



## #PodcastsInTheClassroom

### Episode Question Ideas: Episode 107

#### Once In A Generation Adaptation Investment with re:focus partners' Shalini Vajjhala + Hoboken Adapts to Climate Change!

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#### Full Episode Questions

- How do we navigate a world where success looks like something not happening? Provide three examples of success being something that did not happen.
- Pretend you are given the opportunity to speak to a local city official. In <500 words, explain to them the rationale for shifting their infrastructure for water/ sewage/ roads/ etc. despite the potential for increased costs in the beginning. Include approximately 100 words to explain the change that infrastructure will experience locally. Use the example of infrastructure for protection discussed at 14:00.
- How does the issue of looking backward more often and more easily than looking forward influence your field of adaption? How do we begin to shift this mindset to a forward-looking paradigm?
- Do you think that when you have to enter climate conversation through non-climate topics, such as finance, you miss opportunities to mobilize knowledge or is it an opportunity to engage new communities?
- What tools and strategies might you use to help a community determine how far forward (i.e. in time) to plan?
- At 33:00, according to Dr. Vajjhala, how does what happened economically to the Rust Belt region of the United States compare to climate impacts? Do you agree with the description in the episode? Why or why not?
- Write a one-paragraph description of the work Mike Stall lead at the EPA on the value of environmental protection and making the case for not doing something



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(i.e. successes are things that did not occur).

- How could we encourage cities and towns to act at the first signs of climate detriment to their region (e.g. Hurricane Irene) rather than after complete desolation (e.g. Hurricane Sandy)?
- Outline three lessons for city-level adaptation from the Hoboken case study from either guest. How can other cities benefit from this knowledge?



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