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Eco Connections Newsletter - April 2018

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NSEN Updates

Board Members Wanted!

We're looking for you! NSEN is looking to expand the board. Having a board is the cornerstone of a strong network and NSEN is a province-wide organization - so we would like to have representation from all areas of province on our board! It's easy to join in meetings via teleconference.

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

Member Call-Out: Caucus Leaders Needed

We encourage anyone who has a particular interest in a certain area to join or start a caucus. Presently we have Environmental & Sustainability Education and Water caucuses which do very valuable work in their areas. 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. We are looking for specific administrative skills that are not issue or advocacy specific.

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

Congratulations to Sheila Cole!

Sheila Cole is a long time member and friend of Sierra Club Atlantic Canada Chapter, Ecology Action Centre and Nova Scotia Environmental Network and was recognized for 3 decades of environmental work by Minister Iain Rankin at Province House on April 11th.

Sheila Cole, NSEN member with Minister of Environment, Iain Rankin and Janelle Frail



NSEN Environmental & Sustainability Education Caucus

The next ESEC meeting will be **Friday, April 20, from 10am to 12pm**, at the **Museum of Natural History**.

The meeting will take place in the boardroom, which is on the lower floor in the Museum. There is paid parking in the Museum's lot, metered parking on the side streets, or the Museum is very reachable by bike, foot, bus, skateboard, etc.

Your host for the meeting will be Robin Musselman, Young Naturalists Club Coordinator. She has some exciting news to share about our group of keen young nature nuts! I hope you'll come and share your news and views too. At the meeting there will be more discussion of hosting a professional development day for teachers and after-school program leaders about environmental/sustainability program available for our member groups. And it's the time of year to start planning for our wonderful Summer Solstice gathering, this year on June 22.

NSEN Staff Changes

A big, warm thank-you to Janelle Frail for her hard work and dedication to NSEN over the years - we wish her the best in all her future endeavours. At the same time, we welcome Megan MacLeod as the new Communications Coordinator at NSEN. Email Megan at nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com or through Facebook message at [facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork](https://www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork) with your event and news submissions, enquiries, or just to say hello!



Events

APRIL 2018

Application of Advanced Autonomy for Survey Operations - April 19 Wooden Monkey, 305-40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

Autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) are reasonably common places survey tools in the scientific, defence and commercial market segments. Now we are seeing AUV operations being augmented by Unmanned Surface Vehicles (USVs). By adding advanced autonomy we aim to create a system that is more capable than its component parts. This presentation will discuss both

the physical elements alongside the challenges of developing and implementing advanced autonomy for survey operations.

More info: leslie.munro@coveocean.com

Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) & Modules 6 dates · 20 April – 16 November The Deanery Project 751 West Ship Harbour Road, Lower Ship Harbour

Interested in energy, soils, plants, water, natural building and communities? Then join Permaculture Design Educator Charles Williams to explore how permaculture can provide practical, hands-on solutions to address both local and global issues. The curriculum includes in-depth permaculture theory, design methodology, practical exercises, and group projects. Course content was developed by Bill Mollison in the 1970's, and is today regarded as the standard in permaculture education, recognized and respected worldwide.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2283384551687182/>

Email: info@thedeaneryproject.com

Transition Launch Online Training from Transition US Thursdays, March 29 to May 17th

Like Transition Bay, Transition US is a part of the international Transition Movement. They are planning an online Transition Launch, which we think some of our local members might find of interest. Transition Launch is designed to provide you with everything you need to set-up and run a Transition or other community resilience-building initiative right where you live. At the same time, you will learn essential life skills, such as how to forage knowledge on the web and facilitate online meetings. Many of these skills are highly-transferable to a wide variety of collaborative projects and businesses.

More info: [event registration page](#)

(Please note, this is a US group and the cost is listed in US dollars.)

Sandy Lake Conservation Association's Earth Day Event - April 22 - 1:30pm Starting at in the inner parking lot of the Bedford Lions Club Beach at the end of Smith's Road, off the 102 at Hammonds Plains Road.

Bob Guscott is conducting a forest walk around the Sandy Lake area, It is expected to last 1 ½ hours. It will be an informative walk, not a hike.

Bob Guscott is a naturalist and forest ecologist who retired in 2009 from the NS Dept. of Natural Resources after 30 years as a Chief Technician and Forest Health Specialist.

Stop the Big Heist - April 20 - 12pm-1pm Halifax Convention Centre, 1650 Argyle St., Halifax

Canada's Atlantic Ocean is being handed over to oil industry, and we need to stop it. The Federal Liberal Party will be in Halifax this week for their biennial convention. Please join in to tell them we won't give up our waters, fisheries, and endangered whales to offshore petroleum boards directed by fossil fuel industry insiders.

Come out on Friday and make your voice heard! We will not allow our government to sell off our lands and waters to oil companies!

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/200021557269099/>

Skillshare - Starting Seedlings & Growing Your Own Veg - April 21 2pm-4pm Robie Tufts Park, Wolfville (under the chimney overhang in front of the library)

Hosted by Transition Wolfville Area, come out and learn how to get started growing your own veggies! We'll learn to plant seedlings, what to plant when, how to care for them, how to transplant them and what containers you can use that work for a tiny deck or a big yard. Rain or shine :)

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1839992232727062/>

ACAP Cape Breton Earth Day Auction - April 21 - 7pm-10pm

Dobson Yacht Club, 600 Westmount Road, Sydney

Join us for a silent auction and live music! Tickets only \$10!

Mermaid Food Truck will be there for anyone that wants to purchase a tasty snack.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/178069682823002/181700665793237>

Treaty Teach-In & Action Brainstorm - April 21 - 1pm-4pm

Shambhala School, 5450 Russell Street, Halifax

Are you interested in learning about the Peace and Friendship Treaties? Are you interested in exploring what it would mean for the Treaties to be honoured, and who is responsible for upholding the Treaties?

Want to be involved in anti-colonial organizing and the struggle to Stop Alton Gas?

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/398937040571920/>

Mi'kmaki Water Walk 2018 - April 22 - April 28

The Mi'kmaki Water Walk in Sipekne'katik homelands is a ceremony for the water, we will carry the water of our beautiful, bountiful Shubenacadie River and precious ecosystem. We walk and pray and gave thanks as treaty people, to honour our responsibility to protect and respect our mother earth and all sacred waters.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/184343208866230/>

Building A Community Garden - April 22 - 10:30am-3:30pm

315 Portland St, Dartmouth

Join us on Earth Day for a backyard work party! Elder Billy Lewis will help us design and build garden boxes for a community garden with donated wood, while the wonderful and generous Rebecca Teddman will gather the children together to start a fairy garden and butterfly enclosure. Work begins at 10:30 and a potluck lunch with soup and homemade bread will keep us going strong! Come to learn about our plans for medicine gardens, ways to attract pollinators and to stake your claim on a garden plot of your very own

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/555148388199747>

Agricola Street Clean-up - April 22 - 10am-12pm

2696 Agricola St, Halifax

Spring has Sprung and it's time to give our community a little freshin up! Join your neighbours and participate in the Agricola Street Clean-up!,

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/632283700451886/>

Healthy Ocean, Healthy People - April 23 - 7pm-10pm

St. Andrew's United, 6036 Coburg Road, Halifax

This event is part of a series of public presentations by St Andrews United Church highlighting environmental issues of public concern. Dalhousie's Dr Boris Worm, well known oceans

researcher a.k.a. The Oceans Guy on CBC, will talk about Healthy Oceans, Healthy People: how the ocean supports our daily lives. There will be also a special ocean art/photographic display courtesy of 14 Bells Fine Art Gallery. Admission is by donation, Students from Grade 6 to university level are especially welcome, at no charge.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/459237881175070/>

Up!Skilling Food Festival 2018 - April 28 - 8:30am-4:30pm

37 Nepean St, Sydney

Looking to UP! your Food Skills? From growing, sourcing, harvesting, storing, preserving and cooking local and healthy food – there is a workshop for you! Open to the entire island community, there will be a total of 16, hands-on, 1-hour workshops hosted by a local community experts. We will offer a complimentary, locally sourced and healthy lunch, fair trade tea and coffee, a common area for networking and musical entertainment, and lots of food related info!

Register here: <https://upskilling2018.eventbrite.ca>

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1618900364825505>

Dump & Run: April 29 - 9am-5pm

Dalhousie SEXTON Memorial Gymnasium, 1360 Barrington St, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Halifax's largest, indoor community yard sale!

More info: <https://blogs.dal.ca/sustainabilitynews/2018/03/26/this-years-dump-run-is-sunday-april-29th/>

MAY 2018

Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden – 2018 Spring Planting - May 5th, 1pm-4pm

St Margarets Bay Crossroads, 5209 Saint Margarets Bay Road

Join us for starting the 7th successful year of the Crossroads Educational Vegetable Garden! We will be doing soil prep in the raised beds, and planting beets, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, onion, chard, kale and rutabaga. Last year, we harvested a total of 665 pounds of vegetables for the St Margarets Bay Food Bank. Learn how to garden food successfully while helping your community.

More info: info@transitionbay.ca Free – All welcome – No registration, just come!

FREE Sustainability Network Webinar: NAFTA and Free Trade: An Ecological Economics Perspective with Eric Miller - May 8 - 1pm - 2pm EDT

Enthusiasm for free trade is based upon the economic theory of comparative advantage. How well does this theory relate to the modern world? And how does the typical template of a free trade agreement, such as NAFTA, align with sustainability-oriented objectives of conserving resources, reducing pollution, and promoting more public goods? Learn about answers to these questions from an ecological economics perspective. This free webinar will introduce a brief written by Eric Miller in support of broader economic literacy on this subject that will be made available before the webinar.

To register visit: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3300058095567592193>

12th Bay of Fundy Science Workshop - May 9–12

Cox Institute, Agricultural Campus, Dalhousie University, Truro, Nova Scotia

Theme: "A Changing Fundy Environment: Emerging Issues, Challenges and Priorities"

The response from the Bay of Fundy science, management, university, and NGO communities to the call for presentations for the Workshop has been outstanding! Over 40 presentations, panels, and a poster session are planned.

Keynote presentations:

Dr. Kimberley T.A. Davis, Dalhousie University - "An Uncertain Future: the Right Whale's Fight Against Environment, Biology and Ocean Urbanization"

Dr. Graham Daborn, Acadia University - "Reflections on the Bay of Fundy and its Future"

Program: [BoFEP Workshop Page](#).

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/12th-bofep-science-workshop-tickets-43673278953>

Film Premiere of Blue Heart - May 10 - 6pm-8pm**Patagonia Halifax, 1496 Lower Water St, Halifax**

More than 3,000 hydropower dams and diversions are either proposed or in the process of being built on Europe's last wild rivers in the Balkans and will cause irreversible damage to rivers, wildlife and local communities. Blue Heart documents the battle for the largest undammed river in Europe-Albania's Vjosa-the effort to save the endangered Balkan lynx in Macedonia, and the women of Kruščica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, who are spearheading a months-long, 24/7 protest to protect their community's only source of fresh water.

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/233903320504895/>

NS Hiking Summit May 11-13**Keltic Lodge, Ingonish**

Hike Nova Scotia invites individuals and groups with an interest in hiking, walking and snowshoeing to the seventh annual Nova Scotia Hiking Summit. The summit is a celebration of hiking culture and includes best practices, stories, networking opportunities, hikes and a new family / kids program. Registration is \$45 for paid Hike NS members, \$55 for non-members and \$35 for children, youth and students. The deadline to register is May 6

More info: www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/hiking-summit/

Leadership Development Conference May 11-13**St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonist**

For 4-H senior members and high school students in Atlantic Canada, the theme this year is "Yes We Can!". It focuses on leadership development through community engagement and communications.

Register: <http://www.alumni.stfx.ca/s/650/17/interior.aspx?sid=650&gid=1&pgid=2466&cid=5235&ecid=5235>

More info: rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca or 902-863-7501

Harrietsfield Williamswood Needs Safe Water: Public Meeting - May 14 - 6:30pm**Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Center, 1138 Old Sambro Rd, Harrietsfield**

More info: Marlene Brown mmmbrown3@gmail.com

3rd Annual Cumberland Energy Symposium - May 24 - 8am-5pm**Dr Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre, Springhill**

At the Third Annual Cumberland Energy Symposium Robert Cervelli, Executive Director and Andrea Vandenboer, Project Manager and Filmmaker, will introduce the screening of our documentary film Climate Change and the Human Prospect. The film documents the details and vision of events during the 2017 Thinkers Lodge Retreat in Pugwash, NS.

More info: <http://centreforlocalprosperity.ca/event/3rd-annual-cumberland-energy-symposium/>

2018 Nova Scotia Celebration of Nature - May 25-27

Debert Hospitality Centre, 130 Ventura Dr, Debert

The theme this year is Species at Risk. Youth activities include an all day field trip on the Saturday to the beautiful Wallace Bay National Wildlife Area where we will be joined by Liza Barney from Bird Studies Canada and Becky Parker from Ducks Unlimited who will guide us through several hands on and engaging activities.

Adult programming has three interesting guest speakers including:

“Nova Scotia Landbird Species at Risk” – a report by Dr. Cindy Staicer

“Raising Monarch Butterflies”- Larry Bogan

“Acadian Forests and their Inhabitants at Risk” - Bob Bancroft

Rates are very reasonable with adults (\$175-\$195pp) and youth under 12 at \$63 each for the weekend. We also have bursaries available (\$50) for most youth (under 15) attending.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: April 26 2018

More info: <http://naturens.ca/ync/events/2018-nature-nova-scotia-celebration-of-nature/>

May Fair in the Park: Nature Celebration and Family Fun - May 27 - 12pm-3pm

Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, Upper Tantallon

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust invites the community to enjoy outdoor activities which are nature-oriented and family focused. A BBQ is planned to start at noon and other activities include face painting, nature crafts and a nature scavenger hunt, organized by Scott Pelton of The Indian Point Young Naturalist Club. The interactive Learn to Fish provincial program will also attend and allow young and old to try their hand at casting for fish off the dock area. Many local organizations will join the fun to share news about their work.

More info: Joanne Ellis fbwhtb@gmail.com Tel: 902 826 9512

Communities, Conservation & Livelihoods Conference - May 28-30

Saint Mary's University, Halifax

The conference is centred on local communities creating change for the better. How can local communities, around the world, take care of their environment and as a result, support their local economies? The conference will bring together indigenous, community, university, government, and NGO people, to produce lessons of relevance from local to global, to build partnerships, and to shape the future linkages of communities, conservation and livelihoods. If participating in this gathering appeals to your group/organization, you are most welcome to propose a contribution.

More info: <https://www.communityconservation.net/communities-conservation-livelihoods-conference/>

Transition Bay Steering Meeting -- Pitch a Project! May 31, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tantallon Library, Tantallon

Are you interested in learning more about our upcoming programs? Would you like to get more involved with Transition Bay and help bring some of our projects to life? Join us for our next steering meeting!

We are also inviting anyone with ideas for new Transition Bay programs to come out and pitch a project! All of our programs are born of volunteer passion and commitment, and fit with the Transition Initiative. Anyone pitching should have a willingness to put in the work to help bring the project to fruition -- we can't commit to new projects without volunteers to help make it happen. If you have an idea to share, please send us an email with a couple sentences outlining

what you'd like to propose so we can discuss with you before our meeting, and be sure it's something that falls under the Transition Bay mandate. If your idea is a fit for Transition Bay, and you are committed to helping to make it happen, we will invite you to share with the group on May 31st. All are welcome to this meeting! We look forward to planning the future with you!

Email: melanie.mulrooney@gmail.com **More info:** <http://www.transitionbay.ca/>

JUNE 2018 & BEYOND

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

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/>

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/>

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>

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

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.



Job Opportunities

Position: Garden Assistant

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Due Date: May 4

More info: <http://www.foodwork.ca/jobs/summer-student-job-in-halifax-local-food-and-urban-agriculture-45138>

Position: Editor-in-Chief

Organization: Corporate Knights Inc.

Location: anywhere in Canada

Due Date: April 27

Job brief: Corporate Knights, the magazine for clean capitalism, is looking for an Editor-in-Chief. They will be tasked with overseeing all editorial aspects of the quarterly magazine.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/writing-and-editing-job-for-environmental-sustainability-and-csr-45143>

Position: River Tubing Guide & Operator

Type: summer job / summer student position

Organization: Live Life In Tents

Location: Margaree Forks, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

Job Brief: Live Life In Tents is looking to add to their summer team in 2018. Want to spend the summer on one of the top travel destinations in the world? We're looking for an outgoing individual interested in working outdoors, coordinating and operating our River Tubing Experience. You'll be required to book clients, take clients to and from river tubing experience, clean and maintain equipment & keep track of daily sales & bookings.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/summer-student-jobs-in-nova-scotia-outdoor-adventure-tourism-45129>

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: Manager of indigenous programs for a three-year renewable position.

Organization: Coady International Institute, StFX

Location: Antigonish, NS

Job Brief: The successful individual will lead the development, management and delivery of indigenous partnerships and programs on and off-campus as well as undertaking community

learning partnerships. They will represent Coady's leadership programming with outside funders, decision-makers and leaders, and participate in Coady activities that contribute to innovation and new knowledge, helping to coordinate and build Coady's program in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities as well as globally.

Applications due: April 23.

More info: <http://coady.stfx.ca/coady/careers/>

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: Conservation Co-ordinator

Organization: Margaree Salmon Association

Location: Margaree, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

The MSA is seeking to hire a motivated, environmentally conscious individual with 3-5 years experience to co-ordinate the day-to-day operations required to honour our mandate in the Margaree River watershed.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/job-in-cape-breton-island-environmental-conservation-organization-44829>

Position: Adventure Tour Guide (Hiking & Kayaking)

Organization: Great Earth Expeditions Inc

Location: based out of Halifax, Nova Scotia

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and knowledgeable outdoor guides for the upcoming 2018 season (May. 14th - Oct. 31st)

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/job-in-halifax-nova-scotia-outdoor-adventure-tourism-44647>



Volunteer/Collaboration Opportunities

Call for Outstanding Young Leaders! Apply to join Waterlution's Canada-wide Youth Advisory Board - Applications due: May 6 at 11:59pm PT.

Over 10 months Youth Advisors (YAs) (ages 16-29) will develop their leadership, workshop facilitation, content creation and project management skills – by supporting our water education programs in schools and communities. This is the third year that Waterlution is recruiting a Youth Advisory Board (YAB), and we cannot wait to see what unique elements you can bring to our school programs!

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/canada-water-education-conservation-and-environment-45183>

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

Call for Proposals: Walking Together Towards a Sustainable Future Symposium & AGM, The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation

Thurs. June 21st, 6:00 pm – Sat. June 23rd, 12:30pm

University of PEI, Charlottetown, PEI

Workshop content should address topical and relevant issues or debates linked to the overall theme and one of the symposium streams. Send your completed proposal to Janelle Frail janelle@acic-caci.org by 4pm on May 18th. If you have any questions, please be in touch via email or phone at 902.431.2311.

Workshop Proposal Forms & More info: <http://www.acicsymposium.org/workshops>

The Annual Dump & Run is Seeking Volunteers

We need volunteer truck drivers over the age of 25 with a valid driver's license. Ideally, drivers will have availability Thursday April 26th – Monday April 30th to help with picking up larger items in Halifax and delivering them to our storage sites.

Contact: halifaxdumpandrun@gmail.com

More info: <https://blogs.dal.ca/sustainabilitynews/2018/03/26/the-annual-dump-run-is-seeking-volunteers/>

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

Add your voice to the Y7 Policy Process

In advance of the Y7 Summit, the Y7 Organizing Committee will be engaging and consulting Canadian youth from coast to coast to coast to help shape the policy agenda, while gathering insights on how young Canadians perceive items on the Y7 and G7 agenda. Representing the voice of all young Canadians is crucial to ensure that the Y7 Summits process is inclusive and holistic.

This year's summit focuses on three policy themes:

1. Gender Equality
2. Climate Change & Environment
3. The Future of Work & Innovation

Your answers will help strengthen the inclusion of youth voices in the G7 process and beyond.

Participate in the consultations and make your voice heard! https://g7.gc.ca/en/g7-presidency/events-calendar/?modal=youth_7

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>

Position: Volunteer Board Members

Type: board of directors / unpaid

Organization: Wildlife Habitat Canada

Location: anywhere in Canada

Wildlife Habitat Canada is seeking dynamic & motivated volunteers to join its Board of Directors. If you share a conservation ethic that recognizes the value of wildlife habitats that are abundant, rich and support biodiversity, we want to hear from you!

Deadline: May 1, 2018

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/biodiversity-and-nature-conservation-organization-in-canada-45092>

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: ECELAW Board of Directors: Treasurer

Type: board of directors position / unpaid

Organization: East Coast Environmental Law Association (ECELAW)

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

ECELAW is seeking a motivated individual with a passion for the environment and environmental justice to join our Board of Directors in the role of Treasurer

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/treasurer-for-halifax-nova-scotia-environmental-charity-44682>

Position: Outreach Coordinator (Volunteer)

Organization: Let's Sprout

Location: Toronto area or Halifax NS

Let's Sprout is proof that an idea, a conversation, or a friendship can spark a movement. We are a group of young women that wanted to create opportunities for young girls to connect with themselves, and be emboldened to demand environmental and social justice in their communities.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/volunteer/work-in-halifax-toronto-area-or-halifax-45008>

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>

Social Entrepreneur Startup Program: Wild Gift Fellowships 2018-19

Type: professional development program / self-employment (not a "job")

Organization: Wild Gift

Eligibility: Canadian & American Citizens (more)

Location: welcome candidates from USA & Canada

This summer, Wild Gift will select a group of "better world entrepreneurs" for a 12-month fellowship that includes mentoring, fundraising support, and wilderness-based programs that teach leadership and business skills while building a lifelong support network.

More info: <https://www.goodwork.ca/work/social-enterprise-and-sustainable-business-start-up-assistance-44816>

Sweet Earth Farm is hiring! Positions: Farm Assistant (2 positions)

Type: 16 week summer job beginning end of April/early May and ending mid to late August 2018.

Employer: Sweet Earth Farm

Location: West Earltown, near Tatamagouche & Truro, Nova Scotia

More info: <http://www.foodwork.ca/jobs/summer-job-in-tatamagouche-nova-scotia-organic-farming-44954>



Funding & Contests

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>

IKEA Sustainable Living Challenge - April 22-30

How much water, energy and waste can you save? You might be surprised how big of an impact small daily decisions can have on our planet—and your wallet!

Download the IKEA Sustainable Living app, and join the challenge! Challenge runs April 22-30. Record sustainable actions on your mobile device as you complete them in real-life and you could win one of 40 prizes, including a \$2000 IKEA gift card!

More info: https://www.ikea.com/ms/en_CA/this-is-ikea/people-and-planet/index.html

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>

Funding Announcement: Tree Canada and CN Invite Canadian Communities to Apply for \$25,000 Greening Grants

CN and Tree Canada are pleased to announce the launch of CN EcoConnexions. From the Ground Up, an annual initiative provides more than a half million dollars in funding for community greening projects across Canada. This year, 25 communities will be awarded greening grants of up to \$25,000. Canadian communities of all types and sizes, from large urban centres to small towns to indigenous communities, are encouraged to submit their proposed greening projects for consideration before April 18, 2018.

More info: <https://treecanada.ca/greening-communities/cn-ecoconnexions-from-the-ground-up/>

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/Facetime). 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

Champion of the Environment Scholarship

Each year, Divert NS offers \$20,000 in scholarships to Grade 12 students across the province who exemplify leadership and have demonstrated a commitment to protecting our environment. The deadline is April 22, 2018.

Download the application here: http://divertns.ca/assets/files/DIVERTNS_Scholarship-Program_2018.pdf

Oceans Youth Innovation Challenge

Do you have an idea to help solve one of the ocean-related challenges the G7 is working to address: plastics, coasts, resilient communities, climate, clean energy, or fish?

Then send us your proposal and let's get started!

The challenge is open from now until May 15, 2018, 11:59:59 p.m. PDT

More info: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/youth-engagement/oceans-youth-innovation-challenge.html>



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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- ['Love and understanding': Dalhousie hosts first TRC cafe](#)
- [Shades of Green: Community Conservation & Environmental Justice](#)

Shades of Green is a project exploring "environmental justice" in Nova Scotia, part of the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki.

This exploration is part of a case study being compiled as part of Sadie Beaton's work with the Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN) at Ecology Action Centre (EAC). CCRN is interested in how communities steward and protect the environment, along with who wields power and what motivates changes in these relationships.

BP rig en route to offshore drill Nova Scotia: Are we the next Gulf Coast disaster?

K'JIPUKTUK/HALIFAX - Nova Scotians are expressing alarm at news that BP commissioned rig West Aquarius is now en route to drill offshore, despite not having final approval from the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB).

"This is the height of regulatory capture," says John Davis, Director of Clean Ocean Action Committee. "It is costing BP \$260,000 a day to move this rig. Why would they do that unless they are sure the Board is ready to give the green light."

This comes on the heels of the CNSOPB's failed public engagement exercise denounced by the Offshore Alliance, a growing association of over twenty Nova Scotia fisheries, environmental, and citizens' organizations. Instead of holding public hearings, which should be required before industry projects are given the go-ahead, the CNSOPB - through its PR staff - suggested on short notice a facilitated 45-minute "sharing circle" for all 8-12 invited "stakeholder groups."

"I'm disgusted by this process," reflects Mi'kmaq treaty rights holder Michelle Paul, who spoke at a public town hall organized by the Council of Canadians on the significant risks of offshore drilling. "Grassroots treaty rights holders did not agree to allow BP to come drill in our waters."

"BP is claiming to have learned lessons from the Gulf Coast disaster," adds Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Program Director of Sierra Club Canada Foundation. "Why then is the closest capping stack in Norway, meaning it will take close to two weeks to arrive here? Why are they proposing to use Corexit, the same chemical dispersant used after the Gulf spill that has since been found toxic to humans, wildlife and vegetation?"

According to an article featured on AllNovaScotia, the BP rig is set to drill the Aspy D-11 drilling site, which is located 70 km east of the Gully Marine Protected Area and 50 km Northeast of Sable Island National Park. You can follow path of the West Aquarius rig at www.marinetraffic.com.

"Our economic livelihood is completely wrapped up in fishing. Any danger to that is not worth the risk," says David Levy, Deputy Warden of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne.

"We've already seen a near miss in 2016 when Shell Canada dropped two kilometres of pipe, landing 12 metres from a wellhead while attempting to drill in harsh weather off Nova Scotia. Our Government is gambling with good jobs in the fishery that depend on a healthy Scotian Shelf and Bay of Fundy," adds Colin Sproul, Vice-President, Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association.

In 2016, the export value of Nova Scotia seafood approached 2 billion dollars. The industry is one of the province's biggest job creators and an important contribution to GDP. More importantly, the fishery is a truly renewable resource that deposits value directly into our coastal communities. A few royalty cheques with huge risks attached are not worth the danger to the fishery and all of our futures.

"BP wants to drill up to twice the depths of the well that caused the worst oil spill in world history in the Gulf of Mexico," says Marion Moore of the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia. "This risk is being rejected by our U.S. Atlantic neighbours from the grassroots communities to the attorneys general. This risk is unacceptable here, too."

Following a proposal from President Trump to open up Atlantic offshore drilling, Republican and Democratic attorneys general of 12 coastal states wrote a strong letter rejecting offshore drilling off their coasts.

Consultation: Proposed Amended Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Felt Lichen, Atlantic Population

Environment and Climate Change Canada is inviting you to comment on the proposed Amended Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Felt Lichen (*Erioderma pedicellatum*), Atlantic Population, in Canada. Boreal Felt Lichen, Atlantic Population, was listed as Endangered under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) in 2005. This proposed amended recovery strategy, which replaces the Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Felt Lichen, Atlantic Population, in Canada (Environment Canada 2007), updates critical habitat and amends sections of the strategy based on the most current information.

You can read the proposed amended recovery strategy and comment at: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=922

After the 60-day public comment period ends on May 27, 2018, Environment and Climate Change Canada will then review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version of the recovery strategy will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.

Thank you for your interest in the protection of species at risk in Canada.

Sandy Lake Regional Park Coalition (SLRPC)

March 23 3018

Draft Working Guidelines

The coalition groups, businesses, churches...will be lending their names, showing support, for the mission statement, for protecting the lake and watershed.

There will be a small steering committee with representatives from groups/partners that want to take active part in the work of the coalition. That committee will keep all the other member groups informed.

Coalition members choose how active they want to be. Some will lend their names and we hope will request their members to send a letter or sign a petition if public action is needed.

We would want to list the coalition member group names on the coalition website and likely on documents to show the strength in numbers.

We would ask each group for a contact person who will receive news of the coalition's activities and speak for them in coalition matters if they see a need.

The coalition is a fluid thing. It is not a registered society. That is, groups can join or leave if and when it suits them.

Any coalition members can come to any meetings, but only the steering committee members will be expected to.

SLRPC Member groups to date:

SLCA (Sandy Lake Conservation Association)

SRA (Sackville Rivers Association)

The Turtle Patrol

The Halifax Field Naturalists

Requests to other potential member organizations are in progress. Any assistance would be appreciated!

Contact sackvillerivers@ns.sympatico.ca or Karen Robinson at karen.robinson@casle.ca

See Dr. David Patriquin's Sandy Lake website at <http://versicolor.ca/sandylakebedford/lakes/>

And the SLCA website www.sandylake.org

(With thanks to the Backlands Coalition and Five Bridges, FBLWA Stewardship Coalition for guidance)



Newsletters / Resources

COINAtlantic's monthly newsletter, the Coastal Update

- Whos Land is it Anyway: A Manual for Decolonization
- Decolonization Reading List
- Colonization and Decolonization - A Manual for Indigenous Liberation in the 21st Century



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Thanks for reading the April 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: nsenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

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