



EDUCATING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

WORKSHOP with JAIMIE CLOUD

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Durham Academy Upper School

This Introduction to Education for Sustainability (EfS) is designed to challenge ways of thinking about the world, your relationship to it, and your ability to influence it. Teachers at all levels, administrators, and high school students come together to experience key elements of EfS and share our motivations for pursuing sustainability. We may use different words or have different reasons for doing what we do, but we unite in a shared goal to build students' (and our own) capability to thrive over time, i.e. to make the shift toward a sustainable future.

The workshop opens with a simulation, the “Fish Game,” which reveals some of the mental models, behaviors, and strategies that contribute to sustainable outcomes. A subsequent activity leads to an exploration of systems thinking and the difference between symptoms and problems. Alignment with diversity and equity work is highlighted. The second day of the workshop focuses on the EfS framework and gives examples of its application in classes from the youngest children to high schoolers. We also examine the relevance to all academic disciplines—not just science! During the afternoon, Jaimie Cloud provides guidance as participants begin applying EfS principles to their own project or unit of study.

This workshop has been developed and given by Jaimie Cloud in schools and other contexts all over the world. It generates a shared understanding of sustainability that is rooted in hope, systems thinking, and transformative action. When a group of participants from a school can share the experience together, they can establish a strong basis for change. Those who participate as individuals can build community within the workshop and create potential for regional cooperation.

Cost: \$250/person for non-DA participants, \$225/person for teams of 4 or more. Free to DA employees, students, and parents.