



## **NAEE Environmental Education Journal**

### **Urban Environmental Education: a special invitation**

**Guest Editor: LEEF**

#### **Call for Papers**

Our cities face significant challenges associated with inequalities in health, education, poor housing, employment and environmental deprivation. Yet, urban areas are rich in innovation and inspiring projects that promote ecological sustainability and support individuals and communities to flourish. This special edition celebrates the contributions of urban environmental educators across the UK at the time when the London Environmental Educators' Forum (LEEF) celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in October 2019. These celebrations will involve a UK wide conference on urban environmental education (EE) at the Natural History Museum on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Urban environmental education can be defined by practices that create learning opportunities that foster individual and community connection, well-being and environmental quality in cities (Russ and Krasney, 2017). In this special edition, we wish to both reflect on what has been achieved in the urban environmental education movement and look ahead to the next thirty years. We would like contributions to reflect the diverse audiences of LEEF as well as the practice and provision of urban environmental education in urban areas. The articles should aim to explore one or more of the following:

- Best practice in urban environmental education in the UK
- Innovation and future-looking approaches that speak to the next 30 years urban EE practice
- Ways in which urban EE can support, engage or positively impact beneficiaries (such as addressing inequalities) and the environment

#### **Submission procedures:**

If you would like to submit a paper to the special edition, please submit an abstract (circa 200 words) by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. This should indicate the author of the paper and which of the above themes it is addressing. Contributors will be notified of the outcome before: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Deadline for full articles: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 (c 800 words). All queries about the special issue and submissions please contact: [\*\*Rachel.Cook@kcl.ac.uk\*\*](mailto:Rachel.Cook@kcl.ac.uk)

To register your interest to attend the conference, please see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leef-national-urban-environmental-education-conference-2019-tickets-54585974118>

#### **References:**

Russ, A. and Krasny, M.E. Eds. (2017). *Urban environmental education review*. Cornell University Press.