

Cultivating Pathways to SUSTAINABILITY



CPS will be happening during the '20-'21 school year ... in-person, remotely, or a combination of both. Regardless of the learning landscape, we can reimagine and transform education together!



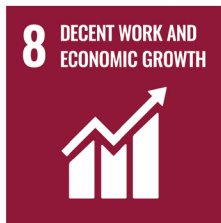
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We must join together
to bring forth a
sustainable global
society grounded in
**respect for nature,
universal human rights,
economic justice, and a
culture of peace.**

— From the Preamble
to the Earth Charter

2020-2021 Shelburne Farms and UP for Learning are excited to announce the 5th annual Cultivating Pathways to Sustainability (CPS). This year, **YOUTH-ADULT TEAMS** from middle level communities will spend a year together connecting the promising efforts of Act 77 — personalized learning, flexible pathways to graduation — to that of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. School teams will link what is going on inside their schools to larger efforts underway, toward making a positive difference in the world. This statewide effort will also connect youth and adult teams across the state in a range of sustainability work that can shift the narrative of curricular focus to empower youth to become actively involved in their school and local communities.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the CPS is to provide middle level communities with structured opportunities to:

- Envision a socially and economically just and sustainable society by cultivating authentic youth-adult partnerships.
- Increase student empathy, independence, perseverance, responsibility, and engagement through project-based learning.
- Teach specific skills for leadership, facilitation, and teamwork.
- Celebrate individuality and develop knowledge of equitable practices.
- Enrich current pedagogical practices with more strategies for student-centered decision-making.
- Elevate youth-adult partnership in their educational community.

Cultivating Pathways to Sustainability will engage middle level teams in learning beyond the conventional school hours and walls. Throughout the year, youth-adult teams will work with resource experts to develop and implement learner-centered projects. Once underway, they will share progress, questions and inspiration via a virtual and in-person learning community. In May 2021, teams will gather for a celebration of learning and sharing.

LOGISTICS

We welcome school teams of 6-8 students and 2-3 adults to register and begin a year-long journey with us.

What are the components of the CPS Learning Community? CPS will begin the year in a virtual community with the hope that we will be in person soon!

GATHERINGS:

- CPS Fall Virtual Summit: September 21, 2020 (United Nations International Day of Peace)
- Youth-Adult Team Retreat #1: October 10, 2020
- Data Analysis Retreat #2: January 21, 2021

- Action Planning Retreat #3: March 12, 2021
- Sharing & Celebrating the work & Planning next steps: May 14, 2021

TEAMS RECEIVE:

- Ongoing coaching with Shelburne Farms/UP faculty, including a fall and spring meeting to further the work.
- A comprehensive resource guide of suggested pedagogical structures to facilitate learning experiences.
- The synergy created by a network of youth and adults engaged in this innovative work. A commitment to work in partnership with students and other adults.
- Quality training and support, including on and off-site consultation and coaching.
- The energy of people who discover their voice and experience agency in their lives.

COST

School team cost: \$6,500. Scholarships are available.

Optional: Graduate Course / Professional Development Hours. UP provides two pathways to learning for adults. In both cases, credit or professional learning hours are based on meeting the course goals:

- In partnership with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), an adult partner can earn 3 graduate credits for the course. This UP for Learning/Shelburne Farms course costs \$2,049, which covers instruction, materials, and all fees associated with SNHU credits.
- If graduate credits are not a priority, adult partners can participate in the same course (for 45 professional learning hours) at the reduced cost of \$1,689.

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