

EDC Grant Midterm Report (2015/2016)

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Project Title: Best Practice Cases of Education for Sustainability in Educational Development

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Overview of the project

- Develop, and make widely available, a set of videos of interviews with EDs, transcripts and a literature review that demonstrate the diversity of ways in which EDs contribute to EfS.

Progress toward stated goals of the project at the midterm point

- To date we have:
 - gained ethics approval at the institutions of the 3 investigators
 - identified initial list of people to interview
 - planned and piloted the interview process and questions
 - hired a research assistant, Kar-Bo Ng, a 4th year UBC Geography student specialization in Environment and Sustainability. She has started a literature review and will be transcribing interviews. She is becoming familiar with the discipline-specific language and principles used by the community of (sustainability) EDs, and she has learned that institutional support can help make EfS more successful.
- Expenditures are minimal so far due to project delay, and Kar-Bo just started in December.

Barriers/challenges encountered and plans for problem-solving

- Project delayed resulted from unanticipated need for ethics reviews. Revised schedule by 2 months but the review took 5 months, resulting in significant delay.

Dissemination, conference presentations and publications based on the project, to date or planned

- Proposal submitted to BC Festival of Learning, Vancouver, June 2016 – project results will inform this workshop.
- Plan to present at STLHE or EDC conference in 2016 or 2017.
- A set of videos, transcripts and a literature review will be disseminated to the EDC community by posting on appropriate websites including the EDC EfS Action Group, the Resource Repository for Sustainability and Leadership, SFU and UBC.
- We will provide a final project report to EDC to be posted on the EDC grant website