We invite you to enhance your teaching and engagement with sustainability content and transformative approaches by participating in the first Project Acorn, June 5th and 6th, 2020. Project Acorn represents the evolution of the year-long Sustainability Across the Curriculum training into a 2-day format. This new model is patterned after an award-winning program that has run for over two decades and is used at hundreds of institutions.

This program educates faculty and staff on what sustainability encompasses and facilitates the incorporation of sustainability-themed content into any discipline. Faculty from across different divisions and departments have participated in this training and have found it to be rewarding and a vehicle to increase student engagement and retention.

Are you thinking about developing a new course or new modules in an existing course? Would you like to include examples that resonate with students and demonstrate how your content ties to societal issues? Do you need a fresh take on your classes? This may be of interest to you.

This workshop will explore how we can meaningfully integrate sustainability—broadly defined—into our classrooms. We will include concepts and examples across local and global scales, from issues focused on social justice to environmental quality, and the intersection of these topics. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) will be highlighted as will the resource of the CLC Living Lab Trail. Training will be conducted at the Greenbelt Cultural Center and the Grayslake Campus.

Participants will receive an honorarium of $500.00 upon completion of a new or revised syllabus and curriculum pieces and will join in a fieldtrip that will offer opportunities to extend teaching horizons and create new networks with fellow colleagues.

Fifteen participants will be accepted into the inaugural run of Project Acorn. Faculty who have participated in the year-long training are welcome to apply this year; preference will be given to individuals who have not participated in the previous Sustainability Across the Curriculum training.

If you are interested, please submit a one-page description of why you are interested in participating and how you plan to change an old course or develop a new one to:

Kelly Cartwright, kcartwright@clcillinois.edu

Deadline: February 1, 2020

Project Acorn participants agree to:

1. Read some materials prior to the workshop

2. Participate in the 2-day workshop, June 5th and 6th, 2020

3. Develop a minimum of 3 curriculum pieces for a specified course

4. Prepare a syllabus and reflective narrative for the modified course or courses

5. Report back to the group in an August fieldtrip

We look forward to hearing from you,

Kelly Cartwright, Sustainability Across the Curriculum Coordinator and Biology Faculty

David Husemoller, Sustainability Manager

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