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## Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund's Annual Learning Exchange - June 30, 2025

City University of New York Graduate Center – 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016

**Wi-Fi: GCGuest**

Time	Content / Speakers	Location
9:30 – 10:00 am	Check-in / Networking Breakfast	Concourse Foyer and Lobby
10:00 – 10:30 am	Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restore America's Estuaries (RAE)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Shahela Begum, LISCIF Program Director, RAE</li><li>o Daniel Hayden, President &amp; CEO, RAE</li></ul></li><li>• Setalcott Nation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Helen Morningstar Sells</li><li>o Robert Thompson</li></ul></li></ul>	Concourse Foyer
10:30 – 11:40 am	Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collective Oyster Recycling and Restoration</li><li>• Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed</li><li>• Energy Justice Law and Policy Center</li><li>• THE POINT CDC</li></ul>	Auditorium
11:40 am – 12 pm	Q & A from the Audience	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch / Break	Concourse Foyer

1:00 – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Statements and Strategy – Room 201               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Philip McAdoo, RAE Senior Advisor</li> </ul> </li> <li>• QuickDrops: Expanding Access to Data – Room 202               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peter Lindereth, Save the Sound</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Navigating Steps to Aquaculture Permitting – Room 203               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Barry Udelson, NY Sea Grant</li> <li>○ Chelsea Miller, NY DEC</li> <li>○ Elizabeth Hornstein, NY Sea Grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LISCIF24 Project Share-out: Bronx River Alliance, Seatuck, Groundwork Bridgeport – Room 204               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nathan Hunter, Bronx River Alliance/NYC Parks</li> <li>○ Seatuck, Maureen Dunn</li> <li>○ Tanner Burgdorf, Groundwork Bridgeport</li> </ul> </li> <li>• LISCIF24 Project Share-out: Mill River Wetland Committee, Environmental Leaders of Color, Community Resource Center – Room 205               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Samantha Anderson, Mill River Wetland Committee</li> <li>○ Diana Williams, Environmental Leaders of Color</li> <li>○ Nicole Tuck, Mariana Espinoza, Marco Bohorquez, Community Resource Center</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	C201-205
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Networking Coffee/Bio-break	Concourse Foyer
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Breakout Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Grant Writing – Room 201               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connor Yakaitis, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	C201-205



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- Green Infrastructure – Room 202
  - Lys Grant, Save the Sound
- Meaningful Community Engagement – Room 203
  - Ruby Olisemeka
  - Adrian Huq
- Long Island Sound Partnership: Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan – Room 204
  - Nicole Tachiki, EPA Region 2
  - Jimena Perez-Viscasillas, NY Sea Grant
  - Abbie Winter, CTDEEP
- LISCIF24 Project Share-out: Save the Sound, Campaign for the Environment, Hutchinson River Restoration Project – Room 205
  - David Abreu, Save the Sound
  - Maureen Murphy, Campaign for the Environment
  - Ann Henderson, Melissa Sotelo, Hutchinson River Restoration Project

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Closing Session

Concourse Foyer

- Closing Reflections:
  - Shahela Begum
  - Eastern Pequot Tribal Member
- Networking / Feedback Opportunity
- Light Refreshments

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Annual Learning Exchange Ends