



Sustainability Lead Training

For educators in K12 schools across Asia

January 5th - 31st 2023



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In a ranking of eight options on what made good professional development was “offering a new perspective on an area such as sustainability” among the 421 teachers who responded to our recent survey on teaching in China

72%

Of the 78 school leaders and educators in China that we surveyed in July 2022, said that “a sustainability lead” was the most important resource needed to improve sustainability in their school

75%

Of the 668 teachers across China who took part in our TeachBetter Sustainability programme in January 2022 said that sustainability would be “a significant factor in choosing their next school”

Do you want to take the lead in sustainability?

It is clear to students, teachers, schools and the government that **sustainability matters** but it is still an area of school life too often oriented towards one off activities without anyone to lead with the knowledge, connections, and tools to really make a sustained impact.

The Sustainability Lead Training, jointly developed by Wildbound and Venture Education, will provide educators with the ability to make **significant change in their classroom and school**. And by doing so, impact thousands of young people, their parents, and the many tens of thousands of people that they will lead and connect with in future.

Who is the Sustainability Lead Training for?

This course is for **all educators, school leaders, and school administration**, interested in helping transform their school into a greener and future-positive space. You do not have to be a science or environment specialist.

We welcome all levels and will be using the latest research materials and best practices, so the sessions are helpful for those **new to sustainability as well as seasoned experts**.

Since the course is taught by practitioners, we will be able to share the methods that have **proven success** in our classrooms.



What will you learn?

Why Sustainable Schools? The Power of Your Leadership

There are over 250 million students in China. If all of them were enrolled in sustainable schools, the reduction of CO₂ would be greater than many countries in the world! If you have been dreaming of more environmental leadership, but are unsure where to start, you are in the right place.

Change-Making Process and Navigating Systems

Ok, you're fully on-board for a sustainable school - but maybe you need help convincing your school administration to implement these new practices. In this session, we'll give you the tools and talking points to become a champion within your school.

Curriculum Design with Eco-Literacy and Active Hope

New policies recommend teachers include environmental education in their classrooms, but many are worried about how they can share these problems with their students without scaring them. We understand. We'll give you best practices and successful examples of making your classroom meet requirements and build a solution mind-set.

Cultivating Community Engagement and Climate Readiness

You shouldn't be doing this on your own. In this session, we'll help you find helpers! Using models developed by UNESCO for strengthening not just in your classroom and school, but also your surrounding community. You'll discover examples of teachers who made their entire communities more vibrant and resilient.

Where do you want to work? Creating Positive Place and Programmes

How many sick days do you take each year? Green classrooms are proven to help reduce them. Taking pollutants out of your classroom will help your physical health - but we also want to talk about mental wellbeing. This class will introduce you to UNESCO Happy Schools and LEED Green Classroom best practices.

Documenting Change and Celebrating Success

How do you know if you're making a difference? We'll cover the basics of benchmarking achievements and measuring improvements. Measure your levels, plan for progress, connect and collaborate, and access resources/networks to achieve your goals. Since this is our last session together, we'll also reserve time for sharing and celebrating together.

What does the training include?



Six engaging and informative sessions that will leave you energised



A wealth of tools and resources to use with students and fellow staff



An opportunity to undertake an action research project in your school



A one-to-one session with our team to discuss your school and your impact



Different levels of involvement for those with extremely busy schedules



Active WeChat group for participants with daily resources from SLT team



A network of passionate peers and lifelong supporters in the SLT team



A certificate upon completion that can bolster your CV and future career

Meet Wildbound



WildBound is an innovative nature-inspired education and sustainability venture. We empower sustainability leadership through expeditions, education programs, research, advocacy, as well as creative communications to create a future where humans live in harmony with nature. Since 2017, WildBound has led expeditions to Antarctica, Greenland, Bhutan and other ecosystems, worked with businesses and academia to launch sustainability guidelines and organised public exhibitions and initiatives.

Meet Venture Education



Founded in 2013, Venture Education is an award-winning education organisation based in Beijing. We support schools across China including consultancy, market intelligence and student-oriented sustainability and outdoor education activities such as Beijing Field Studies that takes thousands of young people into the great outdoors every year. Our subscription service for schools that gathers data from teachers, parents and government policy across China has made it clear that sustainability is no longer an option for schools and we can't wait to support schools to make real green change.

Meet Sustainability Lead Training team



Songqiao

Founder and Chief Explorer WildBound

After graduating from Cambridge and Oxford universities, Songqiao was the first Chinese faculty member for Homeward Bound, the largest all-female science and leadership expedition to Antarctica. She is a researcher, activist, and entrepreneur on environmental issues and has led and advised youth climate organisations, worked to conserve China's rivers as a National Geographic Global Explorer, and consulted on development projects in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.



Melanie

Chief Sustainability Officer WildBound

Melanie is an environmental policy expert. She has over a decade of experience in writing impact assessments, coordinating mitigation plans, and leading sustainability programmes. She is certified by the United States Green Building Council as a Leader in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP), also certified Green Classroom Professional by USGBC.



Heran

Sustainability Education Lead WildBound

Based in a zero-waste/artist community in Beijing, Gao was the founder of Earth Village Nature School, a rural-based environmental education programme. Passionate about ecovillage, in 2016 she co-developed a documentary film "Long Way Towards Consensus".



Faye

Chief Sustainability Officer WildBound

Faye initiated nationwide research and action on bird collisions in China, in order to help protect biodiversity in cities. In 2019, she travelled by retracing the early human migration route, starting in East Africa and moving through North Africa, Middle East, Europe, and South Asia. Along the route, she made a documentary and art pieces recording the impact of climate change, as well as possible solutions. Her works have been exhibited in the London Art Pavilion and Beijing UCCA art center.



Julian

Cofounder Venture Education

Julian has spent the past 17 years working in K12 education in China (with some time as an IELTS examiner), with a particular focus on entrepreneurship education and employability. This includes leading on a number of projects for new graduates in his role as vice chair of the British Chamber of Commerce in China and mentor for Durham University. Julian spends most weekends in the mountains north of Beijing hiking in the hills and appreciating the beauty of nature.



Kate

Academic Advisor Venture Education

Kate has been a teacher for over twenty years across two continents. She worked for over a decade as a Head of Department in both European government schools and a large Beijing-based international school, a Director of Studies and Academic Adviser in The Tree, and a mentor for teachers taking their PDQs in the University of Nottingham Ningbo China.



Charlie

Sustainability and Outdoor Education Lead Venture Education

Charlie leads Beijing Field Studies (BFS), an outdoor education programme that works with schools to provide opportunities to connect and engage with the great outdoors and scientific inquiry. He holds all Duke of Edinburgh Awards and with experience in the humanitarian sector, he is an UN Climate Change Accredited Teacher, with a particular focus on climate impact on migration.



Who have we worked with?



生态环境部宣传教育中心
Center for Environmental Education and Communications
of Ministry of Ecology and Environment



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2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE
COP 15 - CP/MP15-NP/MP4
Biodiversity Conference
KUNMING CHINA



COP27
SHARM EL-SHEIKH
EGYPT 2022



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What they say

We worked with Wildbound to help develop our Social Innovation program strategy at Daystar Academy and to implement some key programs such as our Social Innovation Day and Projects for Change. They demonstrated their depth of knowledge in key areas around sustainability and systems change. In addition, they designed very creative workshops to engage teachers in PD and also to engage students in learning linked to their innate interests.

- Elizabeth Walker Sobhani, Director of Social Innovation at Ivy Education Group





“We will advance the Beautiful China Initiative and take a holistic and systematic approach to the conservation and improvement of mountains, waters, forests, farmlands, grasslands, and deserts. We will carry out coordinated industrial restructuring, pollution control, ecological conservation, and climate response, and we will promote concerted efforts to cut carbon emissions, reduce pollution, expand green development, and pursue economic growth. We will prioritize ecological protection, conserve resources and use them efficiently, and pursue green and low-carbon development.”

-Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China

“I believe that the risks and opportunities we face call for a paradigm shift that can only be embedded in our societies through education and learning.”

- Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

“Education is the core, the foundation of all SDGs. ”

- Jeffery Sachs at COP 27

Course Dates

■ International school holiday

■ Public school holiday

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
December						
2	3	4	5 SESSION ONE 5pm-6pm	6	7	8
9	10 SESSION TWO 5pm-6pm	11	12 SESSION THREE 5pm-6pm	13	14	15
16	17 SESSION FOUR 5pm-6pm	18	19 SESSION FIVE 5pm-6pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 SESSION SIX 5pm-6pm	1	2	3	4	5
January						
February						

Price

January programme: ~~7800RMB~~

3,800RMB

April programme:

7,800RMB

Registration



Scan to register for the programme
January 5th - 31st
3,800RMB

Only 32 places per cohort

If you are unable to join in January, you can be added to our wait list for the April cohort.

This online training is developed for educators. If you are interested in systemic change for your entire school, learn more about Sustainability Accelerator
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