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RIAS 2023 Policy Workshop

An Environmental Education for an Environmental Democracy A Transatlantic Approach

5-6 June 2023

Filmzaal (Auditorium)
Abdij 9
4331 BK Middelburg
The Netherlands

Program

Environmental education empowers students to explore socio-ecological issues and understand human-nature relationships, fostering sustainable mindsets and supporting environmental democracy. Institutions must develop multidisciplinary curricula addressing these challenges, beginning in primary school and continuing through higher education.

This policy workshop encourages collaboration among educators, program managers, students, and other stakeholders across the Atlantic to identify common challenges and share best practices, to foster to foster environmental education and enhance environmental democracy in the Netherlands and the United States. It highlights the potential of virtual exchange (VE) programs to foster intercultural communication, inclusivity, and well-informed approaches to environmental issues in higher education.

PROGRAM

Monday, 5 June 2023

15.00 **Arrival with Coffee and Tea**

15:30 **Welcoming Address and Introduction**
Dario Fazzi (RIAS & Leiden University) and Gaetano Di Tommaso (RIAS)

16:00 **The Virtual Exchange Experience**

Presentations by the students of the course “Environmental Democracy in Delta Regions: A Transatlantic Approach” offered by Leiden University (The Netherlands) and William & Mary College (Williamsburg, Virginia, USA)

Tuesday, 6 June 2023

9:45-10:00 Introduction

10:00-12:00 **Session 1: Environmental Education in Transatlantic Perspective**

- Kelly Tzoumis (De Paul University, Chicago, USA)
- Ingrid de Vries (HZ University, Middelburg, The Netherlands)
- Inez Flameling (UCR, Middelburg, The Netherlands)
- Sarah Stafford (William & Mary College, Williamsburg, USA)

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 **Presentation of the Delta Climate Center**

Barbara Oomen (HZ University, Middelburg, The Netherlands)

14:30-14:45 Coffee/Tea Break

14:45-16:45 **Session 2: Virtual Programs and Environmental Education**

- Henry Fowler (Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint, USA)
- Femke van Wijk (Dialogic, Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- Elisa Da Vià (Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands)
- Susannah Montgomery (Inholland, The Hague, The Netherlands)

16:45 **Wrap-Up and Conclusion**

17:00 Drinks

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