



February 13, 2025 9AM - 5PM

BOSTON HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Virtual Lightning Talks

9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions
9:05 AM	<p>Session 1: Empowering Youth & Workforce Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Jobs and Leadership Training Program Meghan Gonzalez, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay • Camp Harbor View Activities Emily Zlevor, UMass Boston • Cultivating Black Girl Environmentalists' Curiosity René LaPointe Jameson, Black Girl Environmentalist • Education and Empowerment vs Youth Climate Anxiety Dan Levesque, UMass Boston • Building Conservation Skills in Graduate Students through a Transparent, Notice of Intent Assignment Tara Duffy, Northeastern University
9:30 AM	Breakout Discussion with Presenters
10:05 AM	<p>Session 2: Community Centered Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community-Centered Approach to Teaching Climate Justice Natalia Bayona, Mystic River Watershed Association • Elevating Community-Driven Data to Navigate Coastal Flooding Emma Brooks, UMass Boston • Bringing Green Stormwater Infrastructure to Boston Kate England, City of Boston • Waterways to Heat Island Mitigation Laila Pearson, The American City Coalition • Insect and Pollinator Public Programming Kalimah Mustafa-Widberg, Boston Harbor Now • Nature-Based Learning Blending Science and Literacy Melissa Roberts, UMass Boston
10:30 AM	Breakout Discussion with Presenters
11:05 AM	<p>Session 3: Exploring Boston Harbor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The History of Eelgrass in Boston Harbor Phil Colarusso, EPA • Shipwrecks of Boston Harbor Bill Gallagher, Marine Discovery • Source to Sanctuary, Marine Debris and Teacher Cohort Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research • STEAM Floating Wetland Activity Kits: A Nature-based Classroom Tool Kata Gilberston, Charles River Conservancy • Thompson Island Tree Margaret Hart, UMass Boston • Boston Area City Nature Challenge Alexandra Marston, UMass Boston
11:30 AM	Breakout Discussion with Presenters
12 - 2PM	<i>Lunch and travel break</i>



February 13, 2024 2-5PM

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In-Person Sessions

*Boston Children's Museum
308 Congress Street, Boston*

2:00 PM **Welcome: Coasts, Climate, and Curiosity**

2:10 PM **Connecting to Blue and Green Spaces in Boston Harbor**

A guided group discussion exploring the blue and green spaces of Boston Harbor, and how they are, or can be, used for education and outreach programming.

3:10 PM **Getting Curious**

Explore the Boston Children's Museum STEAM Lab or visit neighboring Martin's Park through the lens of curiosity. Learn from educators and programmers how they design activities and spaces to engage learners.

4:10 PM **Creating Ideal Spaces**

Come back together to share our what we've discovered, and how we can use what we've learned to inspire curiosity in our own spaces and programming.

5 - 7PM **(Optional) Networking at Pastoral ARTisian Pizza Kitchen
345 Congress Street**

Parking & Transit

Parking is available at several nearby parking garages:

- 321 Congress Street (lot parking)
- One Seaport Garage, 75 Sleeper Street

The museum is accessible from:

- South Station (red line)
- Courthouse Station (silver line)
- MBTA #7 at Summer and Otis Street

