

EfS Program Ideas



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Integrating education for sustainability (EfS) into teacher preparation and PK-12 classrooms will help to ensure a better future for everyone. EfS weaves together the best of environmental education, placed-based education, community-based education and other progressive education initiatives to provide a transformative learning process that contributes to the creation of a better world for all forever.



Submit your chapter's programming in the [Semester Celebration Report](#) or e-mail your RCC. **Areas of focus:** Advocacy, Culture, Environment, Equity, or Economy. Any activity that your chapter holds that focuses on one of these areas would qualify as an EfS activity. Your activity can be local (volunteer for a food bank), to global (sponsoring a child), community service (pick up trash), to professional development (learn about race and gender inequality and how they affect schools).

Using programming from some of the Chapters' Semester Celebrations can provide a jumping off point for your chapter's first EfS activity!



Explore an area of social justice in-depth: Partner with multiple organizations serving the same or similar populations in different ways to learn more, find experts in different aspects of working with that population or issue. For example, partner with a homeless shelter, a domestic violence shelter, a McKinney Vento Liaison/school social worker, a drop in center, and a food bank to learn more about homelessness.

Partner with one organization for multiple events: Partner with one organization: volunteer there, raise funds for the organization, and have them help with professional development events.

Advocate*: Teach community members how to contact government representatives, hold non-partisan registration drives, ask organizations and institutions to practice more sustainable development (i.e. recycling initiatives).



Culture: Hold awareness raising events, host panels on race/gender/sexuality/ bullying in the classroom, do an anti-bullying project in a local school, or complete a poverty simulation with your chapter or host one for a school.

Environment: go "green" with chapter activities, tend a community garden at a school, or help create or increase recycling at an institution.

Equity: host panels of experts on privilege or differentiation strategies focused on race/gender, tutor on a regular basis, or do a school supply drive for a low-income school.



Economy: host a fair trade fair, volunteer at a job fair, host a panel on poverty in the classroom, sponsor a child, do Kiva or other microlending loans as a chapter.

*Due to KDP's 501(c)3 status, chapters may not lobby for legislation, a specific candidate or party, but may equip members to act on their own. If you are planning a political or advocacy event centered on an issue, please contact KDP Headquarters prior to the event for advisement.