

## WHAT IS IT?

The Maryland Climate Teach-In is an annual week focused on climate change education and solutions. It encourages educators, students, and community members to discuss, learn and share information about this critical issue and empower people to act to mitigate the causes and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

## WHAT IT ISN'T?

It's not a conference or a specific in-person event.

## WHEN IS IT?

The Climate Teach In lasts the entire month of April—Earth Month. Registered events can be held anytime to accommodate scheduling, including spring breaks.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participants can include anyone with group organization, education planning, or instruction responsibilities, including teachers and professors, community and faith-based group leaders, state and municipal agency personnel, and organization sustainability leaders.

## WHAT ARE THE TARGETED AGE GROUPS?

Climate education is critical for all age, from pre-school through adulthood.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Marylanders are increasingly facing climate-related challenges that threaten to impact their health, future opportunities, and living situation. You can be part of the solution by taking action through education:

- Start meaningful conversations about climate change
- Connect climate science to real-world impacts and solutions
- Inspire students and community members to get involved and take action
- Ensure you and your school or organization are recognized for your contributions to advancing environmental and climate literacy



## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Register your plan using the link below, the QR code to the right, or the button on the Climate Teach-In website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MDTeachInRegistration>



## WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION MEAN?

Once you complete the registration form, you will receive a follow-up email with more information. After you've implemented your proposed lesson plan, we'll follow-up asking for a summary, some feedback, and/or any photos if available. Those educators that respond will receive a Certificate of Participation and may also be eligible to win select prizes. Rules and restrictions apply. Watch on our website for more information.

## DOES IT MATTER WHAT SUBJECT I TEACH?

**No!** Anyone who educates, provides instruction, or leads a group can participate. Below are a few examples:

- Art instructors could ask students to paint something they love that is endangered because of climate change or work together to create a sculpture from reused/recycled/scrap materials.
- Physical education teachers might have students run a recycling relay race or practice breathing exercises while discussing the impact of air quality on athletes.
- Faith-based groups could discuss stewardship and our role in protecting the planet and each other.

Be creative, check out our off-the-shelf lesson plans and resources, or use ideas from previous participants listed on the next page.



## WHAT HAVE PARTICIPANTS DONE IN THE PAST?

Educators in last year's Teach-In incorporated climate into their lesson plans through a variety of methods and approaches, including:

- Conducting a climate focused Q&A or welcoming guest speakers
- Making journal entries and organizing community circles with prompts on climate change topics
- Exploring the challenges of measuring the impacts of climate changes
- Learning about the water cycle, watershed challenges, groundwater processes, or sea level rise
- Hosting an Earth Month celebration or festival
- Creating posters or postcards explaining a concept or encouraging individual action
- Examining reuse, repurposing, and waste diversion
- Taking a meditative nature walk
- Investigating adaptation and mitigation measures
- Calculating individual carbon footprints
- Watching a climate-related video
- Holding class or meetings in an outdoor location
- Picking up trash along a stream or park

## ARE RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

**Yes!** There is a wide variety of resources for educators on the Maryland Climate Teach-In website. These include links to off-the-shelf lesson plans for different ages and subjects. We are regularly updating our website with additional information so please check back regularly:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/air/ClimateChange/MCCC/Pages/ClimateTeachIn.aspx>

