

# Energy Education Weekend

21 MAY 2016 - 22 MAY 2016 / 9 AM - 5 PM / HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL

## Event Captains

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## Agenda for Saturday

**9 am** Breakfast & Introductions

**10 am - 11 am** Delivery of our Impact Statement

**11:15 am - 12:45 pm Workshop 1: The Political Economy of Climate Change**

- Omar Dahi is an associate professor of economics in the School of Critical Social Inquiry at Hampshire College. His research focuses on economic development and the impacts of international trade on the Global South and MENA region. In this 90 minute workshop, Omar Dahi will lecture about the notion of the political economy of dependency that has been formulated by the United States and those who profit from the fossil fuel industry.

**12:45 pm - 1:45 pm** Catered lunch with local Grassroots Environmental Activists

**2 pm - 4 pm Workshop 2 pt. 1 Renewable Energy & Alternatives to Fossil Fuels**

- This workshop will be the first part of an introduction to renewable energy. Demonstrations will be performed in order to give the participants more comprehensive knowledge. Using the knowledge from their collegiate coursework, the four event captains will facilitate a workshop in the following sources of renewable energy:
  - Electricity
  - Natural gas
  - Ecological waste management

## Agenda for Sunday

**9:30 am** Breakfast & Revision of Group Norms

**10:15 am - 11:15 am Workshop 2 pt. 2** Renewable Energy and Alternatives to Fossil Fuels

- This workshop will be part 2 of our workshop on sources of renewable energy. After looking at the advantages and setbacks of alternatives to fossil that are already in use, the second part of this workshop aims to educate on sources of entirely clean energy. The “four pillars of renewable energy” that we will discuss are wave, wind, solar, and geothermal.

**11:30 am - 1 pm Workshop 3** Grassroots Environmental Activism

- This workshop will be facilitated by our panel of local heroes who are trying make an impact in a grassroots way. These activists believe Climate Change is more than environmental issue--it's also a social justice issue! Former members of Mount Holyoke's Divestment Chapter will tell their stories and prove that you do not need the backing of lobbying firms or large corporations to make an impact.

**1 pm - 2 pm** Catered lunch with local Grassroots Environmental Activists

**2 pm - 4 pm** Implementing your own grassroots project

- This workshop will also be facilitated by our panel of local activists. They will work with participants directly in small groups to discuss ideas for projects that participants can implement in their surrounding community. This will be the final step in helping those who organized this conference achieve its mission: to motivate youth to take steps to reverse climate change.

**4:15 pm - 5 pm** Closing Discussion & Statement