



Greetings Academy members,

We hope you and your loved ones are safely enjoying the great outdoors as we approach mid-July, whether you are hiking along the trails or relaxing at the beach! We have compiled for you a collection of SEL-related recordings that you can listen to and/or watch as you are laying in the sun and basking in the midsummer weather.

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### Check out these recordings on a variety of SEL-related topics:

1) [SEL and the Arts](#)

In a webinar hosted by the Maine Department of Education, Dr. Maurice Elias of the Social Emotional and Character Development Lab at Rutgers University and Co-Director of the Academy for SEL in Schools presented on “SEL and the Arts: Exploring the Interconnection.” Elias describes the synergistic relationship in which art and SEL competencies can be fostered by the teaching of both topics.

2) [SEL as a Lever for Equity and Social Justice](#)

Check out Part One of this five-Part Webinar Series which discusses equity and racial injustice through the lens of social and emotional learning. Part one is on cultivating and communicating a commitment to this work, featuring Eric Moore from Minneapolis Public Schools and Heather Hirsch from Minnesota Department of Education.

3) [SEL and Life Skills](#)

Bringing together international policy makers, practitioners, and researchers, the 2nd Global Online Karanga occurred on June 30th. This conference covers some incredibly timely topics, including sessions on education during emergencies, hybrid learning, and social justice.

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### Help wanted!

Although summer is typically a time for educators to re-group and re-charge, this summer is a little different for everyone. As we think about Fall 2020 and the start of the school year, we want to remind you that we have your back! That being said, we want to do our very best to meet your needs. Our Virtual Professional Learning Community (VPLC) is still active, but we are looking to build up our bank of VPLC experts and tools. We are asking for your help. If you could send us an issue, topic, or question for which you would most like consultation/support we would greatly appreciate it! All emails can be sent to:

[SElvplc@gmail.com](mailto:SElvplc@gmail.com)

Not sure what to send? Use the following prompts/questions as a guide.

- Send us:
  - The name of your favorite SEL/SECD-related web site we should make sure our VPLC knows about.
  - The name of your favorite SEL/SECD book or article we should be sure our VPLC reads.
  - The biggest challenge you have found in building SEL/SECD/School culture while working in a remote environment?

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### Upcoming Events

#### [Educator Self-Care & Social Emotional Learning](#)

Join this five-day series that will focus on your self-care through the lens of CASEL’s five SEL competencies.

July 13th - 17th @ 11am

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