



Environmental Sustainable Action and Community Development Conference 4th – 6th April 2018

Hosted by the School of Education
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Venue – School of Education,
University of KwaZulu-Natal (Edgewood campus)

2018: Are you Actioning Sustainable Development within Communities?

The vision for the city of Durban - By 2030 the eThekweni Municipality will enjoy the reputation of being Africa's most liveable city, where all citizens live in harmony. This vision will be achieved by growing it's economy and meeting people's needs so that all citizens enjoy a high quality of life with equal opportunities, in a city that they are truly proud of.

The call to action is for schools, universities, business, community organisations and government to engage, to meet this vision.

Who should attend the conference/do-ference?

The conference/do-ference is open to all persons in the call - maximum 250 attendance.

In Partnership with

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Objectives of the Conference:

- The advancement of Environmental Sustainable Action and Development within communities, fostering the active engagement of all persons (researchers, teachers, learners, members of government, community and business), for environmental sustainable actions.
- Enhancing the development and engagement of disciplines through Environmental Sustainable Action and Community Development.
- Engaging teachers in curriculum related environmentally sustainable issues in a theoretical and practically based approach.
- Promote research and civil action in the participation in Community Development Action, to develop/enhance disciplinary programmes/curricular/actions in response to current and future needs.
- Developing collaborations and partnerships, with a sense of community, among researchers, teachers, community organisations, government and business, for initiating, enhancing and promoting environmentally sustainable actions.

Programme:

The programme will commence with registration from 8h15 on Wednesday morning, 4th April 2018. The formal programme will commence at 9h00 with a welcome from respective persons and a plenary by a plenary speaker. There will be ONE plenary session, every morning, over the three days and parallel sessions are planned for the rest of the day. Other presentation types include short papers of 15 minutes, discussion forums and interviews in the mid- morning session. Active engagement in fieldwork; workshops; how do I teach; demonstrations, outdoor classrooms and hands-on activities will be after lunch. Exhibitions and demonstrations will take place throughout the day, over the three days. The conference will end at 16h00, every day. The last day of the conference is the 6th April, 2018.

A learner programme for Grades 9, 10 and 11 learners will run parallel to the conference and it will start at 9h00 every day. The programme will have the general plenary in the morning, interactive Science and Mathematics teaching sessions during the mid-morning and active engagement in hands-on Science investigations, Mathematics in the field and general fieldwork in the afternoon. This programme will accommodate 60 learners per day, every day (a total of 180 learners), who will be selected by the Department of Education to attend. The programme will end at 15h00, every day.

Day One - Plenary One – A high profile Environmental person from Durban.

Day Two - Plenary Two – A panel discussion – Environmental Issue – Sanitation critical issue at many schools

Day Three - Plenary Three – Presentation by a School Principal- actively engaged in Environmental initiatives

Persons interested in Sharing ideas and/or Exhibiting at the conference are asked to submit an **Ideas Sharing** plan that responds to the following:

1. What ideas will you be sharing; 2. How will you share these ideas? 3. Why is this relevant to this conference?
- Write a maximum of five lines to answer each question.
- Use Font type – Times New Roman and Font size – 11.
- Submit your plan with your name, e-mail, contact number and organisation to the conference e-mail: environmentalconferenceukzn@gmail.com by the 19 January 2018. You will receive a response by the 2nd February, indicating the outcome to your submission.

All conference presenters and attendees have to register and a maximum of 250 registrations will be accepted. Registration forms are attached to the call.

We are seeking sponsors for this event. If you are interested in sponsoring, please e-mail Dr Angela James – jamesa1@ukzn.ac.za