

The Maine Solutionaries Project



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<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/II/mainesolutionariesproject>

What IS the Maine Solutionaries Project?

- **High quality hybrid professional learning opportunity**
- **Offered through a partnership**
- **Federally funded**
- **Stipends, customized materials, Solutionary Micro-credential, coaching, contact hours/CEUs, community** plus more between now and the end of September 2024



Benefits for Students

- High engagement in learning
- Evidence based optimism
- Academic skill development
- Teaching and practice of enduring skills
- Curiosity and compassion
- Agency
- Real world connections



Benefits for Teachers

- Solutionary Framework
- Learning community
- High quality resources
- Stipend/mileage reimbursement - lodging if 2+ hours away
- Solutionary Micro-credential
- Contact hours from ME DOE/CEUs available for additional fee
- Project funds
- Coaching/support
- Hybrid high quality professional learning





Solutionary Framework™

A four-phase process people can use to become solutionaries



I. IDENTIFY

1. Select a big issue to learn more about
2. Identify the problem you want to solve
3. Write your problem statement and initial questions to guide your investigation



II. INVESTIGATE

4. Connect with stakeholders
5. Investigate the impacts and causes of the problem
6. Research what has been done to solve the problem thus far



III. INNOVATE

7. Propose solutions that address causes of the problem, and which do the most good and least harm to people, animals, and the environment
8. Choose the solution that is most solutionary and most feasible to implement
9. Create a plan to implement your solution



IV. IMPLEMENT

10. Implement an actionable element of your solution
11. Present your solutionary work
12. Assess, reflect, iterate, and celebrate

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HumaneEducation.org

Nuts and Bolts

- Format: Daylong in-person kickoff followed by four 1-hour zooms, four short online modules and 1:1 support
- Cohorts are limited to 20 – ideal size is 15-16
- Lots of tools, examples, topic focused resources and support from cohort-based Maine-based coaches
- \$1000 stipend and Solutionary Micro-credential for teachers who complete the course and submit a plan
- Participate with a school team - work together on one plan!
- \$400 project funds also available to teachers who finish



A Cohort Based Approach

Cohort	Focus Topic	Kickoff Event	Zoom Meetings
Cohort 1 Apply by: 3/26	Climate Change	Tuesday April 2	Wednesdays 4pm (4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22)
Cohort 2 Apply by: 3/26	Food Systems & Waste	Tuesday April 2	Tuesdays 4pm (4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/21)
Cohort 3 Apply by: 6/20	Human Rights & Equity	Thursday June 27	Tuesdays 9am (7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/13)
Cohort 4 Apply by: 6/20	High School Mixed	Thursday June 27	Tuesdays 3pm (7/2, 7/16, 7/30, 8/13)
Cohort 5 Apply by: 7/2	Water Quality	Tuesday July 9	Tuesdays 9am (7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27)
Cohort 6 Apply by: 7/2	Middle School Mixed	Tuesday July 9	Tuesdays 3pm (7/16, 7/30, 8/13, 8/27)
Cohort 7 Apply by: 7/31	Climate Change	Wednesday August 7	Tuesdays 4pm (8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/1)
Cohort 8 Apply by: 7/31	Plastics Pollution	Wednesday August 7	Wednesdays 4pm (8/14, 8/28, 9/11, 9/25, 10/2)

Kickoff Session Locations:

April 2 - Brunswick
 June 27 - Bangor/Brewer
 July 9 - Sugarloaf
 August 7 - Augusta



The ClanEd Learning Board

Four short online modules
Topic specific resources

Resources for each phase of the Solutionary Framework
Easy ways to connect to others in your cohort



Want more information? Have questions?

- Go to the [Maine Solutionaries Project webpage](#) on the Maine DOE website.
- Read the information on the [registration form](#).
- Email questions to Josie, Project Manager for the Maine Solutionaries Project:
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