

AWARE Global Citizen Workshop

This fall, AWARE will be offering a Global Citizen Workshop comprised of two, 1-hour presentations on the social and environmental effects climate change is currently having on global communities, as well as what's in store for the coming decades. Students will learn about the interconnectedness of systems, both natural and anthropogenic, and how collective and individual actions can effect change.

Workshop Theme: Global to Local

Session Themes:

1. Climate Change- What is it? Why/where is it happening? What are we doing about it? What new opportunities are emerging?
2. Plans & Policies- What are the plans? What are the commitments? What are the consequences? What does that mean for individuals?

Learning outcomes:

- Environmental injustice- expand awareness and understanding of how climate change disproportionately affects underprivileged communities.
- Systems thinking- develop critical thinking skills to connect actions to outcomes and recognize the interconnectedness of systems along with the potential for cascading impacts/actions.
- Solutions- learn about an array of exciting new solutions emerging daily and how unexpected actions can have positive impacts.

By understanding the current challenges that both global and local communities are facing, students can begin to creatively think about and identify the ways in which different career paths they may want to explore can be part of the solution.

Dates: workshops will be offered throughout the fall semester based on timelines that work for each individual teacher's schedule.

Registration: we will be offering a total of 4 workshops and registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Depending on Covid procedures, we may be able to offer the workshop to multiple classes simultaneously, but at the moment we can only guarantee delivery to the first four registrants. **If you are interested, please reach out to the Project Now program coordinator as soon as possible to secure your spot.**

Following these sessions, AWARE Whistler is also looking to run another round of the ProjectNOW climate action mentorship program. This program provides students with an outlet to learn more about the issues they're passionate about and empowers them to engage in taking action by helping them design, plan and implement a climate action project of their choosing.

Throughout ProjectNOW, students will also have the opportunity to gain valuable life skills related to project management. Previous students have noted the following reasons to participate as being "very valuable":

- Resume experience & letters of reference
- Project management experience
- Framework that can be applied to future projects
- Tips to effectively communicate ideas.
- Opportunity to network with community members
- Visibility of efforts & public recognition