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*Sharing ideas that create a more just and sustainable future
through the power of environmental education*

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Existing EE Organisations at the Global Level

- World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC)
- Foundation of Environmental Education (FEE)

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Background

- **2014 >>>>** Delegates from several countries came together to discuss each country's needs for achieving their environmental protection goals and addressing those pressing environmental topics (> 25) that were listed.
- **2015 >>>>** GEEP delegates met to establish the purpose/mission of the GEEP, as well as goals and objectives, through a series of in-person meetings that were informed by surveys, research, and interviews.
- Meetings have been held bi-annually since GEEP's inception.
 - NAAEE was named the secretariat of the GEEP



Introduction

- Urgent call (against the backdrop of the SDGs) to help leaders more effectively use EE as a strategy to improve the environment by sharing tools and resources, and by building a vibrant learning network, etc.
- The Global Environmental Education Partnership (or GEEP), is a brainchild of leaders from the EPA Taiwan, US EPA, and the NAAEE who came together with a shared belief in the importance of effective EE in addressing environmental issues globally, as well as the need to better share best practices and resources on a large scale.

Vision

- **A global network and platform to share best practice and improve the quality and quantity of EE around the world**

Mission

- To provide a vibrant learning network designed to build capacity in member countries to strengthen and institutionalize environmental education, focusing on policy, professional development, evaluation, and best practices.

Goals

- **Build capacity to advance global policy and practice in environmental education**
- **Foster strategic partnerships to create a “network of networks” resulting in a stronger global environmental education community**
- **Promote Innovation through a Global EE Think Tank**

Governance

- **Leadership Team:** The Leadership Team has fiduciary and final decision-making authority for the GEEP.
 - -U.S. EPA (two; one representative serves as Co-Chair); EPA Taiwan (two; one representative serves as Co-Chair); NAAEE (two representatives)
- **Secretariat:** The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) (USA) serves as the Secretariat for the GEEP.
- **Advisory Group:** The Advisory Group provides direction for the GEEP leadership team on matters related to its management and operation. >> 11 members

(Draft) Membership

- **Practitioner membership:** Open to all practitioners who want to have access to a robust network and database of EE resources
- **Country-level membership:** Open to GEEP members representing the interests of their countries, and have access to national networks and the ability to create change at the national level.
 - Country members are expected to submit a country profile, analyze the status of EE in their country, and take part in learning options annually

General Criteria for Membership: People or organizations

- Represent the interests of their country, whether individually or at the organizational level, as they relate to EE
- Have an interest in supporting the vision and mission of the GEEP by sharing best practices, resources, ideas, and opportunities
- Have a commitment to collaborate with other GEEP members on issues related to sharing best practices and resources, and policy initiatives that support EE

➤ **General Responsibilities:**

- Supporting and promoting the mission of the GEEP
- Sharing resources, best practices, ideas, and opportunities from your country and region
- Helping to recruit new members to the GEEP
- Contributing to GEEP content (newsletters, updates, case studies, etc.) as needed to share information and perspectives from your country



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Albert 'Abby' Ybarra Environmental Education Consultant, Project Indigenous

eePRO is an online community to connect environmental education (EE) professionals around the world. Anyone can join eePRO, and by joining, you gain access to job opportunities, webinars, online courses, discussion forums, and many more resources, and you can share your own news and content with others.

THE QUOTE STREAM

"A society is defined not only by what it creates, but by what it refuses to destroy."

-John Sawhill

Learn More

- Groups: Take part in discussion groups on a variety of topics from climate change to early childhood
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Jobs: Find environmental education jobs across North America
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Calendar: Find events and happenings in the world of EE
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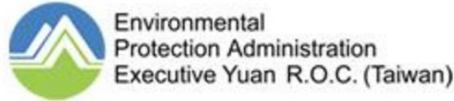
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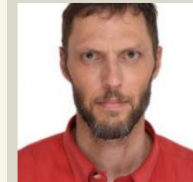
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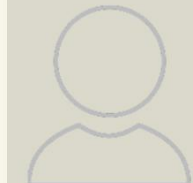
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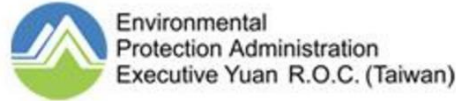
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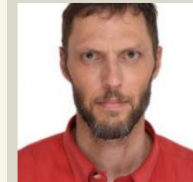
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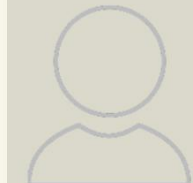
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The Coming Together of NAAEE and NAAEE

William Scott blogs about the first NAAEE/NAEE joint meeting in Bristol, England, drawing people from Botswana, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Taiwan, the UAE, the UK, and the USA for the GEEP international steering committee meeting.

By **WILLIAM SCOTT** | MAY 23, 2016

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**Launched Two
Websites:
thegeep.org
naaee.org/eePRO**



Goals

- Build a network (virtually)
- Become a one-stop shop for EE best practice and resources
- Make good use of technology
- Use existing resources (don't reinvent the wheel)
- Separate spaces for different conversations and levels of engagement



NAAEE's eePRO

- Launched in January, 2016
- Designed to be a central housing point for ee resources and to promote networking
- Robust platform; years in the making
- Thanks to U.S. EPA for supporting this amazing opportunity



Meetings

2016 GEEP Meeting Madison, WI

A Few Members of the Advisory Group of the GEEP



In UNEP- Nairobi



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Launch Events

GEEP also launched at WEEC 2015 in Gothenburg, Sweden



In Bristol



GEEP launched at 45th NAAEE Meeting (2016) in Madison, WI USA





MEETING in Bristol, England



Event & Reception: Bristol Science Center

Tuesday Evening: 5-7 PM



Two Events in Nairobi



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1. **UNEA2 Conference Greenroom Event**
2. **Launch Event at the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies**

Wangari
Institute
and
University
of Nairobi



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GREEN ROOM EVENT AT UNEA2





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PEACE AND ENVIRONMENT

Upcoming Events



Invited to present at the Centre for Environmental Education in Ahmedabad

To launch the GEEP at their international conference on Children and Nature with more than 70 countries participating

Announcing

International
conference



ESD

**for transforming
education for
children and youth**

16 -18th September 2016, Ahmedabad, INDIA

Upcoming Events



GEEP Advisory Group Meeting in October at NAAEE

NAAEE Annual International Conference



Madison, Wisconsin October 18-22



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