

ELSO Inc. is a nationally-recognized black-led organization focused on STEAMED (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, Environment, Design) education.

Created in 2015 by Women of Color, we provide innovative, culturally affirming educational programs that invite youth of color—from kindergarten through young adulthood—to Experience Life Science Outdoors.



We support Black and Brown youth development in environmental justice, community design, scientific thinking, problem-solving, and career exploration.

OUR PROGRAMS www.elsoinc.org/programs

ELSO offers year-round seasonal programs for children to young adults. Programs vary upon season, and include outdoor camp activities, wildlife excursions, art, architecture, coding, and robotics.

Young adult participants gain valuable early exposure to career pathways in the natural and built environment through our paid internships, training, leadership development, and summer work opportunities.



Our design program teaches youth how to use design as a tool for racial, social, and environmental justice.

The program includes a paid after-school cohort, a hands-on city-wide Design Forum, community outreach events, and ELSO's Youth Climate Education Project.



Wayfinders Day Camp is a STEAMED based camp for K - 8th graders that focuses on life science, ecology, community and cultural history.

Wayfinders takes a multicultural approach to science education and uses the natural world to connect and teach culturally relevant education.

Our goal is to create future Black and Brown community and science leaders.



Tappin Roots Black Nature Educators is a paid environmental internship exploring green sector career paths.

Tappin Roots was created and led by collaborative community partnerships with Black and Indigenous leadership.

Tappin Roots seeks to train and empower the next generation of environmental community leaders. Cultivating Generations of Black and Brown innovators and problem solvers for community and global impact.







GIVE

All gifts to ELSO help empower and inspire future generations of Black and Brown leaders.

Check with your employer about setting up matching funds & Employee Giving options.

ENGAGE

We partner with K - 12 schools, community based organizations, local government agencies, environmental groups, and businesses such as architectural and construction firms.

VOLUNTEER

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities within programs and events.

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GENERAL INQUIRIES





EXPERIENCE | LIFE | SCIENCE | OUTDOORS

A multi-cultural approach to STEAMED education rooted in environmental justice and cultural history.

