



Communities Grow Greener When Young People Have a Voice: Building Alliances for Place-Based Learning and Civic Action

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Speakers:

- **Louise Chawla**, Professor Emerita in Environmental Design, University of Colorado Boulder
- **Victoria Derr**, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, California State University Monterey Bay
- **Kianni Ledezma**, Educator, NatureBridge's Coastal Camp
- **Mara Mintzer**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Growing Up Boulder

Highlights of the chat transcript:

Welcome!

- April Hoyt to Panelists : April Hoyt, Henderson Soil & Water Conservation District, North Carolina
- amanda fisher to Panelists : Hi! I'm Amanda Fisher (she/her) with the Association of Science and Technology Centers. Our offices are in DC but I'm currently in Texas.
- Rachel Beck to Everyone : Rachel Beck, Virginia Chance School (Lou,Ky-Home of the KY Derby).
- Roberta Burnes to Everyone : Hello! Roberta Burnes here from Kentucky. I do air quality education for KY state government here.
- Grace Edinger to Everyone : Hi All! Grace Edinger from Earth Force here. Located in Michigan :)
- Anu Ojha to Panelists : Anu, from Michigan, educator at Saginaw, Michigan
- Kati Henderson to Everyone : Hi! Kati from Duke Gardens in Durham NC

- Xavier Fazio to Panelists : Xavier Fazio from Brock University in Ontario, CANADA
- Charmaine Godley to Panelists : Charmaine Godley in Atlanta, GA
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone : Welcome, everyone! Anne from NAAEE, joining you all from Arlington, Virginia. Hello!
- Mara Mintzer to Grace Edinger, All Panelists : Hi Grace! Nice to see you here.
- Rianne Jansens to Panelists : Rianne Jansens, Lulea Nord Sweden. P4Play project
- Kavanah Anderson to Everyone : Kavanah Anderson, another Duke Gardens person in Durham, NC
- Curry Rosato to Panelists : Curry Rosato, City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks
- Paola Delgado to Panelists : Hi. Paola from Baja California, Mexico.
- Nettie Skievaski to Panelists : hello! Nettie - Environmental Design student intern with Growing Up Boulder :)
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Grace Edinger, All Panelists : Hi Grace!!!
- Stephen McCloskey to Panelists : Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Whale & Dolphin Conservation
- Yovita Gwekwerere to Panelists : Yovita from Sufbury Ontario
- Grace Edinger to Everyone : Hey Anne!
- Sarah Safley to Panelists : Sarah Safley, NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, NC
- Carey Davidson to Panelists : Carey from 100 Mile House, B.C. Expressive Arts Therapy
- Cassandra Mays to Panelists : Hi yall! Cassandra from Weaverville, California-- Sub-Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest
- Sarah Safley to Panelists : (But Durhamite personally - hi Kavanah!)
- Jennifer Bartley to Panelists : Hello everyone! Jenn from Tampa, Florida representing Hillsborough County schools.
- Whitney May to Panelists : Hi all! Whitney May from the City of Boulder, Colorado's, Open Space and Mountain Parks department (another super lucky partner of Growing Up Boulder)!
- Charmaine Godley to Panelists : Charmaine Godley, Children and Nature Network Fellow in Atlanta, GA

- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone : You can send your chat to “panelists” or to “panelists and attendees” if you want everyone to see your note
- Bethany Smith to Everyone : Bethany Smith, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA
- Catherine Price to Everyone : Catherine Price, Cumberland River Compact in Nashville, TN
- From Cassandra Mays to Everyone : Hi yall! Cassandra from Weaverville, California--Sub-Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest
- From Curry Rosato to Everyone : Hi Everyone! Curry Rosato from City of Boulder, CO Open Space and Mountain Parks
- From Tracey Ritchie to Everyone : Hi Everyone! Tracey Ritchie, Director of Education, EARTHDAY.ORG, Washington, DC
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Tracey Ritchie, All Panelists : Hi Tracey :)
- Tracey Ritchie to Everyone : Hi Anne and Judy!
- Abygail Mangar to Panelists : Abygail Mangar
- National League of Cities
- New Brunswick, NJ
- Alice Cohen to Panelists : Hi there. Alice Cohen with the National Forests in North Carolina, in Asheville.
- Tori Derr to Curry Rosato, All Panelists : Hi Curry! Great to see you - it's been a long time!
- Yezenia Sandoval to Everyone : Yezenia Sandoval, The Dow Innovation Teacher Fellowship Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Abygail Mangar to Everyone : Abygail Mangar
- National League of Cities
- New Brunswick, NJ
- MARTHA COGDELL to Panelists : Martha Cogdell, Master Naturalist , Volunteer. Huntersville, NC
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Panelists : Hi Rachel!
- Mariah Kuehl to Panelists : Mariah, Cooper Center for Environmental Learning, Tucson AZ on the traditional homelands of Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui people
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- Wes Howard to Everyone : Hello! Wes Howard, Director of Sustainability at Marianapolis Prep School in Thompson, CT

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- Roberta Burnes to Everyone : bug
- Xavier Fazio to Everyone : grasshopper
- Anu Ojha to Everyone : bug
- Charli Baker to Panelists : Locust!
- Rachel Beck to Everyone : locust
- Alice Cohen to Panelists : locust
- Nettie Skievaski to Panelists : locus!
- Maddy Simpkins to Panelists : Locust
- Charmaine Godley to Panelists : bug
- Abygail Mangar to Everyone : locust
- Andrea Giardina to Panelists : locust
- Rianne Jansens to Panelists : bug
- Jennifer Bartley to Panelists : grasshopper
- Marisa Renn to Panelists : locust
- Susan Bennett to Panelists : locust
- Stephen McCloskey to Everyone : locust
- Bethany Smith to Everyone : bug
- Carey Davidson to Panelists : Locust
- Yezenia Sandoval to Everyone : locust
- Catherine Price to Everyone : Bug
- Teresa Xu to Panelists : haha
- MARTHA COGDELL to Panelists : locust
- Whitney May to Panelists : bug
- Sarah Safley to Everyone : bug
- paula gallo to Everyone : Big
- Kavanah Anderson to Everyone : locust
- amanda fisher to Everyone : a locus and a bug?
- Kati Henderson to Everyone : bug
- Jessica Wicker to Everyone : locust
- Caren Shorthouse to Panelists : bug
- Grace Hunter to Panelists : Bug

- Roberta Burnes to Everyone : Woo hoo!
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone : Thank you, Rachel, and the USFS!
- Curry Rosato to Panelists : Tori, it is wonderful to see you too!
- Abygail Mangar to Everyone : are the slides supposed to be showing the people?
- paula gallo to Everyone : Will you be sharing a recording after?
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone : Yes, we'll share the recording and the slides tomorrow

Presentation

- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone :
 - Growing Up Boulder resources from Mara. Growing Up Boulder's website: growingupboulder.org
 - Heatherwood 4th grade students' website (completely child-designed): sites.google.com/bvsd.org/heatherwood4thgradeproject/home/gunbarrel-hill-property?authuser=0
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Such a great program!
- Whitney May to Panelists : The website is so inspirational - these kids are incredible!
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Wow--you can learn without electronics! :-)
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Hi, everyone. If you have any questions along the way, please enter them in the chat and we'll get to them at the end! :-)
- Whitney May to Everyone : The student website is so inspirational - these kids are incredible!
- Charmaine Godley to Panelists : Is there a curriculum you can offer to new school partners?
- Catherine Price to Panelists : Question for Mara, How was the youth engagement funded? Is it built into the larger project budget for those lands?
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Charmaine Godley, All Panelists : Thanks, Charmaine. Great question.
- Mara Mintzer to Everyone : In answer to Catherine Price's question: we are primarily funded by the City of Boulder, fundraising, and offering trainings.
- Louise Chawla to Everyone : We'd be happy to discuss funding if you can stay for the "after school" Q+A.

- Curry Rosato to Everyone : It is so interesting and exciting to hear the 4th graders wanted to be Jr. Rangers and be role models for younger students!
- Mara Mintzer to Everyone : In answer to Charmaine Godley's question: we are designing a training for communities who wish to start implementing similar programs to Growing Up Boulder. We don't have a printed curriculum, but have developed many support materials. The trainings that we offer are about 90 minutes to 120 minutes, and it teaches a bit about the structure of the work, and also how to implement the methods.
- Ashley Palomo to Everyone : Thank you all for setting up this webinar! I'm currently trying to find a way to connect with my mayors office to interview the alderman on how litter affects the environment. How would you suggest I reach out to them? This is for my capstone. I'd also love to complete workshops with youth and adults as well.
- Louise Chawla to Everyone : Can you stay for the Q+A to talk about initiating partnerships?
- Mara Mintzer to Everyone : Ashley, our book has some ideas too on how to get started with connecting to the government, and create workshops for kids and adults.
- Mara Mintzer to Everyone : Kianni is so talented! What a leader!
- Ashley Palomo to Everyone : That sounds great!
- Susan Bennett to Panelists : Hi Everyone, I have the beginnings of a program that is similar to yours between the City of Wheat Ridge and Wilmore-Davis Elementary School. I would love to find opportunities to expand this partnership, maybe working with you, too.
- Mara Mintzer to Susan Bennett, All Panelists : Hi Susan, I would be happy to talk with you further!
- Susan Bennett to Panelists : Great! sbennett@ci.wheatridge.co.us
- paula gallo to Everyone : what a fantastic project!
- Mara Mintzer to paula gallo, All Panelists : Paula, so great to have you here— thanks for attending.
- Anne Umali, NAAEE (she,her) to Everyone : We are running a little late! If folks can stay, we'll have some announcements and time for Q&A with all of the speakers.

- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Hi, everyone. We might run a little late, and hope you can stay a little longer, and please stay for after school to get to more of your questions. Thanks so much!
- paula gallo to Panelists : Such a great webinar! I can't wait to watch it again - so many great learnings here. Thanks to all of you for sharing.
- Judy Braus (she, her) to paula gallo, All Panelists : Thanks so much, Paula! So glad you are here!
- Charmaine Godley to Panelists : so sorry I have another call great info. Many thanks.
- Rachel Beck to Everyone : Thank you! I appreciate your time and your work. Very inspiring.
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : So many important learnings, and so energizing!
- paula gallo to Everyone : It really is so important for children to see their ideas and visions actually be implemented. and key to help teachers make that happen.
- Alayna Schmidt to Panelists : (Hey Dr. Chawla and Mara!) How would you suggest making the case for incorporating civic education in organizational contexts where some may not see civic education as our mission or purpose (and maybe even see it as counter to mission/purpose)?
- Curry Rosato to Everyone : Thank you to our panelists and to NAAEE for hosting this webinar. As a public land management and environmental education partner working with GUB, I can say it is a true pleasure and positive learning experience for all. The co-learning and engagement activities are inspiring and informative. If anyone on the webinar is curious to learn more, from OSMP perspective, about the Gunbarrel Hill + Wood Brothers project mentioned please do not hesitate to reach out.
- Alayna Schmidt to Panelists : Oops, meant to share with all.
- Alayna Schmidt to Everyone : How would you suggest making the case for incorporating civic education in organizational contexts where some may not see civic education as our mission or purpose (and maybe even see it as counter to mission/purpose)?
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Yes to constructive hope! :-)
- Jenny Natapow to Panelists : Who is that quote from?

- Mara Mintzer to Panelists : Alayna, I would recommend looking for champions who DO feel like civic education is important. Most schools or school districts will have at least one champion like that. Keep networking relentless until you find the right people.
- Rianne Jansens to Everyone : Thank you, very inspiring!
- Curry Rosato to Everyone : Constructivist hope - thank you Louise for bringing this content into the presentation. Grounded in research and tangible action items for EE professionals!
- Susan Bennett to Panelists : Thanks!
- Yovita Gwekwerere to Panelists : constructive hope - great take away message
- Judy Braus (she, her) to Everyone : Thanks to Rachel and the Forest Service and all our Affiliates!!!
- Louise Chawla to Everyone : Constructive hope is a phrase I learned from Maria Ojala in Sweden. Her work is covered in the literature review cited in my reflection slides.
- Jenny Natapow to Panelists : What an inspiring presentation. I love the concept of constructive hope. Your presentation was all about finding meaning through action, thank you!
- Kati Henderson to Panelists : could you share more about (or more examples of) the collaborative decision making process you used working with young students? I'm wondering about the balance / model for following students' interest to such a wonderful extent, with any external structure or parameters that the instructors provided
- From Kati Henderson to Panelists : (or if we're out of time that's ok too! :)
- Louise Chawla to Everyone : In the Placemaking book, we go into details for various ways of doing collaborative decision-making, with young people and intergenerational groups.
- paula gallo to Everyone : children also very quickly understand they are part of a wider network, a social ecosystem, and they will look out for each other.
- Mara Mintzer to Panelists : Exactly, Paula
- Alice Cohen to Panelists : Thanks so much!