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PRESS RELEASE

Dear Madam/Sir,

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On behalf of Environment Support Group, I request you to kindly help us in disseminating information of a workshop for Teachers engaged in Environmental Education entitled "Exploring Environmental Education beyond the Classroom" amongst your readers by including this announcement in your daily.

Yours Sincerely,



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Presents

Exploring Environmental Education beyond the Classroom

A workshop for teachers of ICSE, CBSE and SSLC schools



The Indian Supreme Court passed a direction in 2004 mandating all Indian schools to compulsorily and immediately include a subject on environmental studies in all grades from primary to high school. Since the introduction of the subject, teachers have been at a loss as the syllabus confines them to the classroom and text book and the pressure of delivering in a given time. A complete lack of teaching techniques, teaching aids, and creative application to explain environmental concepts to students has made environmental education another burden to teachers and to students in a system that is overloaded.

This workshop for teachers will provide the opportunity to find new skills and share what has worked and what needs to change. This is a workshop for enthusiastic teachers, and coordinators and facilitators of education programmes with a passion for educating and motivating kids. It aims to help young professionals develop their skills and knowledge so they can inspire children and others more effectively.

The purpose of the workshop is to demonstrate to the teachers and educators how the outdoors can be utilized to introduce, strengthen, and emphasize concepts of the environmental education curriculum. Through classroom sessions, games and field studies, we will explore the curriculum, teaching techniques, and classroom activities that can help kids learn about the wonders of nature and their environment. As part of the workshop we will help identify some simple methods and techniques for teaching environmental education in the outdoors and the workshop will also familiarize the participants with some of the environmental issues of Bengaluru.

Teachers will engage with Naturalists, Social Scientists, Environmental Lawyers, Community Health Specialists and Community leaders. Teachers will also be provided with a resource kit.

Workshop Dates: 9th, 10th and 11th July 2009

Duration of workshop: 2 and ½ days

Venue: ESG office

Registration Fees: Rs 750/-

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