



Sustainable Agriculture Education Association

Promoting the teaching and learning of sustainable agriculture:

The SAEA champions innovative educational approaches for sustainable agriculture through the development, application, and research of teaching and learning practices. Our primary activity has been hosting participatory conferences. These gatherings provide a unique opportunity for our members to exchange ideas through in-depth discussions. The SAEA is driven by volunteers who firmly believe in sustainable agriculture. We invite you to join us!

Mission:

The Sustainable Agriculture Education Association promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of best teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula through communication, training, development, and collaborative activities for teachers and learners. The Association is organized exclusively for education purposes.

Want more info? Visit <http://sustainableaged.org/>.

Sustainable Agriculture Educational Materials (SAEM) Database

The SAEM database is a great resource! This digital library is a searchable, cross-referenced database of education resources for sustainable agriculture.

Currently available materials include:

- Program curricula
- Course syllabi
- Lab manuals
- Laboratory & field exercises
- Bibliographies/reading lists
- Other course materials (powerpoints, quizzes, etc)
- Service learning projects

Examples of submitted materials can be viewed at the SAEM website.

<http://locale.mannlib.cornell.edu/saem>

Please consider submitting materials to the database. Submissions can be made at any time. We would like to see this resource to continue to grow and help as many people as possible! Submission instructions are available at the SAEM home page (<http://locale.mannlib.cornell.edu/saem>).

Please contact Rebekah Ritson (rritson@iastate.edu) with any questions about the SAEM or about making contributions to the database.

Resources on alternative facilitation techniques

Open Space Technology

Open Space Technology is one way to enable people in any kind of organization to create inspired meetings and events. Opening space, as an intentional leadership practice, can create inspired organizations, where ordinary people work together to create extraordinary results with regularity. Participants create and manage their own agenda of parallel working sessions around a central theme of strategic importance. <http://www.openspaceworld.org/>

World Café

The *World Café* is a conversational process based on a set of integrated design principles and an innovative yet simple methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important in their life, work, or community. This process can evoke and make visible the collective intelligence of any group, thus increasing people's capacity for effective action in pursuit of common aims. <http://www.theworldcafe.com/>