



## Educators Newsletter

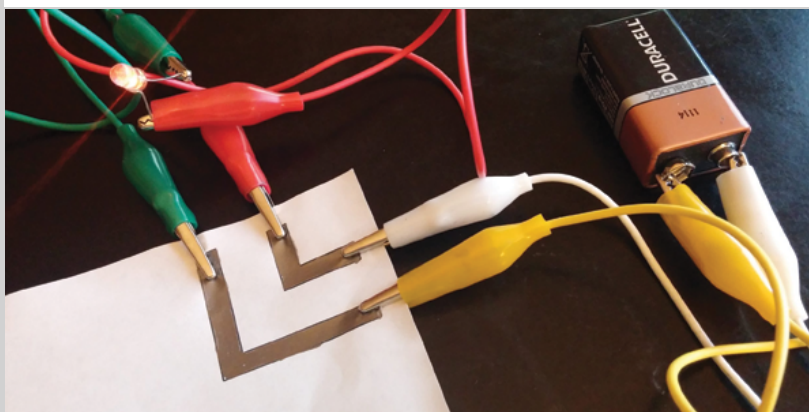
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### Drawing connections: STEM, art, and storytelling



In October, CEI's education team hosted a booth at ["Stories That Spark Change: An Evening with Graphic Novelist Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez"](#) in celebration of Latine/Hispanic Heritage Month. CEI's new Education & Training Fellows, [Rose Lee and Anqi Zu](#), featured our [Draw A Circuit activity](#) to connect with the event's themes of art and clean energy. Our booth also spotlighted coloring pages in both Spanish and English from CEI Member Faculty Julie Rorrer's [Color Me Ph.D. project](#). Event coordinators also highlighted CEI Member Faculty [Lilo Pozzo's work in Puerto Rico](#) to support communities after Hurricane Maria with microgrids.

### [Draw a Circuit: Fun with Graphite](#)



Students explore the conductive properties of graphite and graphene as they create simple circuits. This is an ideal lesson for teaching about the transfer of energy and the electrical grid.

## Meet a clean energy researcher: Anna Okounkova



Anna Okounkova is a fourth year physics PhD student and CEI Graduate Fellow. She does experimental condensed matter research studying 2D materials in the Yankowitz lab. Throughout her graduate school experience, one of the things she finds most rewarding is showing students how accessible research is and the incredible things you can achieve in a laboratory setting.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Classroom or virtual visit

Request a classroom or virtual visit from our Clean Energy Ambassadors [here](#).

#### March 8: Teacher Workshop at UW

CEI will host our annual workshop for Secondary STEM Educators to learn about cutting-edge research in clean energy that can be integrated into your curriculum. [Sign up here](#) to be notified when registration is open.

#### Pilot a new activity!

Are you interested in piloting a new activity or lesson related to clean energy? If so, [sign up here](#) and we'll reach out with opportunities.

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