

GEEP Africa Webinar

Education as Ethical Action in the Polycrisis

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Link to recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1BwUYWMq0>

eePRO post: <https://eeepro.naaee.org/learning/education-ethical-action-polycrisis>

Speakers:

- Lausanne Olvitt | Associate Professor, Rhodes University
- Cindy-Lee Cloete (moderator) | Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife & Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA)

Chat transcript:

Welcome!

Ebony Hood: Cleveland, OH, USA

Lauren Hoffman: Lauren Hoffman, Long Island NY

Margarita Rochow: Southern Maryland, US

Jordan Holaday: Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA

Malcolm Isaac Fernandez: Shalom 🕊️ & Greetings from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Sarada Sangameswaran: Pittsburgh, PA -good morning!

Susan Swain: Hi all, Sue here from South Africa, the Garden Route

Julie Carlisle: Hi. Julie Carlisle from Plett, South Africa

Sharnay Wagner: Hi everyone, Sharnay Wagner joining from Cape Town, South Africa

Doren Makoni: Doreen Makoni from Bambanani Green Solutions, South Africa

Sean Arthurs: Sean Arthurs - from my kitchen just south of Washington DC!

Ravhee BHOLAH: Greetings from Ravhee, Mauritius

Chantelle Quinones: Good morning. Chantelle Quinones joining from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Nina Hamilton (NAAEE/GEEP): 📖 Learn more about GEEP and check out all these resources at thegeep.org

Nina Hamilton (NAAEE/GEEP): ✨ And join eePRO here: <https://eeapro.naaee.org/>

Rebecca Shoer: Rebecca from Boston, MA

Adonis ADOH: Désolé, je ne comprends pas vraiment l'anglais. J'aurais souhaité que le séminaire soit animé si c'était possible 😞

judy Braus: <https://eeasa.org.za/>

Cindy-Lee Cloete: Please can I ask everyone to switch off your cameras to help with bandwidth

Gordon Branston: Hi, Gordon Branston - Trustee member of REHIS (Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland)

Fayez Tembon: Hi, I am Dr Fayez Tembon: Academic Advisory Committee Member for Tshwane University of Technology: South Africa. After several years in EE at university and community level, I have recently founded a green pre-school as I believe teaching them at a very tender age would drive the sustainability of their sustainable actions as they are our "future generation". How do you encourage this "cradle to green career" vision?

Ebony Hood: Replying to "Hi, I am Dr Fayez Te..." I love this! You're not alone...May I introduce you to a colleague in the US?

judy Braus: Thanks, Fayez. There is so much going on on early childhood and EE and great to hear you founded a green preschool. You might be interested in our Natural Start Alliance, which is a network of early childhood educators focused on connected young people to nature and EE. Here's more: <https://naturalstart.org/>

Gordon Branston: Flight of the Starlings: Watch Beautiful Phenomenon - National Geographic https://youtu.be/V4f_1_r80RY?si=tQfU2-A9NA01xSUF

judy Braus: We hope you can stay on a few extra minutes for questions. Such a rich presentation!

Sarada Sangameswaran: Teaching in higher education (biology), we are often locked into a curriculum and a set of labs covering technical material. Any ideas on how to weave systems thinking and relationality into the course while still covering the curriculum?

Yolanda Mitchell: Thank you for this presentation!

Judy Braus: Such a great presentation, Lausanne!!! Thank you so much for being with us today! And everyone will get a copy of the recording and slides so you can dig in more.

Ravhee BHOLAH: Besides systems thinking, how can the 21st century skills better equip to deal with polycrisis situations?

Prof Cornelia Shaimemanya: Thank you for the insightful presentation? Is education preparing individuals to address complex global challenges, foster critical thinking and ethical decision-making, and promote social justice and equity?

Brekke Bounds: I have to hop off, but thanks for this great presentation!

Sarada Sangameswaran: Thank you!

Gordon Branston: The relationality-systems thinking-reflexivity nexus with additional partnership nexus elements, including mindfulness 😊

Julie Carlisle: Thank you!! 😊

Sarada Sangameswaran: Thank you!

Susan Swain: Thank you, that was very insightful

Fayez Tembon: Thank you

Gonzalo Bermudez: thanks, from Argentina