



Eco Connections Newsletter - May 2018

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NSEN Updates

Board Members Wanted!

We're looking for you! NSEN is looking to expand our board of directors. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is a province-wide organization. Having representatives located throughout the province is essential for all regions to have a voice. It's easy to join in meetings through video or phone.

Why join the NSEN Board of Directors?

- Gain professional contacts and friends in the environmental sector in Nova Scotia
- Bring your interests, background, and skills to the day to day operation of a non-profit society
- Create and manage projects that to add depth to your portfolio
- Experience collaborating with government and environmental groups
- Engage with the public on environmental issues affecting Nova Scotians
- Be a part of a passionate team that is looking to connect environmental advocates and activists and cause sustained positive changes in our ecosystems

Read more about being a board member here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/2018/05/29/join-our-board-of-directors/>

We welcome all to apply - students, recent grads, professionals, retirees - and everyone in between! We'll be taking nominations for board members at our AGM (see below) on June 27th - but you don't have to be in attendance to be a nominee.

For more information send a message to: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Join us on June 27th at 6pm for our 2018 Annual General Meeting

All are welcome on Wednesday, June 27th at 1313 Hollis Street for a night of networking + updates from the past year.

We'll be serving snacks + drinks from 6 p.m. to kick things off!

This will be followed by an overview of NSEN's year past from current board members, staff & volunteers at 6:30 p.m. A special guest industry speaker for the night will be announced soon.

We have a bunch of fantastic door prizes up for grabs from our generous sponsors in the HRM - theres a good chance you'll go home with a prize!

NSEN is at a turning point and we need the support of our members and supporters to keep the organization moving forward. Looking forward to catching up and seeing you all there. We also warmly welcome any new or interested members.

Please register here - its a FREE event: <https://nсенagm2018.eventbrite.ca/>

Check out & SHARE the Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/660662840935977/>



NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK INVITES YOU TO

NSEN AGM 2018

ALL WELCOME

27 JUNE 2018 • 6 PM
1313 HOLLIS ST, HALIFAX, NS

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:
<https://nсенagm2018.eventbrite.ca>

For more info contact: Megan at nсенenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

 Nova Scotia Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Join us for a chance to win fantastic door prizes from our generous sponsors:

SAVE THE DATE: NSEN Environmental & Sustainability Education Caucus Summer Solstice

The ESEC's annual Summer Solstice will tentatively be held on Friday, June 22nd from 9:30am-3:30pm. For more info, you can follow the ESEC Google Group: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ns-eec>

Get Involved with NSEN

We encourage anyone who has a particular interest in a certain area to join or start a caucus. Presently the Environmental & Sustainability Education caucus meets regularly and has an active member group. We would like to expand action in the areas of Climate Change, Food, Health, Mining, and Environmental Law.

We would also like to encourage those who prefer managerial and administrative tasks to apply to be considered for the administrative board (above). We are looking for specific administrative skills that are not issue or advocacy specific.

For more information about caucuses contact the board: jonilight3@yahoo.ca

Experienced in grant writing or working with the Nova Scotian government and can offer your skills? Or is it something you'd like to gain more experience in?

NSEN is currently looking for collaborators to work with various governmental departments and agencies to secure funding. We are looking to expand the scope of NSEN and commit to becoming a more inclusive organization. If you are interested in social justice, environmental human rights, environmental issues affecting minority groups, or indigenous storytelling, we are looking for people to write and edit proposals as well as create online and print content for NSEN. Please get in touch!

NSEN Survey

We'd love to hear your thoughts + opinions on NSEN. Please help us shape the future of the network. We need your help in choosing what to focus our collective energies on and to become better at providing the services and support that our members need.

Click the link below, complete the short survey & help us out! ❤️
Add your email into the last question and you'll be entered in a draw to win a \$25 gift card from our friends at Good Robot Brewing Company 🍺

Click here to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MRS2SB>



Events

JUNE 2018

Oceans Week HFX 2018 - June 1-10

www.oceansweek.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/events/126423751560047/>

Doors Open Halifax 2018 - Halifax Recycling Facility - June 2

20 Horseshoe Lake Dr, Halifax, NS B3S 0B7, Canada

Come and see where your recycling goes at the Halifax Recycling Facility in Bayers Lake, 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive.

Tours will be held every 15 minutes from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family to this free event!

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2048371878716628/>

Five Bridges Trust Warbler Walk - Sunday, June 3 - 7 a.m

Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park

Join us for a guided tour of Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park to appreciate the nesting warblers. Everyone is welcome. Meet in the parking lot area at. Wear your hiking footwear and bring water and snacks.

More info: <http://fivebridgestrust.ca/wp/?p=1183>

Mayor's Bike Ride - June 4 - 3-5p.m.

NSCC Ivany Campus, 80 Mawiomi Place, Dartmouth Provincial Park

Join Mayor Savage and Councillors on the Dartmouth Harbourwalk for HRM's sixth annual Mayor's Ride on June 4 at 3:00pm. Meet at the NSCC Ivany Campus (lower parking lot). The ride will end at 4:00pm with a reception at Alderney Landing. Bring a bike and helmet! Rain or shine.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/230747637692979/>

World Environment Day Plastic Pollution Waterfront Clean Up - June 5 - 10am-2pm

Bishop's Landing, 1475 Lower Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

June 5th is World Environment Day. This year, the focus is #BeatPlasticPollution. As a coastal city, garbage on our streets and waterfront quickly make their way to the ocean or wash up down the coast. In honour of World Environment Day, The United Nations Association in Canada's Green Corps Program is hosting a waterfront clean up. Come out anytime between 10am - 1pm to help clean up the waterfront and keep our oceans free of plastic pollution. All cleaning materials will be provided as well as snacks and refreshments.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/105997283610683/>



Sackville Rivers Association: Thirtieth Anniversary Party - June 7 - 7 PM

Sackville Heights Community Centre, 45 Connolly Rd., Middle Sackville.

The theme will be: "Restoration, Education, Recreation ... the Next 30 Years".

We will look back and celebrate the work of staff and volunteers who have collectively had an enormous impact on the health of the Sackville River and its watershed. Please let us know if you will attend: sackvillerivers@ns.sympatico.ca or call 902-865-9238) Walter N. Regan, President

Introducing Rural Water Watch: Thursday, June 7 at 7:00 pm at The Old School, 7962 Highway #7, Musquodoboit Harbour.

Rural Water Watch is a new organization offering help to rural communities facing drinking water issues. Presented by Eastern Shore Forest Watch. ESW Report to the Community and AGM follows. All welcome! FREE! See you there! info@forestwatch.ca
Barbara Markovits, for Eastern Shore Forest Watch Association

Head of Jeddore Post Office
Nova Scotia B0J 1P0
www.facebook.com/esfwa
www.forestwatch.ca

Halifax Passive Solar Construction Course - Saturday, June 9 - 9AM to 5PM
The PASSIVE SOLAR CONSTRUCTION COURSE will be held at Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, Leeds St., Halifax, Room 303

This course is intended for those wishing to design and build a PASSIVE SOLAR HOME with an air recirculated heat storage slab.

Please register by phone or email: 902-852-3789 or solardon.ns@gmail.com

More info: <http://solarns.ca/node/212>

World Oceans Day Event - June 9 11am-2pm
Bridgeport shore bottom of Davidson street, Glace Bay, NS

Bay It Forward and Cape Breton Environmental Conservation Association are hosting a cleanup event for World Oceans Day!

Come take part in the largest shoreline cleanup ever to hit the town of Glace bay!

More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/965950713578677/?active_tab=about

Tata Centre: Annual General Meeting and Annual Gathering of Members!
Tatamagouche Centre Saturday, June 9, 2017; 9:45 am - 2 pm
259 Loop Route 6, RR#3, Tatamagouche, NS B0K 1V0

Please reply to info@tatacentre.ca to register for the AGM or call 902-657-2231

More info: <https://www.tatacentre.ca/?r=programs/details&id=2519>

International Ocean Institute-Canada
14th Annual Elisabeth Mann Borgese Lecture
Celebrating World Oceans Day 2018

Room 105, Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Avenue
Friday 8th June at 7.00 p.m.
Reception with EMB exhibit to follow. All welcome!

PEACE AND EQUITY IN OCEAN GOVERNANCE – POSSIBILITY OR PIPE DREAM?

Panel:
Vice-Adm. (ret'd) Glenn Davidson, CMM, CD
Dr Susanna Fuller, High Seas Alliance
Hugh Williamson, CD, Dalhousie University

Moderator:
Dr Wendy Watson-Wright,
Ocean Frontier Institute

WWF
High Seas Alliance
OCEAN FRONTIER INSTITUTE
IOI International Ocean Institute

www.dal.ca/oihfx

Gardening Party: Barn Raiser - June 10

Dartmouth North Community Food Centre, 6 Primrose Street Unit 140, Dartmouth

It's our third annual Gardening Party and we're working to double the impact of the Dartmouth North's Community Farm!

Help us raise funds and get things growing at the Dartmouth North Community Food Centre.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/181478629173941/>

200 Trees Planting Party - June 9 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Dalhousie Faculty of Engineering, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building, 6100 University Ave, Halifax

Help us create a living legacy. Led by urban forest researcher Peter Duinker, the Faculty of Management is partnering with Facilities Management, the Office of Sustainability and the Halifax Regional Municipality, to plant 200 trees across the Studley and Sexton campuses for Dal's 200th anniversary.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/200-trees-planting-party-registration-46070237320>

The Basics of Bike Maintenance - June 10

Friends of The Hantsport Public Library, 10 Main Street, Hantsport, Nova Scotia

Come learn the basics of bicycle safety, how to complete common repairs, and general do-it-yourself maintenance (i.e. how to change a flat tire, gear adjustments, brake setup and more)

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/211641112767879/>



LEARN TO BIRD-BY-EAR

ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF NOVA SCOTIA

- WHAT** An immersive *Birding-by-Ear Workshop* focused on learning the basics of how to listen and learn bird song. This workshop is led by Sarah Gutowsky (sarahgutowsky.com) - Scientist, Educator and Expedition Guide.
- WHEN** June 8-10, 2018 (3 days & 2 nights)
- WHERE** Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre (harrisonlewiscentre.org), 339 Sandy Bay Road, East Port L'Hebert, NS B0T 1S0, approx. 2 hours from Halifax
- COST** \$325 per person includes 2 nights accommodation on the beautiful South Shore, full facilities access, home-cooked meals/snacks, and 3 days of in-the-field learning.

DETAILS

Learning bird songs can be daunting. This workshop will jump start your audio-recall by teaching the basics of how to listen, how to recognize song types for common bird families, and how to start building a song repertoire for NS. Most importantly, our focus will be on in-the-field learning and on having fun outside! Our goal will be to learn the songs of 25 common NS species.

TO REGISTER: Visit harrisonlewiscentre.org or contact Jessica at info@harrisonlewiscentre.org or (902) 440-5503.



THRIVE Nova Scotia Conference - June 17-20

Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Highway, Halifax

We are a network of diverse people and partners who are passionate about our communities and concerned about the future. We believe it is time to think bigger, look deeper, and act smarter.

Our goal is to thrive—not just survive—as we take steps towards a future that works for all.

Early bird registration ends April 27!

More info: www.thrivenovascotia.ca

Register TODAY! The 2018 Annual ACIC Symposium June 21-23

Charlottetown, PEI

Walking Together Towards a Sustainable Future is the title for this year's event. Our special keynote is Sheila Watt-Cloutier!

More info: www.acicsymposium.org

Hike Nova Scotia AGM - June 23 - 10:30am-2:30pm

Douglas Street Rec Centre, 40 Douglas St, Truro

10:30 am - Hike in Victoria Park (meet in the Douglas Street Recreation Centre parking lot)

12:30 pm - Lunch (a light lunch will be served)

1 pm - Annual General Meeting

All attendees are required to register by June 21.

Register here: <https://www.hikenovascotia.ca/courses-workshops/#id=124&cid=1331&wid=301>

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1801005980204611/>

GO (Get Outside) Hike Workshop: Halifax June 23

This learn-to-hike, one-day workshop teaches the basics you need to know to be comfortable and safe while hiking. It covers planning, equipment and risk management and is delivered mostly outside while hiking on a trail. After this workshop, you will have the tools to choose your own hikes, go with a couple friends or your family. It is suitable for those who want to become more active and are new to hiking. The workshop will be delivered by an Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) certified instructor. The cost is \$75 to \$85 and it is offered through Hike Nova Scotia in partnership with the OCC and supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. You must register in advance - space is limited.

For more info: www.hikenovascotia.ca.

Summer 2018 Permaculture Atlantic Network Potluck Series

June 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00pm

There will be a potluck in Fredericton at The Ville Cooperative in Marysville, Saturday

More info: agriculture@theville.ca

Open Farm Day - June 24 - 1pm-4pm

Sullivans Family Farm, 161 Sullivans Rd, Truro

Come join us for a family fun afternoon at the farm! Participate in a guided tour around to see the animals, activities for children and scope out our sales table of products including ice cream cones.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1818653235094488/>

All In: Facilitating Positive Youth Group Experiences - June 26-27 - 9am-4pm
HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development
50 Queen St. Dartmouth, NS

Have you ever wondered how to maximize positive outcomes for youth in groups? This two-day workshop will build a deeper understanding of effectively moving groups through the stages of group development by facilitating fun, active and appropriate games and initiatives. Together, we'll explore group development theory and provide concrete activities that are exciting, active and challenging for young people.

More info: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/all-in-facilitating-positive-youth-group-experiences-registration-46568090412>

Sprouting Change Creative Leadership Camp - July 30-Aug 3
MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning, 50 Queen Street, Dartmouth

Sprouting Change is a unique program that balances personal growth and community development through creative and educational activities. The camp is distinct in its collaborative and intentional nature. In order to expose participants to local sustainability opportunities, a diverse group of local initiatives are involved as guest facilitators

More info: <https://www.letssprout.org/camps>

Social Justice Youth Camp Program - August 13 - 17

We bring youth together from all the different communities and cultures in the Maritimes for a camp that focuses on social justice and environmental issues, culture, and gender, race and injustice.

Registration Deadline: July 13, 2018

More info: <https://tatacentre.ca/> or contact us at info@tatacentre.ca

Starhawk is coming to Tatamagouche Centre! - August 18-September 1

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche

Join Starhawk and Charles Williams for their internationally recognized Earth Activist Training (EAT). This two-week intensive is a Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) course, offering the basic, internationally-recognized 72-hour permaculture curriculum with an additional focus on social permaculture, organizing tools, and spirit.

Registration/Bursary Application Deadline: July 18, 2018.

More info: www.tatacentre.ca/index.php/programs/details/2509

Fundraising for Non-Profits with Kim Klein - Sept 12-14, 2018

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS

The premise of grassroots fundraising is simple: it is possible to raise the money you need to do the work you want. It is not necessary to compromise your values or change your programs and it doesn't matter if you work in a rural or urban community. Fundraising is also part of community organizing and can be built into everything an organization does. **Full details:** <https://tatacentre.ca/index.php/programs/index.php?r=programs/details&id=2512>

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Nine Mile River Bridge Celebration: Saturday, September 22, 2018

The Trust is working with the St. Margaret's Bay Safety-Minded ATV Association to plan a public event to celebrate the completion of the new bridge at the Nine Mile River. This event will allow the community to visit the bridge by ATV. We'll keep you posted.

EconoUs 2018 September 24, 9am - September 26, 5pm

Delta Hotel Beausejour Moncton, NB

EconoUs2018 provides an exceptional opportunity to: connect with social innovation leaders from across Canada who share a passion for building strong, inclusive community economies; learn about strategies for generating positive local economic, social and environmental impacts; share your successes, challenges and questions on how to create inclusive communities, sustainable environments and local prosperity with an economy that works for all; reinvigorate efforts for change in your community and organization through new ideas, knowledge and connections. Robert Cervelli, CLP Executive Director, will be leading a workshop on Import Replacement. Andy Horsnell, CLP Senior Consultant, will also be presenting at this event.

More info: <http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/event/econous-2018/>

ClimaCon 2018 - October 10-11, 2018

York University in Toronto, Ontario.

ClimaCon is Canada's largest convergence of climate heroes: a space for people from every corner of the climate movement in Canada to come together, learn, share stories, build relationships, and have fun.

More info: <http://climacon.info/register/>

MacPhail Woods 2018 Calendar of Events

More info: <https://macphailwoods.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Calendar-of-Events-final.pdf>

2018 Calendar of Events

APRIL
APR 18 - Owl Prowl #1
APR 20 - Owl Prowl #2
APR 22 - Owl Prowl #3
APR 28 - Owl Prowl #4
APR 27-29 - Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance

MAY
MAY 3 - JUN 2 - Native Plant Nursery Open
MAY 5 - Landscaping with Native Plants
MAY 12 - Birds & Breakfast
MAY 12 - Shelter-building for Kids
MAY 19 - Pruning Trees & Shrubs
MAY 19 - Mastering the Art of Fire-lighting
MAY 26 - Creating and Maintaining Hedgerows & Windbreaks

JUNE
JUN 2 - Plants of Prince Edward Island with Kate MacQuarrie
JUN 2 - Last Day of Native Plant Nursery Sales
JUN 9 - The Backyard Arborist: Proper Pruning & Planting
JUN 10 - Acadian Forests & their Inhabitants at Risk with Bob Bancroft
JUN 23 - Identifying Native Trees & Shrubs
JUN 25-29 - UPEI Field Course in Ecological Forestry

JULY
JUL 2-6 - Becoming A Naturalist Summer Camp (Ages 8-10)
JUL 9-13 - Young Ecologist Summer Camp (Ages 10-12)
JUL 14 - Introduction to Native Botany
JUL 14 - Forest Restoration Workshop
JUL 16-20 - Nature Discovery Summer Camp (Ages 6-8)
JUL 23-27 - Becoming A Naturalist Summer Camp (Ages 8-10)
JUL 28 - Tracking the Mammals of PEI

AUGUST
JUL 30 - AUG 3 - Young Ecologist Summer Camp (Ages 10-12)
AUG 1-3 - How to Share a Love of Nature: A Course for Island Educators
AUG 6-10 - Nature Discovery Summer Camp (Ages 6-8)
AUG 13-17 - Bushcraft Ecology Summer Camp (Ages 12+)
AUG 18 - Volunteer Afternoon
AUG 26 - Third Annual Festival of Forests
AUG 27-31 - Acadia University Field Course

SEPTEMBER
SEP 22 - Knots & Natural Cordage
SEP 22 - September Stargazing
SEP 29-30 - Ecological Bushcraft: An Overnight Excursion

OCTOBER
OCT 6 - Woodland Ecology: an Introduction to Forest Stewardship
OCT 14 - Autumn in the Forest

NOVEMBER
NOV 2-4 - Chainsaw Safety & Maintenance

- All Events take place at our Nature Centre unless otherwise noted.
- Events in brown require advanced registration and/or an associate fee.
- Events in black are free to attend.
- See below for all event descriptions.

Macphail Woods is a project of the Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island, a registered charity. Donations are welcome and help fund a diverse range of activities across the Island.

Nature Trust 21st Annual Dinner & Auction

October 25, 2018 - 5:30pm Cunard Centre, Halifax

Join the Nature Trust and much-loved and entertaining local zoologist, curator and nature educator, Andrew Hebda, at our 21st Annual Dinner and Auction at the Cunard Centre in Halifax.

Help us celebrate the year's land conservation successes, network with like-minded friends, and help raise critical funds and awareness for the Nature Trust's continued work saving the most unique and outstanding places across Nova Scotia.

Register: <https://reg.agendamanagers.ca/Registrant/Register/3366010>



Job Opportunities

Position: Field Station Assistant

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Harrison Lewis Coastal Discovery Centre

Location: Port L'Hebert, Nova Scotia (on-site accom. available)

More info: <http://FoodWork.ca/941954>

Position: Outreach & Communications Coordinator

Organization: ACORN

Location: Sackville, New Brunswick

More info: <http://FoodWork.ca/982954>

Position: Crew Leader

Type: full-time seasonal position

Organization: Nature's Route Farm

Location: Point de Bute, New Brunswick / near Amherst, Nova Scotia

More info: <http://www.foodwork.ca/jobs/job-in-new-brunswick-and-nova-scotia-organic-farming-work-45425>

Become a Naturalist Tour Guide

Seacology by Kayak has some exciting opportunities open for new naturalists to lead informal, fun, and educational tours. Seacology By Kayak is a program that connects local marine experts and researchers with interested public participants to get everyone out on the water and engaging with the marine environment.

More Info: <https://blogs.dal.ca/sustainabilitynews/2018/05/17/become-a-naturalist-for-seacology-by-kayak/>

Position: Krafting Kamp and Membership Coordinator

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: kind krafts

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

More Info: <https://GoodWork.ca/942754>

Position Title: Ambassadors/ Enviro Team members

Type: summer job / summer student position

Reporting to: Executive Director

Organization: Spring Garden Area Business Association

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/993754>

Position: Sustainable Seafood Coordinator

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

We are seeking an experienced and enthusiastic Sustainable Seafood Coordinator to lead the EAC's SeaChoice work and collaborate with our partner organizations in order to achieve our campaign and policy goals. Deadline: Monday, June 4th, 2018.

More info: <http://FoodWork.ca/960954>

Position: Marine Protection and Planning Coordinator

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

We are seeking an experienced and enthusiastic environmental campaigner with expertise in marine issues, who is looking for a dynamic and challenging job opportunity to make change in the world's oceans.

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/947854>

ECELAW Summer Student

The East Coast Environmental Law Association (ECELAW) invites applications for a 12-week Summer Student position to be held between June 11th and August 31st, 2018.

More info: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/2018/05/31/job-posting-ecelaw-summer-student/>

Position: Tour Leaders

Organization: Evolve Tours

Location: applicants from anywhere in Canada

Job Brief: As the tour leader of a trip, it is your job to manage all logistics of the trip; act as a tour guide providing educational information about the travel destinations; be the friend, entertainer, and leader of the students & teachers; and more.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/travel-jobs-in-outdoor-experiential-tour-guides-and-responsible-tourism-45106>

Position: Canvasser, Membership Recruitment Team

Organization: Ecology Action Centre

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Ecology Action Centre one of the most active and outspoken environmental charities in Atlantic Canada is seeking students or recent graduates to help strengthen our movement by canvassing for new members of our Centre.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/job-in-halifax-charity-and-environmental-nonprofit-organization-45029>

Position: Summer Arts & Nature Program Educator

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Knowlesville Art & Nature Centre

Location: Knowlesville, New Brunswick (near Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock)

Job Brief: We are seeking a student excited about outdoor, nature-inspired education who is fun-loving, enthusiastic, warm, with strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication, musicality, and strength in arts and crafts. Candidates with some background in Agriculture / Education/ Community Leadership/ Natural Sciences/ Fine Arts are strongly preferred.

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/992854>

Position: Ecological Garden & Trails Coordinator

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Knowlesville Art & Nature Centre

Location: Knowlesville, New Brunswick (near Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock)

We are seeking a student excited about outdoor, nature-inspired education who is fun-loving, enthusiastic, warm, with strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication, musicality, and strength in arts and crafts. Candidates with some background in Agriculture / Education/ Community Leadership/ Natural Sciences/ Fine Arts are strongly preferred.

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/913854>

Position: Customer Service Associate

Organization: Cyclesmith

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia (near North St. & Agricola)

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/972854>



Volunteer/Collaboration Opportunities

Special Report on Climate Change and Land - Registration

First Order Draft Expert Review

The Expert Review of the First Order Draft of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL) will run from 11 Jun 2018 to 05 Aug 2018 (23:59 CEST). Registration will be open until 29 Jul 2018 23:59 (CST).

Register: <https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/srccl/fod/register.php>

Needed: Environmental photography

Type: volunteer role (see below)

Organization: East Coast Environmental Law Association (ECELAW)

Location: anywhere in the Maritimes

East Coast Environmental Law Association (ECELAW) is looking to expand its photo library and needs the expertise and keen eyes of photographers who have a knack for capturing the essence of the Maritime environment.

More info: <https://GoodWork.ca/923654>

**Call for citizens or groups/orgs/businesses to sponsor a beach in your neighborhood!
Check out TheSwimGuide.org today**

What place do you enjoy swimming at our beaches? Want to report pollution to the city & want to learn about trusted water quality information before when recreating?

Swimguide is the most accessible way of collecting grassroots information, providing beneficial use data and therefore enabling protection of our waterbodies- all together now!

Do you know a business in the neighborhood that would benefit from shared exposure from over 3000 users clicking on each beach this season? Ad space is available for \$100! How about a community group that monitors and stewards the recreational area already? Ad space is available for their in-kind contribution!

Don't hesitate to champion the RAH2050.org program, connecting you to the shorelines in your backyard since 2016!

Happy #OceansWeekHFX

ACIC is looking for indigenous youth age 18-35 years for our International Internships for Indigenous Youth (IIY) program!

Apply today: www.acic-caci.org/acic-internships

How We Thrive-Call For Community Stories - June 17-20

Through video storytelling, we can bring your voice and the voice of others into the How We Thrive conference. and preserve these essential stories of positive community impact and growth. We're asking for your recommendations for people, organizations, collectives etc who are doing great things in our communities.

More info: <http://csc-ns.ca/how-we-thrive-story-submission-page/>

Sierra Club Canada Foundation - Call for 2018 Board Nominations - AGM June 16

Sierra Club Canada Foundation (SCCF) is a registered charity whose mission is to be a voice for the earth. We work to protect and preserve the natural environment and to empower people to be stewards of the earth in their communities.

Currently, we seek:

- a regional director for the Atlantic Canada region. Only members ordinarily resident in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland and Labrador are eligible to run for this position.
- individuals interested in serving as Treasurer. Members who have a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation are eligible to run for this position

We are also seeking individuals interested in serving in a volunteer capacity on the following committees that report to the board: Communications, Finance, Membership, National Conservation and National Development.

Please send your nominations & inquiries to:

David Snider, Nominating Committee Chair at: david.snider@videotron.ca

Volunteer Opportunity at EAC: Rock on at the Backlot Bash!

Garrison Brewing Co., Sustainability Ally of EAC, is holding the fourth annual Backlot Bash Saturday June 16th

We're looking for 45 MORE volunteers to help with set up, selling drink tickets, working EAC's info booth, recycling sorting, working the keg bowling station and pouring beer for guests. This is an outright awesome fun volunteer experience and we would love to have you. If interested please email Ryan EAC's Community Giving Manager at ryan@ecologyaction.ca and provide your phone number, mailing address, T-Shirt size and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions. We look forward to hearing from you! ROCK ON!

EAC Front Desk Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for friendly folks to volunteer at our front desk! You'll be responsible for duties like answering the phone, greeting visitors, making calls to members, responding to emails and helping out with ad hoc assignments. Basic computer skills and English language are required, and good problem-solving abilities are a plus. The front desk is a great way to learn more about what happens at the EAC, get to know the staff, and be part of our office!

We generally ask for a minimum 4-month commitment to the position. Contact Joanna if you're interested, at 902-454-5226 or joanna@ecologyaction.ca

Partnership Wanted: White Paper Idea

My name is Johnny Price and I live in the southeast US. I am a retired Environmental Engineer. I am mainly writing to throw out an idea to your group and will pose it as a question in the hope of planting a seed with an environmental organization that has well established roots.

Q. Have the members of NSEN ever thought of putting together a Citizens White Paper to address the host of environmental issues affecting the Gulf Of Maine? What I am thinking about is a paper with perhaps 15 pages of past and now images plus accompanying narratives that is signed off by citizen stakeholders from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and even those states directly affected in the US (provided they want to participate). Why am I going out of my country - because given the US environmental political climate I fear the idea doesn't stand a chance of taking root here in the US - that simple.

More info: bluestar2024@mail.com

Position: Garden/Construction work

Type: volunteer/work-exchange with private room, meals, more

Organization: MareGold Retreat Centre

Location: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Are you a creative builder interested in using reclaimed materials? Do you want to build structures with your mark on it? Do you love to garden and be in nature?

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/gardening-and-natural-building-in-nova-scotia-45068>

WANTED: Farm, house, land help needed

Type: volunteer position with accom., breakfast, lunch, more

Organization: Free Roots Farm

Location: Margaree Harbour, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

More info: <http://www.foodwork.ca/volunteer/organic-permaculture-farm-work-trade-exchange-position-on-cape-breton-island-nova-scotia-45037>

Position: Communications Assistant (Volunteer)

Organization: Let's Sprout

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Let's Sprout is sparking a global movement in which we are all connected to our values and have an increased capacity to challenge social and environmental injustices. We create spaces for youth to compassionately explore their whole selves, question the world with an empathetic and critical lens, and demand action.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/social-change-and-environmental-action-mentorship-45007>



Funding & Contests

MEC supports the community of active outdoor enthusiasts.

Spring grants are accepted January 9 to March 19.

Fall grants are accepted July 3 to September 11.

More info: <https://www.mec.ca/en/explore/spring-and-fall-grants>



SUSTAINABLE OCEANS
2018

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Have a cool marine photo showcasing ocean connection, innovation or optimism?

Deadline August 31st, 2018
Submit photo: <https://bit.ly/2IoILUY>

Submission Details:
www.dal.ca/sustainableoceans

Prizes:
\$50 for 1st Place
\$25 for 2nd Place

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The Robin Rigby Trust

Call for Proposals 2018: Collaborative Coastal Research

<https://blogs.dal.ca/sustainabilitynews/files/2018/05/Robin-Rigby-Trust-2018-Call-for-Proposals.pdf>

Nourish Nova Scotia Food & Film Challenge - October 12

Devour! The Food Film Fest and Nourish Nova Scotia invite children and youth of all ages to make a short film about food. Watch the CBC promo [here](#). We need you to show us how food influences your health, community or environment. What would you like to change in your food world? The best will be screened at Devour! Food Film Fest in Wolfville this October and on CBC! The winner will receive:

- a \$500 prize to support a healthy eating program in your school/community from Nourish NS
- a \$500 GoPro kit from CBC, so you can continue to shoot great film after the contest

More info: <https://nourishns.ca/devour>

Green Schools Nova Scotia / Efficiency Nova Scotia

Contest time! Post a photo of your clothesline for a chance to win \$100! A winner will be selected every week through June 14. Post your photo on Facebook and/or Instagram, tag Efficiency Nova Scotia and use the hashtag #NSClotheslines for your chance to win!

Innovate to Opportunity: hire full time graduate / PhD candidate for 3 years.

More info: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/innovate-to-opportunity/>

Co-op incentive: receive \$7.50 / hour to pay a co-op student (minimum wage for student is \$15)

More info: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/co-op-education-incentive/>

Graduate to Opportunity:

Employers receive 25% of the first year's salary – 35% if the new grad is a member of designated diversity group – and 12.5% of the second year's salary.

More info: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/graduate-to-opportunity>

Opportunity: Join a Research Project and Get a Free Marketing Audit of Your Charity

Management Advisory Service (MAS), a volunteer-run charity that offers pro bono consulting for nonprofits, is searching for 10 mid-sized charities who are willing to receive a free 2 week long marketing audits in 2018.

To qualify, the charity must expense more than \$70,000/year in fundraising or marketing costs and be willing to allocate 15 staff hours (anywhere in Canada via Skype/Facettime). Participating charities receive a confidential marketing audit that will give them an outside perspective on their internal processes and suggest new marketing ideas. Once 10 marketing audits are complete, MAS will write a white paper summarizing the patterns that emerge. The white paper will be promoted to all charities across Canada through free educational webinars and articles.

More info: contact MAS at info@masadvise.org



Buy/Sell/Trade

Previously Loved Thermo Dynamics System For Sale

Solar boiler system to pre-heat your domestic hot water. Purchased from ThermoDynamics (Halifax) five years ago. System includes one solar collector with roof mount kit, PV pump, solar boiler and 270 liter storage tank. Asking \$3200.

Contact: Desirée Jans djans@nncweb.ca **More info:** <http://solarns.ca/node/210>



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Our Plastics, Ourselves

I want to say one word to you. Just one word. Are you listening? Plastics."

-- The Graduate, 1967

Plastics are convenient, affordable, and useful. They can be molded into furniture, shopping bags, and eyeglasses. Modern cars are more than 50% plastic, and plastic fibres are woven together to create nylon and other synthetic textiles. This is why Dustin Hoffman's character in *The Graduate* receives advice to pursue a career in them, to jump on the opportunities this magic material affords our contemporary society.

The same chemical features that make plastics so versatile also render them a growing threat to human and

ecosystem health. Plastics take too long to degrade. For example, a plastic soda bottle takes over 450 years to break down. They are also lipophilic, meaning they act like sponges and absorb chemicals they have been exposed to. This can include persistent organic pollutants, heavy metals, and other common toxic substances. They carry these toxins wherever they are discarded. If tossed into the ocean, they go wherever the current takes them. If thrown into a landfill, they sit, potentially leaching contaminants into the soil and perhaps into groundwater.

Their ubiquity means we have an abundance of plastic waste in landfills, waterways, and roadside ditches. A global assessment of plastic production reveals that we have created 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic since it was invented, equivalent to over half a billion garbage truckloads.

About 75% of this, 6.3 billion tonnes, is now waste. While a small portion of plastic does get recycled, most single-use items such as drinking straws or water bottles end up in landfills or discarded in the environment.

The sheer volume of plastic means it is returning to us in ways big, small, and nano-sized. By 2050, the ocean will contain more plastic than fish. Discarded waste has coalesced into five massive plastic gyres in

the ocean, of which the Great Pacific Garbage Patch is the largest. Wildlife is being choked, poisoned, and entangled by plastic. The fish we eat and the water we drink – including, ironically, water in plastic bottles – is now contaminated with plastics.

The rising tide of plastics is motivating people around the world, including members of Sierra Club Canada Foundation, to address the problem. It is an issue in which we see ourselves reflected, in terms of personal choices, as well as our ability to enact solutions at almost every level.

April 22, 2018 was Earth Day. Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna used the opportunity of a beach clean-up on McNab's Island in Halifax to ask Canadians what we think are the solutions to plastic pollution in Canada. This is a huge opportunity for action against what is largely a preventable problem.

We need to go beyond the feel-good triage of beach clean-ups and address plastic pollution at its source. We need a federal policy that incentivizes the reduction or elimination of plastic waste.

The Canadian Environmental Protection Act grants the federal government power to limit or ban the release of pollutants into the environment. Federal government can also create industry standards that would reduce the release of plastic fibres into waterways from textiles and other goods. Provincial governments can create plastic reduction targets and incentivize better management, be it via recycling, bottle deposit-return programs, or other means. Municipalities have the power to enact bans on the use of plastic products, as Victoria, BC has done. Businesses and affiliated organizations can step up and stop using single-use plastics, such as take-out containers.

There is a huge groundswell across the world to deal with plastic pollution. The first step is getting active – pushing for the many solutions that are at our fingertips to resolve this problem.

Sierra Club Canada Foundation is seeking your support for our campaign to develop and implement robust policies aimed at replacing, reducing, reusing, and recycling plastics. We have developed a national Plastics Group for which are developing tools to further our fight against plastic. Please join the campaign today and sign on to take action.

With our thanks!

By Becky Bassick, Gretchen Fitzgerald, Mohan Basnet, and Lino Grima
<https://www.sierraclub.ca/en/Join-the-Plastics-Campaign-today>

Re- Do not negotiate a settlement with Kinder-Morgan using Canadian tax-payer money

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Wilson-Raybould and Minister McKenna,

I am writing to ask that you not spend valuable Canadian tax-dollars on settling anything with a multi-billion dollar oil and gas company from Texas. Your government was elected because it was supposed to be a new day for Canada- one that worked to address climate change by transitioning our society away from fossil fuels; one that would lead the way for ensuring the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (who largely oppose the Kinder Morgan pipeline) and one that would protect our oceans, land and air from pollution. None of these will be achieved by the course you seem to want to take.

A recent report by Canadian energy expert and former federal NRCan employee David Hughes shows that despite increasing our oil and gas production since the 1970s, overall revenue to the government has been in steady and recently sharp decline. <https://energyoutlook.ca>. Oil and gas workers account for only 2.23

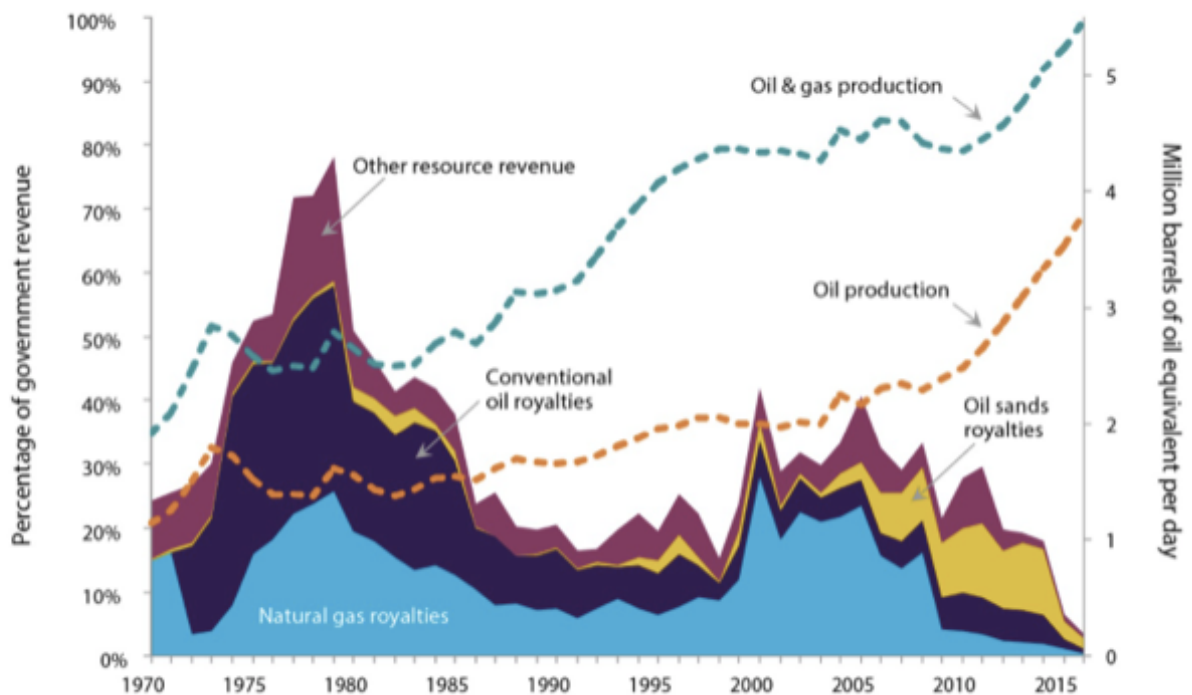
percent of the national workforce with the majority of the jobs temporary and in Alberta its only 7%. Why are you willing to high-grade our environment and our economy for a diminished return. Andy why are you sending us backwards?

Alberta based Iron and Earth <http://www.ironandearth.org> plans on creating 1,000s of new Alberta jobs in the renewables sector. That's the kind of focus your government should be taking.

New Zealand has declared a ban on all new offshore oil and gas exploration. Their prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, said her government "has a plan to transition towards a carbon-neutral future, one that looks 30 years in advance". "Transitions have to start somewhere and unless we make decisions today that will essentially take effect in 30 or more years' time, we run the risk of acting too late and causing abrupt shocks to communities and our country."...<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/12/new-zealand-bans-all-new-offshore-oil-exploration-as-part-of-carbon-neutral-future>

Its frankly shocking how willing your federal government is to jeopardize our economic and environmental future. Please see the chart below from Mr Hughes' report-there is no return from pursuing fossil fuels, but you can certainly make the choice to change directions.

Respectfully,
Peggy Cameron
Vic-president, Black River Wind



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Nova Scotia Environmental Network

Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Thanks for reading the May 2018 Eco-Connections Newsletter!

If you:

- have submissions to include
- would like to receive the Eco Connections directly to your inbox
- or have any other feedback/questions

Please email Megan at: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Don't forget to RSVP for our AGM on June 27th:
<https://nseagm2018.eventbrite.ca/>

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