

LEEF AGM and Conference

Saturday 13th June 2009

The LEEF (London Environmental Education Forum) AGM, "Rising to the challenge", was held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Delegates heard that during the previous financial year LEEF successfully received a grant from City Bridges Trust to fund one part-time (3 days a week) member of staff and that other sources of funding were being sought. Justin Dillon stood down as Chair of LEEF with Nina Arwitz taking on the role. LEEF's new website is now live and includes a summary of events and courses it has run over the past year. The organisation has around 200 members, both individual and corporate, whose education work includes the natural and built environment.

With the main AGM business finished, delegates had a choice of workshops in the morning and afternoon, giving opportunities to share ideas and experiences in the field of environmental education. Some workshops were held out-of-doors.

Before lunch, all delegates walked from the Museum, in the heat of the day, up the steep incline to the Planetarium, adjacent to the world-renowned Observatory in Greenwich Park. Here we watched the Planetarium show 'Ice Worlds', filmed in the Antarctic, showing how the region is altering due to climate change.

Time was set aside at the end of the day for delegates to share information on their organisations and visit the museum. The range of activities and the broad mix of delegates involved in environmental education had made this a very positive day.

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