

Discovering the Power of Nature. Participatory Environmental Education for Sustainability: Opportunities, Challenges and Practicese

1st day 27. 11. 2025 Institute of Contemporary History, Privoz 11, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija, Lecture room, 1st floor

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and coffee

09:00 – 09:45 **Welcome address.** Facilitation: Matej Cepin and Ema Meden

09:45 – 11:30 Session: **Systemic and policy approaches to developing green competences for sustainability.** Chair: dr. Tadej Košmerl

Žarko Lazarević: *Environmental history between past and present*

Gregor Torkar: *Open schooling in the context of education for sustainable development*

Ema Meden: *Beyond personalisation: education as an ecocentric practice*

Tadej Košmerl: *Adult education for sustainable development between instrumentalisation and emancipation*

Janja Rudolf, Andrej Udovč: *Participatory decision-making and community-based models as foundations for developing green competences in adult education*

***Barbara Simonič:** *Climate change and competences to act: a gap in adult education offer*

Janez Berdavs: *Climate education in times of declining political and public engagement*

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:45 Session: **Systemic and policy approaches to developing green competences for sustainability.** Chair: dr. Tadej Košmerl

Glenda Galeotti: *»Lesson zero for sustainable development« by the University of Florence. Sustainability skills for professional development in higher education*

Žiga Zwitter: *Meadow biodiversity in today's Slovenian biology and geography curricula for primary school and grammar school in the context of the long-term history of meadows*

Darja Piciga: *The knowledge base of the European Environment Agency: how can it be used to develop GreenComp sustainability competences?*

***Ivana Belasić:** *On green competences and competence-based education*

Anita Hrast: *IRDO certification scheme for competences in sustainability and social responsibility*

Blaž Križnik, Jan H. M. Lim: *Community capacity building in Singapore: social learning and social innovation for resilient neighbourhood communities*

Mateja Šmid Hribar: *Forgotten but vital: agrarian communities as guardians of nature, biodiversity, and cultural landscapes*

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13:45 – 14:45 Group photo and lunch

14:45 – 16:30 Session: **Participatory and community action.** Chair: dr. Nevenka Bogataj

Marco Bassi: *Educating through networking: building communities of practice in the environmental field*

***Gretchen Walters, Olivier Hymas, Alise Meuris, Clara Baquedano, Ilanne Kaczmarek, Alys Crétier, Raymond Vacheron,**

Alain Chateauneuf: *Translating traditional land commons: landscapes contributing to sustainable development in France*

Giacomo Pagot, Elena Pisani, Paola Gatto: *Traditional ecological knowledge and natural resource management in Alpine collective properties*

***Ambrosio Julia, Chavanon Olivier:** *The »chores« in the common land systems : a tool for »green competences« education*

Francisco Godoy, Santiago Parra, Adrià Peña, Pau Sanosa, Pablo Dominguez: *Communal governance, transhumance and pastureland ecology*

Olivier Hymas: *Opportunities for education for sustainable development (ESD) to integrate European traditional commons*

16:30 – 16:45 Closing

* *online presentation*

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2nd day 28. 11. 2025 Institute of Contemporary History, Privoz 11, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija, Lecture room, 1st floor and library

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and coffee

Lecture room

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome address.** Facilitation: Matej Cepin and Ema Meden

09:15 – 10:30 Session: **Fostering personal transformation.** Chair: dr. Tanja Rupnik Vec

Tanja Rupnik Vec: *Beliefs as foundations of behavior: hanging environmental myths for a more sustainable future*

Žan Rode, Gregor Torkar: *iNaturalist and citizen science: who contributes and why?*

Zinka Kosec: *Personalization of sustainability values in participatory environmental education*

Meta Furlan, Nives Ličen, Urška Gruden, Mojca Leskovec: *Inclusive thematic path as a strategy for learning in public open space*

Mihaela Triglav Čekada: *Preserved old boundary marks of cadastral municipalities and agrarian communities as a link between local residents and local space*

Lovro Snoj, Lana Valič Saksida, Tjaša Breznik: *How can community education contribute to more inclusive public and green spaces*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

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11:00 – 12:30	Lecture room 1 Session: Fostering personal transformation. Chair: dr. Tanja Rupnik Vec Darja Stare, Nike Krajnc: <i>Forestry – opportunities and challenges for young people in the green careers of the future</i> Marko Gabrovšek: <i>Green skills and precious metals</i> *Nada Pavšer: <i>Ethics for sustainable development as a basis and solution for coexistence between humans and the environment and nature</i> Anja Šerc, Barbara Avsenak: <i>Strengthening green competences and skills in the just transition process: opportunities and challenges in Zasavje</i> Neva Maher: <i>Sustainability competences and educational context for sustainable behaviour performance</i>	Lecture room 2 Session: Educational practices connecting with nature and place. Chairs: dr. Johanna Robinson, Erika Švara Mateja Šmid Hribar, Daniela Ribeiro, Selina Strasser, Haris Paliogiannis: <i>Unlocking the potential of study circles to transform adult biodiversity values</i> Marica Uršič Zupan: <i>From štrnina to planina: the relationship of agrarian community members to land and ancestral heritage as a source of green competences</i> Liliana Vižintin: <i>Citizen science tools for inclusive adaptation to climate change</i> *Ana Vovk: <i>School learning gardens as open learning spaces for all generations</i> Urška Orešnik: <i>Competences for sustainable development in libraries: a case study of good practice</i> Jože Prah: <i>Forest management as a platform for participatory environmental education and sustainable governance</i>	Library Session: Co-creating green communities: the role of adult education centres in developing green competences. Chair: Urška Pavlič Irena Bohte, Dragica Glažar, Viki Ivanuša, Sanda Jerman, Eva Mermolja, Alenka Kučan, Maja Marija Sadar Urška Pavlič: <i>Green knowledge day in adult education guidance</i>
12:30 – 13:45	Group photo and lunch		
	Lecture room		
13:45 – 16:00	World café. Facilitation: Matej Cepin and Ema Meden		
16:00 – 16:15	Closing		
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