

Dr Elaine Lewis provides Two-way Science support for the Department of Education, Statewide Services, Perth, Western Australia. In this role Elaine supports metropolitan teachers implement the Two-way Science program, which is an integral component of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures Cross Curriculum Priority.



In previous roles for the Department, Elaine assisted teachers embed the three Cross Curriculum Priorities of the WA Curriculum - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Australia's Engagement with Asia, and Sustainability - into their teaching programs. She has worked as a teacher, across K-7, for over thirty years.

Her research interests focus on Education for Sustainability (EfS), particularly the impact of the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative in primary schools. Elaine completed her doctoral research in this area, conducting a longitudinal study of EfS at a school catering for children from three to twelve years old.

In addition to Dr Lewis' work on the Little Green Steps committee, she serves on the management committee of the Australian Association for Environmental Education - WA Chapter and is the Convenor of the Education Committee of the One World Centre Inc (WA). In all these roles Elaine is involved in many school and community-based EfS initiatives, with particular interest in the Early Years.

In 2008 Elaine was awarded the de Laeter Medal for "Outstanding Contribution to Science Teaching". This was followed by presentations of the national "Educator of the Year" award in 2012, and the "Sustainable Schools Educator for Western Australia" award in 2020, both from the Australian Association for Environmental Education. In 2021 the Department of Education presented Elaine with the "Women of Achievement" award.

Finally, Dr Lewis has experience as a sessional lecturer in environmental education at Murdoch University, as well as literacy and special needs education at Edith Cowan University Australia.

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