

UNFICYP YOUTH CHAMPIONS

ENVIRONMENT & PEACE

Schedule for 6-10 July

6 July, 16.00-17.30

EcoPeace: Environmental Peacebuilding work in Jordan, Israel and Palestine -From Competition to Cooperation

EcoPeace Middle East brings together Jordanian, Palestinian and Israeli environmentalists with a view to promote cooperative efforts to protect their shared environmental heritage. In so doing, they seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of the necessary conditions for lasting peace in their region. The presentation will focus on their unique programme on Water Security.

Giulia Giordano is an Italian researcher and practitioner who manages International Affairs at EcoPeace Middle East. Formerly she was a visiting researcher at the Hebrew University and a fellow lecturer at Al-Quds University. She received her PhD in Cooperation and Development from the University 'Stranieri' of Perugia.

Yaara Kassner is a Project & Education Officer at EcoPeace Middle East. She currently leads EcoPeace's cross border projects for Israeli young professionals engaging in green entrepreneurship and water diplomacy throughout the MENA region. Yaara previously worked for the British Embassy in Israel.

Mahmoud Driaat is a Projects Manager at EcoPeace Middle East based at their Ramallah office. He also leads cross border projects for Palestinian Teachers, Students, and Young professionals. Mr. Driaat has a master's degree in Environmental Studies from Al-Quds University in Jerusalem and is an active member in many local, regional, and international organizations and committees related to water.

Nawwar H.Sabeeleish is a Project and Education officer with EcoPeace who leads educational programs that target youth, teachers and young professionals. She previously worked as a national expert for the Middle East Social Innovation Lab and has a master's degree in Landscape Urbanism from Germany.

8 July, 16.00-17.30

US Environmental Protection Agency: The Role of Ecosystem Services in Public Health

The session will look at the unintended consequences of an intentional species introduction and explore the complex interactions between ecological and socio-economic systems and the challenges of planning change in such systems. Participants will examine linkages between four common ecosystem services and 20 physical and mental health issues in an interactive exercise.

Erica Wood is a contractor to the US EPA, supporting further development of the online Eco-Health Relationship Browser. She has taught science and other subjects to adults and adolescents in several countries, and developed and led trainings on learning and communications. She holds a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Laura Jackson is a principal investigator in the US EPA's Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program. She leads the development of the Eco-Health Relationship Browser and studies the role of neighborhood greenery in physical and mental health. She holds a Ph.D. in Ecology, with links to epidemiology and urban planning, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jenna Hartley is a research fellow at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science & Education, hosted by the US EPA. She has taught science at the high school level and developed and led interactive environmental lessons for students of all ages while at the US EPA. She is currently pursuing a doctorate focused on environmental education at the North Carolina State University.

Jessica Daniel leads outreach and communications for the US EPA's online EnviroAtlas mapping and decision tool, and helps stakeholders apply geospatial resources to their work. She is invested in translating scientific information and utilizing web tools and technology to inform decision-making, research, and education. She holds a Masters' in Environmental Management from Duke University.

John Darling is a Senior Research Biologist in US EPA's Center for Environmental Measurement and Modeling. His research focuses on aquatic invasive species, with particular emphasis on development and implementation of molecular tools for monitoring and surveillance. He holds a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania.

10 July, 16.00-17.30

City-Zen, University of Delft: Sustainable cities with a focus on Nicosia

The presentation will describe what took place during the 2019 'City-Zen Nicosia Roadshow' journey, together with the highly innovative and carbon neutral designs that were proposed to make Nicosia and the Island of Cyprus carbon zero. The Roadshow was a co-creative onsite design studio that uniquely worked alongside city stakeholders to propose future sustainable visions for their city and communities.

Prof. Craig Lee Martin is an international specialist in urban sustainability and co-creative design approaches. He is jointly a member of the Chair of Climate Design and Sustainability at TU Delft and a Professor of Architecture at the Grenfell-Baines Institute of Architecture in the United Kingdom.