

Sparking leadership for a sustainable future

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North American Association for Environmental Education

NAAEE's EE 30 Under 30 recognizes outstanding leaders from around the world who are using environmental education (EE) to create stronger, healthier communities.

To address today's complex challenges, we need a diversity of perspectives, skills, and experiences, which is the power of this program. EE 30 Under 30 celebrates the unique and passionate leadership of talented young leaders around the world and gives them a professional boost to increase their impact.

We do this through:

Community

Learn and network with the EE 30 Under 30 community and other EE leaders

Recognition

Gain credibility and confidence to scale up their work

Professional Development

Build the skills and technical support they need to expand their impact

Funding Opportunities

Opportunity to apply for Changemaker grants to bring transformational ideas to life

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Stories of Impact

Alumni share about the impact of the EE 30 Under 30 community, scholarships, and grants



Taiji Nelson

Connecting people to urban ecosystems through community and peer learning

"This program has opened so many doors by introducing me to amazing people and ideas."

Pittsburgh, PA, USA



Anna Tari

Mobilizing cities worldwide to adopt the circular economy model

"As a professional and leader, my Changemaker grant allows me improve my capacity to bring partners together and create local change across cities worldwide."

Boston, MA, USA



Luisa Zarate

Equipping coffee farmers with sustainable practices that guarantee food security and stable livelihoods

"The Changemaker grant allows me to reinforce my skills, leadership, and commitment to work with projects that amplify local voices, tackle inequalities, and create lasting change in vulnerable communities."

Oaxaca, Mexico







"We are thrilled with the incredible talent, passion, and leadership of these dedicated young individuals who join a growing community of environmental education champions. They are not only working towards a sustainable future, but also inspiring the next generation of leaders who will follow in their footsteps."

— Judy Braus, Executive Director, NAAEE



Jo Leen Yap

Engaging children and adults alike in dusky langur conservation

"I am able to contribute more knowledge and skills back to my country to create greater impact among the local community."

Penang, Malaysia



Jared Hiakita

Empowering communities to build resilient and regenerative local food systems grounded in Maori culture

"My Changemaker grant allows me to lean into my strengths and place me in a position where I will have no choice but to step up and grow as a leader, a professional, and an example for others."

Hokianga, Aotearoa (New Zealand)



Adedoyin Adeleke

Connecting and empowering young people across Africa through mentorship

"Being named and honored among this group particularly enforced my sense of responsibility to intensify my effort and commitment to environmental education for a sustainable Africa."

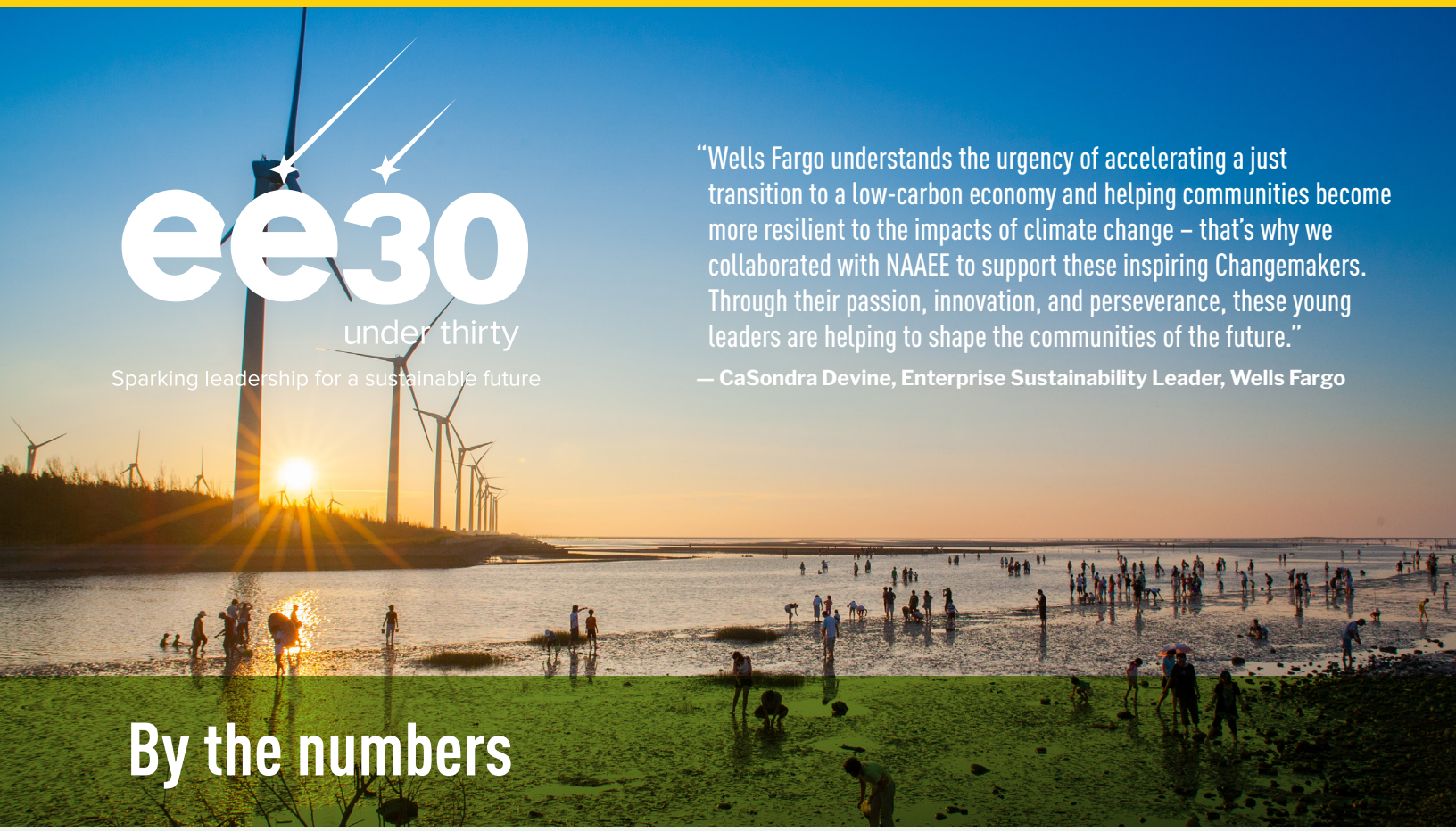
Ibadan, Nigeria

Countries represented by EE 30 Under 30 alumni Changemaker grantee









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"Wells Fargo understands the urgency of accelerating a just transition to a low-carbon economy and helping communities become more resilient to the impacts of climate change – that's why we collaborated with NAAEE to support these inspiring Changemakers. Through their passion, innovation, and perseverance, these young leaders are helping to shape the communities of the future."

— CaSondra Devine, Enterprise Sustainability Leader, Wells Fargo

By the numbers

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Building community

150 alumni

34 countries

43 states/provinces/ First Nations

Catalyzing impact

13 **Changemaker grantees reaching over 25,000 people across 10 countries and 140 cities, building:**

resilient communities

low-carbon economies, and

healthy ecosystems

About NAAEE

For five decades, NAAEE has been a leader in promoting excellence in environmental education throughout North America and around the world, with members in more than 30 countries. NAAEE and its 56 state, provincial, and regional affiliate organizations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico have more than 20,000 members. NAAEE's mission is to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement using the power of education to create a more equitable and sustainable future.

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