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**Limited Space Available for K-12 Educators at
CEL F's Summer Sustainability Workshop**

*Mid-July Professional Development Workshop at Manhattanville College
Helps Teachers Create Sustainability-Themed Curricula*



CAPTION: CEL F Summer Institute past participant, Sarah Mills from The Fessenden School in West Newton, MA, works diligently on a sustainability curriculum development exercise with her colleagues. Limited space is available for teachers and administrators at this summer's CEL F Summer Institute, a sustainability professional development workshop for K-12 private and public school educators, taking place at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY mid-July.

CHAPPAQUA, NY, July 2, 2012 ... The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CEL F) announced today that a limited number of spaces are available for elementary, middle school and high school educators at its annual summer workshop, the *CEL F 2012 Summer Institute: Education for Sustainability*. Designed to help educators seamlessly integrate Education for Sustainability (Efs) into existing curriculum across all subject areas, the professional development workshop will take place July 16 through 18 with an optional fourth day for additional curriculum design support on July 19 at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY.



Institute registrants currently represent a wide variety of private and public schools from the Westchester County, NY and Fairfield County, CT regions. Additionally, for the first time the program will include international participation, with an academic supervisor and moral sciences teacher from a United Arab Emirates private school enrolled to participate.

Speaking to the content of the program Chris DeMattia, a past CELF Summer Institute participant and chemistry teacher at Fox Lane High School in Bedford, NY stated, "As a teacher I demand that any summer work I do to be fun, refreshing and worthwhile and the CELF Summer Institute was just that."

He continued, "My experience at the Institute enabled me to help students connect to the content by framing student learning with real, local environmental problems that impact them directly. The program was designed so that I had time to create new -- or reframed -- exciting lessons, projects, or units with high-quality support and feedback from the Institute instructors."

Generously supported by Con Edison, private foundations and individual donors, the Institute has provided professional development and curriculum design support for hundreds of teachers. CELF Summer Institute participants are eligible for in-service credits, or graduate credits from the Manhattanville College School of Education.

Pricing for the 3-day program is \$395 per teacher, with the fourth optional day priced at \$55. For groups of 3 or more group discount pricing is available at \$325 per day per person for the 3-day program and \$350 per person for the 4-day program. Additionally, a limited number of scholarships are available. For more information and/or to register, go to www.celfeducation.org or call 914-238-4753.

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About The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CEL F): *Founded in 2003 and based in Chappaqua, NY, CELF was created to promote awareness of the importance of sustainability education and to help schools and school districts make sustainability an ongoing part of education. To achieve this, CELF provides consulting services for schools and school districts, training for teachers and administrators and sustainability education programs for students. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, CELF works with all kinds of schools—urban, suburban and rural, public and private. For more information go to: www.celfeducation.org.*