Outreach Highlight: Double Discovery Center at Columbia University

Outreach Sector: Education, Minority Outreach

About Double Discovery Center (DDC):
DDC serves over 1,000 students per year in grades 7-12 from the Morningside Heights area of New York City. Approximately 74% of all DDC students live below the nation's poverty level and would be the first in their families to attend college. The Double Discovery Center provides model educational programs and services which enable young people historically underrepresented in higher education to pursue their highest aspirations and to achieve the full breadth of their intellectual potential.

CRED is partnering with the Double Discovery Center to educate its students about climate change science and social science approaches to sustainable development. A key focus will be to show youth the far reaching implications of psychology and decision research and how it can be applied to global dilemmas like climate change.

Summary of Outcomes:
In April 2007, CRED hosted a panel discussion on the science of climate change, the decision making aspects of climate change information processing, and mitigation and adaptation solutions. The audience was 100 students.

The panel will present recent climate findings, CRED research on how people respond to variations in climate science framing, and individual and group level solutions. CRED will leave the audience with a list of solutions, such as ways to “green” their homes and schools.

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