

FYI- National Teach In on Global Warming

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

How would you like your classroom or campus audience to have a one-on-one session with your member of Congress or Senator? Just [send us an e-mail](#), and we will work to make it happen. As a critical part of [The National Teach-In on Global Warming Solutions](#), and with support from the [Earth Day Network](#), we are **coordinating with Speaker Pelosi's office** to set up a bank of computers in the capitol to create an historic opportunity for national dialogue.

This is a terrific chance for young people across the country to have their voices heard! Your representative can sit down at a laptop in DC and have a half an hour, low-carbon, non-partisan round-table with a campus audience—a class or assembly—on Wednesday, February 4th. **Please forward this message to interested folks** across your state and region, and help us flood congress with invites to this vital day of engagement.

To learn more, join our bi-weekly organizing call, Wednesday, January 7th at noon eastern. Environmental educator **Dr. Tony Cortese will headline the call**, and talk about how you can use the National Teach-In to highlight the [American College and University President's Climate Commitment](#). Call in number is 1-218-486-8700, passcode 020509.

Campus-to-Congress dialogues, and progress on the Climate Commitment are just two components of the National Teach-In. One month away, it is not too late to [sign up your school, faith organization or civic group](#). Help us engage a thousand institutions and a million Americans in this critical day of education.

Participation in the teach-in is easy:

- Screen [the launch web cast, The First 100 Days](#), featuring David Orr, Hunter Lovins, and youth climate leaders Billy Parish and Wahela Johns. Watch the webcast in a campus auditorium, or school or church basement. We are partnering with [Interfaith Power & Light](#)

to produce a special version of the webcast tailored for faith audiences. Or hold a D.I.Y. Teach-In in your living room.

- Campuses can engage further with day-long teach-ins—we have [model curricula for schools from K-8 to university levels](#). Schools planning major events include Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Bard College, and the University of Central Florida.
- End your teach-in in a [round-table dialogue with decision-makers](#): inviting Governors, mayors, and city-councilors to sit down with young people for face-to-face conversation about solutions. Again: Let us know, and we will also invite your federal representatives to engage with your teach-in via video dialogues that we are setting up in the capitol on February 4th.

Already, more than 500 colleges, universities, [high schools](#) and [K-8 schools](#) around the country (also [churches](#), [synagogues](#), [mosques](#), [libraries](#), [civic organizations and businesses](#)) have signed on to participate. At a critical moment at the beginning of the new administration, help mobilize thousands of institutions and millions of Americans, and on this one day, raise global warming solutions to the top of the nation's agenda.

Thanks for the work you are doing.

Professor Eban Goodstein, Co-Director
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Books & Videos For the National Teach-In

With inspiring vision and a timely focus on the economic crisis, [Van Jones'](#) new book is a critical resource for global warming educators. [***The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems.***](#)

On video: **Jon Isham and Eban Goodstein** [talk about their recent books](#) on building the global warming solutions movement-- [Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction](#) (Goodstein) and [Ignition](#) (Isham and Waage)

Other recent books of note: Gary Braasch's [Earth Under Fire](#); and Gary and Lynne Cherry's [How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming](#), Laurie David's [Down to Earth Guide](#); Jay Inslee and Bracken Hendrick's [Apollo's Fire](#) and [Fight Global Warming Now](#) from Step it Up.

Global Warming Organizing Films: [Everything's Cool](#) (Dan Gold and Judith Helfand); [Revolution Green](#) (Stephen Stout and Jessica Kelly)

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