

Call for Applications: Coneflower Project 2012: Discover, Innovate, and Create
Sustainability-across-the-Curriculum Faculty Professional Development Workshop

Are you thinking about developing a new course or new modules in an existing course? How about incorporating environmental or sustainability issues?

We invite you to enhance your teaching and engagement with sustainability issues by participating in the second annual Coneflower Project on May 17-18, 2012. In the tradition of The Piedmont and Ponderosa Projects, which have drawn national attention for their innovative approach to curricular change, we hope this will prove to be an intellectually stimulating and collegial experience for faculty across disciplines.

Skeptics, environmentalists, and those in between have found their various perspectives welcomed and enriched by the dialogue and activities these workshops foster.

The workshop will explore how we can meaningfully integrate sustainability—broadly defined—into our classrooms. Though we start by taking a close look at Western, Spoon River, and the greater western Illinois region, we invite participants to engage in local/global comparisons. Faculty from across campus who are already actively teaching sustainability in their courses will facilitate and catalyze discussion of sustainability content, pedagogies, and their integration and role at their institution and within the broader community.

The workshop will run Thursday and Friday, approximately 8:00am-2:40pm, at Horn Field Campus in Macomb. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided each day. Participants will receive a sustainability resource bag with a variety of materials and tools to help them integrate sustainability into their courses and pedagogy. More importantly, they will have opportunities to extend research and teaching horizons across disciplines and create interdisciplinary networks with fellow colleagues. Mentoring meetings and follow-up discussions will be offered in fall 2012.

For more about the Coneflower Project, including last year's schedule, please visit:
<http://www.wiu.edu/cas/ies/sustainability/index.php>

Application: Please submit a brief, one-page description of why you are interested in the workshop and how you plan to change an old course or develop a new one to:

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Deadline: April 20, 2012

Coneflower Project participants agree to:

- 1) Read some materials prior to the workshop
- 2) Participate in the 2-day workshop, May 17-18, 2012
- 3) Commit to preparing a syllabus for the affected course or courses and submit it by August 2012
- 4) Report back to the group in a fall follow-up meeting
- 5) Participate in a sustainability panel discussion on the workshop in fall 2012

This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Institute for Environmental Studies, the Campus Sustainability Committee, Horn Field Campus, and the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research at Western Illinois University.