by high school and college students in the U.S. and Germany. Both school projects offer virtual and direct access to experts, hands-on teacher training, a fully developed curriculum-based on web 2.0 innovative teaching tools, and a student competition. The goal of Going Green is to foster interest in innovative sustainability research across the curriculum including the humanities, languages and STEM subjects, to encourage civic engagement, and develop job qualifications for young people. In addition to offering the regular extended curriculum again in the 2017-18 school year, we will launch a project week addressing renewable energies from a science and cultural studies perspective. Students will explore the challenges of energy systems in the 21st century, the science behind renewable energies, and ways to implement them in the local context.