

Principals for Sustainable Education

At the Stone Soup Leadership Institute, we know that principals are striving to provide the best education for their students that they can, with limited resources.

Just imagine how the 10 million new jobs in the blue/green economy could mean for your students: they could have meaningful careers, and help rebuild our planet.

As a principal you have the extraordinary opportunity to help your students, your community and our world, take the first steps toward that world.

The transition to a sustainable economy is the most challenging issue of the 21st century.

Innovation is the key to building a more sustainable world.

However at a time when we need more STEM education to help students prepare for the transition to this sustainable economy, schools are struggling to hire and keep STEM teachers. Now with the COVID pandemic, many students must learn online with limited opportunities to develop their critical thinking skills, explore project-based learning, or even get the basic scientific understanding they need to help be part of this transition. This is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity to engage in creative, productive "disruptive thinking" that can help us all move toward "building back better."

While we all know that STEM education is increasingly important for student success in the emerging green economy, implementing STEM curricula in schools can be a challenge. Schools are facing not only instructional challenges when it comes to implementing successful, multidisciplinary STEM curricula; but they are also facing administrative challenges, like budgetary constraints and teacher training.

At the Institute, we consider our partnership with schools to be crucial to our mission. We are partnering with school administrators across the country to facilitate the implementation of sustainability and STEM curricula in their schools. We are committed to providing dynamic resources for educators to increase their students' appreciation for STEM, with a special focus on climate education and sustainability solutions.

FREE BOOK COUPON

For a limited time, the Stone Soup Leadership Institute is pleased to offer teachers a FREE copy of our new book, *Stone Soup for the Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes* by Marianne Larned, educator and The Institute's Founding Director. Sign up now and receive a **VIP Invite** to the **World's Largest Book Signing** on June 24!

You are invited to nominate an educator and students to serve as delegates at our 17th Sustainability Summit, June 21-23 - it's FREE!

Educators who nominate students are required to join their students and attend a pre-Summit Orientation in May. Click here for the Educator Application and Summit Overview. **Application deadline: May 20.**

About the Institute's 17th Sustainability Summit

During this three-day virtual program, youth delegates will meet global young leaders from the book, *Stone Soup for the Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes,* and teachers will receive training to maximize the benefits of their students' participation in the Sustainability Summit. Our **Sustainable Education Toolkit** is a pedagogical tool designed to help teachers incorporate STEM activities and sustainability education seamlessly into their daily lesson plans and curriculum. Full access to these materials will be granted for FREE exclusively to educators who attend the Summit with their students.

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute

For over 20 years, the Institute has been a leader in developing dynamic educational tools, trainings, and resources that expand young people's appreciation for STEM, with a special focus on climate education and sustainable solutions. We pride ourselves on creating education programs that bring sustainability to life and STEM into the classroom, and help prepare multicultural youth for a wide range of STEM-related career pathways. We have designed an engaging, comprehensive, and solutions-oriented program that prepares students for the environmental, economic, and social issues we face today. Our program has been designed by experienced educators in diverse fields and is designed to meet state standards compliance. Our Sustainable Education Toolkit is designed to be accessible to all educators and students. And since we strive for diversity, our curriculum is designed with a multicultural approach. Our goal is to help educators ensure student academic success and become leaders of a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.

Our team of educators has created a Companion Education Curriculum to the new book *Stone Soup for the Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes* that adheres to the Next Generation Science Standards, a set of standards focused on helping students develop a coherent and scientifically-based view of the world, convert their ideas into tangible, real-life projects, and focus on Physical and Life sciences, Earth and Space Science, and Engineering. These standards have been adopted by 27 states across the country.

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