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West-side Stories: A Snapshot of Education for Sustainability in W.A. Schools

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Abstract

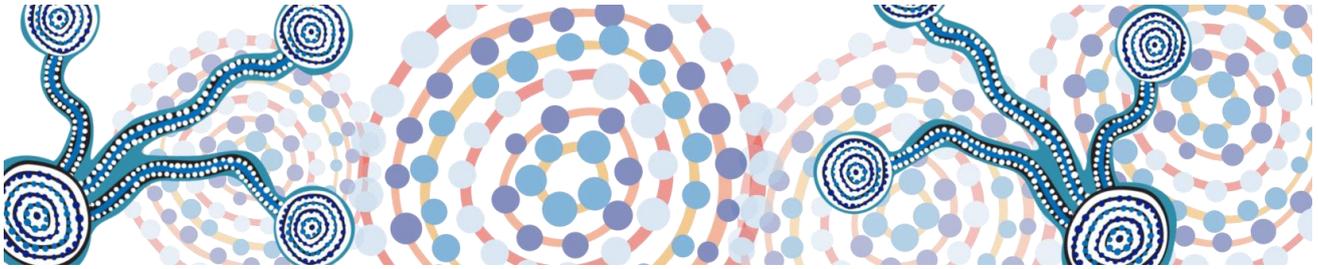
A connected community of passionate educators provides the most sustainable foundation for successful education for sustainability outcomes for future generations. This workshop aims to lay the foundations for a powerful state-wide network of passionate educators who are focused on providing sustainable futures for their students, staff, and community. By sharing our stories, ideas, approaches, and vision, we can strengthen professional ties and identify ways to support each other to provide opportunities and positive outcomes for all stakeholders in sustainable schools across W.A. All schools, public or private, primary and secondary are invited to participate.

This workshop shares stories of how W.A. schools are achieving successful delivery of Education for Sustainability programs, experiences, and pathways. It identifies the ways schools are currently working to embed sustainability into curriculum, resource management, staffing, partnership building and future planning. Case study schools will present their approaches to delivering EfS at the classroom, cohort, whole school and community levels. All participants will be asked to share their school's approaches/ stories to become part of an online database. This will be available for schools to connect with and learn from each other, strengthening our community of passionate environmental educators in W.A. and beyond.

Speaker Profile

Tim Hill has been working to deliver outstanding education for sustainability programs, projects, pathways and experiences in primary and secondary schools and the not-for-profit sector in Western Australia and Victoria for over a decade. In recent years he has developed a whole school framework for W.A. Secondary Schools that integrates resource management, curriculum enrichment (including interdisciplinary and STEM), extra-curricular programs, professional growth pathways, partnerships, and funding models into a whole school sustainable model. He works with industry, government, community, and indigenous groups to provide rich outcomes, experiences and future pathways for students that encompass local, national and global opportunities.

Jessica Shepley is an emerging young sustainability leader in secondary education in W.A. Applying her passion for Science Education with her talent for innovative problem-solving Jessica has developed extensive experience in whole school planning and coordination of sustainability programs, curriculum design and delivery and developing successful transitions and pathways for students entering or leaving their secondary education with a passion for sustainability. Her work for the W.A. Department of Transport's Your Move program was acknowledged with consecutive state-



wide innovation awards. Jessica and her team of staff and students provides a wonderful case study for successful integration of sustainability deeply embedded within a W.A. Secondary School.

Dr. Elaine Lewis is the Cross-Curricular Coach at Coolbinia Primary School, a leading W.A. Independent Public School. Her exemplary work in environmental education in Australia over numerous decades has been widely acclaimed. Elaine has won many awards for her work including the 2012 AAEE 'Educator of the Year' award, but beyond these Elaine has made many positive lasting impacts on the education and conservation landscape in Australia through her tireless passion for EfS. Elaine continues to provide leadership and mentoring for future educators through professional networks and tertiary organisations.

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