



## Teach-In 2019: Moving Forward Participant Guidelines

Dear Teach-In Participant,

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the March for Science Miami 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teach-In. As you probably know, the MFSM community came together during a time of great upheaval in our current political climate, to advocate for and safeguard scientific integrity, to celebrate public discovery, and to ensure the free and open distribution of scientific knowledge—understanding that sound science is crucial to the freedom, health, and safety of life on this planet. As you may know, our inaugural Rally and Expo in 2017 gathered over 4000 people in support of this cause and our First Annual Teach-In 2018 brought together over 250 dedicated science advocates during a crucial midterm election year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teach-In 2019: Moving Forward will include:

- Postcard writing session while people gather
- 3pm—Opening rally with introductions and art presentation.
- 3:30—Presentations. **Participants will give issue-framing presentations on the local history and context of three issues: Sea-Level Rise and Climate Change, Plastic Use and Reduction, and Fracking. Each issue will have two-three “framers” and each framer will have 5-10 minutes in which to present their unique perspective on the issue. Depending on the response from the audience, plan on the entire presentation taking approximately 90 minutes.**
- 5pm—Policy workshops on the “Bricks” where local organizations and student groups will lend their expertise to the issues.
- 5:30—Social with food and drinks.

The goal is to educate, but also to have attendees walk away with the seeds of a petition or workable policy they can support and defend on the path towards change. In this spirit, last year we held a panel on public health research as it relates to gun violence and this year, we will have a community group gathering petition signatures for a Florida constitutional amendment to ban assault weapons. Let us see what this year’s Teach-In will inspire! We expect to have great participation from local schools, colleges, and universities, as well as community groups. We hope your involvement in the day will be rewarding. We ask that you please share our flyer and promote the day! Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are any questions or concerns.

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