Engaging Youth in Curriculum Design for Sustainable Development

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Executive Summary

Welcome to the second webinar in our six-part series on fostering youth-led innovation for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this webinar, we will focus on the crucial topic of engaging youth in the curriculum design process for <u>education on sustainable development</u> (ESD). Our aim is to highlight the importance of youth involvement in shaping the educational framework and to explore how such engagement can foster youth leadership across North America.

Education for sustainable development plays a pivotal role in equipping young minds with the knowledge and skills needed to address the challenges posed by the SDGs. However, it is essential to recognize that youth themselves are not just recipients of education; they are powerful agents of change who can actively contribute to shaping the curriculum. This webinar will delve into the significance of involving youth in the curriculum design process and how it can empower them to become leaders in sustainable development.

Our discussion will be led by Melissa Lee, Founder and CEO of <u>The Green Program</u>, an award-winning experiential education program focused on sustainable development that has trained more than 3,600 student leaders from 470+ universities and 70 countries. Showcasing success stories across North America, our discussion will explore transformative approaches to: empowering youth through active participation, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities, creating inclusive and learner-centered approaches, building partnerships between youth and educational institutions.

Taking place on Monday, July 10th at 2:00 pm EST, this webinar will provide a platform for dialogue and knowledge sharing, emphasizing the importance of youth engagement in curriculum design for sustainability education. By involving youth in shaping their educational journey, we can empower them to become leaders, innovators, and change-makers in addressing the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals. Join us for an insightful discussion that will inspire and motivate participants to take action and promote youth-led innovation for a sustainable future.

For more information on the entire webinar series and upcoming discussions, please use the following link:

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