

Welcome to *Eco-Connections*, a bi-weekly e-bulletin to update our members and supporters on various environmental actions, events, announcements, resources, funding, awards and job opportunities, and to provide a venue for communication across the province. Sent by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN). To add an item to the next e-bulletin or to unsubscribe, please email [nsen@cen-rce.org](mailto:nsen@cen-rce.org)

*\*The NSEN e-bulletin has resumed after Tamara's extended leave of absence due to the tragic death of her mother.*

*\* A reminder to post your local events to our interactive online calendar: [www.nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca) and click on **Connect!** **2010 is the International Year on Biodiversity. Happy Black History Month. \*\*March 5 is the NSEN Annual Roundtable & Award Ceremony. Be sure to nominate a worthwhile environmentalist for an award!***

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## **A. Actions**

### **A1.**

#### **Watch the CBC’s documentary Carbon Hunters**

Carbon Hunters delves into the controversial, little-understood, yet booming industry of carbon credit trading as a potentially workable mechanism towards solving what most people now acknowledge as the greatest crisis facing the planet: global warming. Check local listings: Thursday February 25 at 9 pm on CBC-TV, Friday February 26 at 10 pm ET/PT and Sunday February 28 at 10 5 pm ET on CBC News Network  
<http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/doczone/2009/carbonhunters/index.html>

### **A2.**

#### **Watch & Take Action to Ban Cosmetic Pesticides in Nova Scotia – Deadline March 7**

The Canadian Cancer Society has released a new 2-minute video about cosmetic pesticide exposure in Nova Scotia, and why the government's proposed ban matters. Check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU24HbMxwcE> Then, if you haven't already, please take 2 more minutes to visit <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/pests/discussing.pesticides.asp> and tell the NS government it should ban cosmetic pesticides. (Deadline for responses is March 7.) You can also join Pesticide Free Nova Scotia on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=270739339535&ref=ts>

### **A3.**

#### **Sign Petition: We Want Clean Energy Jobs Now!**

Sign the clean energy jobs petition and encourage others to do the same. Join other Canadians in calling on the federal government to make clean energy jobs and pollution reduction a priority.  
[http://wfc2.wiredforchange.com/o/8298/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=57](http://wfc2.wiredforchange.com/o/8298/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=57)

### **A4.**

#### **Watch Land & Sea’s recent documentary on Wind Power in NS**

Check it out online here: <http://www.cbc.ca/landandsea/>

### **A5.**

#### **Sign the Petition - Save Nova Scotia Forests**

Nova Scotia forests are at risk of disappearing and citizens need to be heard. Signing this petition will send a strong and clear message to Premier Darrell Dexter to reverse the decision to allow cutting for biomass on the Crown lands of Nova Scotia. The forest is being targeted as the quick solution for the renewable energy commitment. The forests have already been subjected to massive cutting which is having severe impacts on waterways, wildlife habitat and soil nutrients. This practice is not an acceptable solution to the sustainable energy decision and citizens have to speak up against this and be heard.  
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/savenovascotiaforests/> \*Watch the video of Caribou Mines:  
[http://cpawsns.org/news/2009/07/post\\_7.php](http://cpawsns.org/news/2009/07/post_7.php)

## **B. Environmental Events and Capacity-Building Workshops**

### **B1.**

#### **NSEN ANNUAL ROUNDTABLE & AWARD CEREMONY ON MAR. 5, 2010**

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Please let us know if you plan to attend the NSEN Annual Roundtable & Award Ceremony on Friday, March 5 from 9:30 a.m.-4.00 p.m. at the Nova Scotia Public Archives, Aitkins Room, 6016 University Ave, Halifax. This is an important strategy session for our member groups and environmentalists. The focus will be on how our sector can contribute to greening the NS economy. There will also be updates on the NSEN caucuses, pesticide ban

consultations, water, mining, biosolids, biomass, & voluntary sector initiatives. Find out more about the "Getting Back to Balance" public consultations and share ideas about for a green economy in NS. Lunch provided free for members. Morning key note: Andrea Harden-Donahue, co-Author of the report "Green, Decent, & Public" and Energy Campaigner, Council of Canadians. The day will end with our Annual Awards and Gourmet Cake Celebration. Report is here: <http://www.canadians.org/energy/documents/climatejustice/green-decent-public.pdf> Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network. More info: [www.nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca) Deadline to nominate for an Eco-Hero award is February 24: <http://nsen.ca/>

## **B2.**

### **A Green Collar Economy: Innovative Ideas for Social Change in Nova Scotia**

Thursday, March 4, 2010

7:30-9:00 P.M.

Key Note: Andrea Harden-Donahue, Co-Author of the new report "Green, Decent, & Public" and Energy Campaigner, Council of Canadians.

Free public talk.

Join the discussion on how we can green Nova Scotia's economy. What are your ideas?

Speaker Andrea Harden-Donahue will present the broad-based, growing movement to recognize the opportunity to solve the financial and environmental crises together by "greening" the economy. Using international and Canadian examples, her presentation will introduce the basics of green collar job creation. It will also give the highlights from her new Council of Canadians' report "*Green, Decent, & Public*" that focuses on the shovel-ready capacity of the public sector and the economic growth potential of green jobs. With a focus on improving energy efficiency and renewable power expansion, the case is made for the public sector and communities to play a prominent role in generating green jobs and for the expansion of public and community ownership models for renewable power. Report is available here: <http://www.canadians.org/energy/documents/climatejustice/green-decent-public.pdf>

*BIO:* Andrea Harden-Donahue is a long-time environmental and political activist. After studying Human Rights and Political Science at Carleton University, Andrea worked as a Water Campaigner with Polaris Institute. Experiences with Polaris including co-authoring Boiling Point, a report on the state of drinking water for First Nations, as well as engaging in grassroots organizing including launching a successful bottled water free zone campaign, helped prepare for her current work. Andrea is now with the Council of Canadians, an organization with members and volunteer chapters across the country that promotes progressive policies on fair trade, clean water as well as secure and sustainable energy. As Energy Campaigner, she is focused on building a movement for a Canadian Energy Strategy that meets Canadians' energy needs and transitions communities to sustainable energy production and consumption. Having recently co-authored Green Decent and Public, campaigning for "green jobs" that are decent jobs which help maintain essential public services, has become an important focus. Andrea Harden-Donahue attended the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

Draw prize for Van Jones' award-winning book "*The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems.*" Organized by the Nova Scotia Environmental Network and the Council of Canadians. More info: [www.nsen.ca](http://www.nsen.ca)

## **B3.**

### **Planning for Success: Designing Effective Environmental Education Programs Mar. 18**

On March 18, Environment Canada will be delivering a free, full-day environmental education training workshop for NGOs, public servants & educators entitled... This one-day workshop will help you develop knowledge and skills in environmental education (EE) program design. In this workshop, participants will:

- Explore the purpose and intended outcomes of EE programs
- Discover the value of conducting needs assessments
- Practice creating educational program objectives
- Identify appropriate approaches to use when developing an EE program
- Discuss program evaluation

COST: Free!

DATE: March 18, 2010

TIME: 8.30am-4.30pm

LOCATION: Matheson Room, Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club (192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth NS)  
In addition, participants will have an opportunity to network and share resources with fellow environmental educators.

Lunch will be provided.

TO REGISTER:

Contact Rebecca McQuaid at [rebecca.mcquaid@ec.gc.ca](mailto:rebecca.mcquaid@ec.gc.ca) or (902)426-3718.

Please provide your name, preferred email contact, phone number and organization/affiliation (if applicable).

Register soon, space is limited!

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#### **B4.**

##### **HELPING NATURE HEAL EVENTS**

Nature Groups and Horticultural Therapy Events at Rosemarie Bradley's Helping Nature Heal - 2010  
[http://www.helpingnatureheal.com/include/docs/natures\\_group\\_and\\_HT\\_2010%20calendar.pdf](http://www.helpingnatureheal.com/include/docs/natures_group_and_HT_2010%20calendar.pdf)

#### **B5.**

##### **WORKSHOP: ENABLING SHADY BEHAVIOUR - LANDSCAPING FOR KIDS**

Enabling Shady Behaviour... where our children live, learn and play Ashburn Golf Course Clubhouse, 3250 Joseph Howe Drive Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 3, 2010 For more information, please contact Jennifer Crafer Administrative Assistant Cancer Prevention and Supportive Care Cancer Care Nova Scotia

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#### **B6.**

##### **NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL FORUM April 21-23 in Truro**

NS Agricultural College: <http://nsac.ca/aaf/>

#### **B7.**

##### **Water for People-Well Tapped Event on Mar. 19**

Come and see ECMA nominee Jeff Torbert at the annual Water for People Fundraiser: Well Tapped @ Garrison Brewery. Date: Friday March 19 Time: 8 pm to 11 pm Where: Garrison Brewery, across from Pier 21

This event is in celebration of World Water Day (March 22). Tickets are \$20 (includes drinks!)

We only have 150 so act fast! (\$25 at the door) All proceeds go to Water For People, an international organization that helps people in developing countries improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities and health and hygiene education programs.

This is sure to be a fun night - really hope to see you there! Advanced tickets can be purchased at Duly Noted Stationary 1459 Brenton Street, off Spring Garden Rd. [www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org)

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#### **B8.**

**RCEN 2010 Annual Conference September 17-19, Montreal, QC**

“Conserving Biodiversity Pays: The Values of Ecosystem Services”

More details: <http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/index.html>

**B9.**

**The Natural Step: Sustainability for Leaders Halifax Feb. 24-25**

Seats are selling out quickly for our Sustainability for Leaders course next week in Halifax (February 24th and 25th). The course will give you the opportunity to learn and use a powerful framework to bring sustainability into your organization. In addition, you will be working with colleagues from the region who are facing similar challenges and are passionate about sustainability. View photos from past sessions on our Flickr' photostream. The course location is in Room 303 of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, 6136 University Ave, Halifax.

Register Now!

About the course:

Sustainability for Leaders: A Transformative Approach to Sustainability Thinking, Strategy and Results – is a 2-day intensive course that draws upon 20 years of practical experience and results in coaching sustainability champions who are leading their organizations towards sustainability. It will provide you with a solid grounding in a proven framework that has been used to guide sustainability change efforts around the world. This course is aimed at sustainability practitioners who want to gain the knowledge, skills and tools to take a strategic, systems approach to communicating, planning and taking action on sustainability within their organizations and communities. This session will be documented by an emerging leader who will capture photos, video and stories. More information about the course can be found on our website. [www.thenaturalstep.org/canada](http://www.thenaturalstep.org/canada)

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**B10.**

**Shubenacadie River Striped Bass: The Paradox of an Abundant Species at Risk Feb. 24**

A talk by Jim Duston of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Time: 7 p.m.

The Bay of Fundy striped bass is listed as 'threatened' by COSEWIC, yet the numbers of adults spawning in the Shubenacadie River are the highest in living memory. Presented here is an overview of the biology of this magnificent fish, some of the threats to its survival and stewardship efforts to help conserve stocks.

Supported by: Env. Canada. Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk

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**B11.**

**Forest Health Conference February 23rd-24<sup>th</sup> Holiday Inn, Truro**

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Forest Health Section, will host its first conference on February 23 and 24 in Truro, Nova Scotia at the Holiday Inn. This two-day event will highlight the impact of insects and diseases on Nova Scotia's forests. Topics will include climate change, the environment, socioeconomic impacts, the National Forest Pest Strategy, urban forestry and tools of the future. Should you wish to attend the conference, please make sure you register to secure a spot. Registration forms can be found at

[www.gov.ns.ca/natr/foresthealth2010](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/foresthealth2010). If you require further information, please contact Christina Campbell at (902) 758-7238 or [campbecs@gov.ns.ca](mailto:campbecs@gov.ns.ca).

**B12.**

### **Atlantic Canada W.A.T.E.R Symposium & Planning Forum March 27<sup>th</sup> Truro, Nova Scotia**

The meeting is the inaugural Atlantic Canada W.A.T.E.R. Symposium & Planning Forum, the acronym standing for "Watershed Assessment, Technology, Education & Research". More details about this year's meeting can be found at [www.nsac.ca/water](http://www.nsac.ca/water) We hope to see you at this, what we hope to be, first in an ongoing and much needed series of networking meetings about water and watershed issues in our region.

Sincerely, Dr. Robert France

Associate Professor of Watershed Management, NSAC - Author/Editor of Handbook of Water Sensitive Planning and Design, Facilitating Watershed Management: Fostering Awareness and Stewardship, Introduction to Watershed Development: Understanding and Managing the Impacts of Sprawl, Deep Immersion: The Experience of Water, Wetland Design: Principles and Practices for Landscape Architects and Land- Use Planners, Profitably Soaked: Thoreau's Engagement with Water, and Wetlands of Mass Destruction: Ancient Presage for Contemporary Ecocide in Southern Iraq. Contact: Theresa Osborne, Administrative Assistant, Department of Engineering, 893-6710 (phone), 893-1859 (fax), [tosborne@nsac.ca](mailto:tosborne@nsac.ca)

### **B13.**

#### **SRES SEMINAR SERIES - Winter Term 2010**

March 4 - Elizabeth De Santo, Assistant Professor, Marine Affairs Program and School for Resource and Environmental Studies,

Whose Science? Precaution and Power-Play in European Marine Environmental Decision-Making

March 11- Dr. Shannon Sterling, Assistant Professor, Environmental Programs and Earth Sciences, Dalhousie University. Human Impact on the Global Water Cycle: the role of Land Cover Change

March 18 - David Hopper(MES), Private Land Coordinator, Nova Scotia Environment.  
Beyond 12% - Private Land Conservation in Nova Scotia

Thursdays - 1:00-2:00p.m.Room 5001, 5th Floor, 6100 University Avenue, Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building. More info: [http://sres.management.dal.ca/Files/Seminar\\_Series/Winter2010.pdf](http://sres.management.dal.ca/Files/Seminar_Series/Winter2010.pdf)

### **B14.**

#### **Leaders' Breakfast: Smart City, Green City, My City on March 4**

March 4, 2010

Several HRM staff and a Regional Councillor recently participated in a Sustainability Tour to Sweden. This interactive session will feature highlights of their findings and make comparisons to HRM. Our presenters will share their learning on Sweden's successes on smart growth, sustainability, and its movement toward a knowledge based economy. Featuring: Jennifer Watts, Regional Councillor, District 14, Connaught-Quinpool, HRM. Andy Fillmore, Urban Design Project Manager, HRM. Time: 7:30 am for 8:00 am start, Date: Thursday, March 4, 2010. Location: Halifax Hall, Main Floor, City Hall. Free. Register with: Contact: Stacy at email: [sbarnes@novaknowledge.ns.ca](mailto:sbarnes@novaknowledge.ns.ca) or call 494-1510  
No Charge - Sessions Sponsored by Scotiabank

### **B15.**

#### **Species at Risk Stewardship Workshop", Wolfville, Feb. 25-27**

More info: [http://www.coastalaction.org/index\\_home.html](http://www.coastalaction.org/index_home.html).

### **B16.**

#### **17th Annual Conference of the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society", Truro, Feb. 26-27**

More info: <http://www.fsrs.ns.ca/events/ac2010.html>.

### **B17.**

#### **4th Nova Scotia Energy Research and Development Forum, May, 26-27**

Halifax, Nova Scotia - <http://www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca>.

**B18.****NSEN Water Caucus February Conference Call, Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m.**

To join the call or caucus, please contact:

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More info here: <http://nsen.ca/water.php>

**B19.****Growing Healthy Communities Voices Community Forum on Feb. 27**

A public forum on creating community and school vegetable gardens Saturday February 27, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
An incredible local lunch will be served. Special guest speaker Michael Howell, Co-owner of The Tempest in Wolfville, and President of Slow Food Nova Scotia. This year's Community Forum, organized by our local Voices group, is on the theme of developing community gardens, with a special emphasis on creating school gardens. Guest speaker Michael Howell has been involved in the Edible Schoolyard project at Dr. Arthur Hines Elementary School in Somerville, Hants County. Each fall, Mr. Howell helps students host a feast for the community, with food travelling from their schoolyard plots to plates in less than three hours. An incredible lunch made from local produce will be served. For food preparation please RSVP to Colleen Cameron 867-3695 or email [accamero@stfx.ca](mailto:accamero@stfx.ca) Location: St James United Church Hall, Antigonish, NS  
For more information go to [www.voicesantigonish.ca](http://www.voicesantigonish.ca) Thanks to Select Nova Scotia for its financial support.  
<http://www.selectnovascotia>

**B20.****Music for Farmers on Feb. 20**

Musicians For Farmers: a celebration of local food!

On February 20th, come for your fill of local food and music in support of HelioTrust, an Ecology Action Centre affiliate, whose projects include: farmland conservation, sustainable farming practices, biodiversity, and conserving and imparting rural wisdom. Performers include: Acres and Acres, Don Brownrigg, Dusty Keleher & Amy Louder New Providence, Steve Gates, Jeff Torbert, and Becky Siamon. Guest Speaker: Farmer David Greenberg \$20 includes cover and a delicious locally-sourced meal by Terroir Local Source Catering. All farmers get in for free of course! All Ages Welcome. After having to turn people away at the door last year, we are now selling tickets in advance! Available in person at the EAC and Local Source Market, or by phone at (902) 429-2202. Saturday February 20th 6pm-midnight North Street Church 5657 North Street  
[www.musiciansforfarmers.ca](http://www.musiciansforfarmers.ca)

[www.heliotrust.ca](http://www.heliotrust.ca) [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca)

See a video of a previous M4F: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eRUIFt9Rk4>

M4F on Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=253816932079>>

Local food in February is for real and it will warm your soul!

Event Co-ordinator/Press contact: Jeff Torbert - Food Action Committee, Ecology Action Centre  
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**B21.****Current Developments in Canadian Maritime Law on June 3, 2010**

Time: 0845 – 1700

Location: Westin Nova Scotian Hotel

Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Canadian Maritime Law Association cordially invites its members and others to attend its upcoming seminar to be held on Thursday, June 3, 2010. The seminar will be held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax. The Association's 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held at the same hotel on Friday, June 4, 2010. Seminar program and registration form appear on the following pages. For attendees who are lawyers, CLE accreditation will be available in the provinces of British Columbia and Quebec and accreditation is being sought in the province of New Brunswick. Registration Fees CMLA Individual Members - \$175 per person

CMLA Constituent Member Representatives (3 maximum) - \$175 per person

All Others - \$250 per person. Registration includes attendance at all seminar sessions, electronic copy of seminar papers, refreshments, luncheon and the traditional post-seminar reception. A block of guest rooms is being held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel at a conference rate of \$179 plus taxes, and will remain available until May 3, 2010. Registrants are requested to make bookings directly with the hotel (1-877-993-7846 or 1-902-496-8585) before that date, mentioning the Canadian Maritime Law Association conference to obtain this rate. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. William Moreira, Chair of the organizing committee, at [wmoreira@smss.com](mailto:wmoreira@smss.com)

**B22.**

**Local Gatherings for volunteers and non-profit organizations \*Various Dates!**

Local Gatherings will be held in 11 communities across Nova Scotia from February to May 2010. The gatherings will bring together staff and volunteers (including board members) from non-profit and voluntary sector organizations for a full day of networking, learning, and discussions. Participants will have an opportunity to make connections, celebrate local success stories, and explore current opportunities and challenges. A session on insurance and risk management is also included. Attendance is open to anyone with an interest in the voluntary sector. Lunch will be provided and there is no charge to participate. Click here for a list of locations, dates, and local contacts for registration and information: <http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/files/volunteerism-local-gatherings.pdf> Local Gatherings are a joint initiative of the Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection (Volunteerism and the Voluntary Sector) and local community partners.

**B23.**

**Nova Scotia Nature Trust at 5pm on April 27**

Save the date. More details at [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

**B24.**

**Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times with Kim Klein on April 29**

A legend and pioneer for nonprofits of all sizes and types. One day workshop is offered in HRM on Thursday, April 29, 2010 More details: <http://www.hpclearinghouse.ca/pdf/Kim%20Klein%20brochure.pdf> This workshop will be based on Kim Klein's new book: "Reliable Fundraising in Unreliable Times" and her 33 years of experience as a fundraising practitioner. Invite your staff and board members to participate and build a critical mass within your organization to raise more money. Cost: \$65 Location TBA Co-sponsored by United Way of Halifax Region

**B25.**

**How Your Organization Can Build Renewable Income Streams Apr. 30-May 2**

An intensive weekend with Kim Klein to deepen your hands-on knowledge at the Tatamagouche Centre from Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010.

Are you interested? To register, contact: [tatacent@tatacentre.ca](mailto:tatacent@tatacentre.ca)

Telephone: 1-800-218-2220 Web: [www.tatacentre.ca](http://www.tatacentre.ca)

**B26.**

**Local Food Brunch Network Invitation, March 28**

Everyone is invited to Community Greenhouse Acquisition and Availability Conversation. Hope you can be there and let us know if you have "kitchen table" facilitation skill to share. St. Andrews Community Hall "LOCAL FOOD" Brunch and Conversation. Sunday, 28 March '10 - 12:00 to 1:30pm

Bean and Leafy Green Salad with Red Wine Vinaigrette, Red-fife Bread: \$5.00/plate

Kathryn Graves. BHE'74

St. Andrews, Nova Scotia, BOH 1X0

Email: [home.community@gmail.com](mailto:home.community@gmail.com)

**B27.**

**After Copenhagen: Women, Social Justice & Climate Change Feb. 21 Elizabeth May**

CRIAW-NS and the Voice of Women are co-sponsoring a meeting with Elizabeth May on Sunday February 21st to get an update on her perceptions of the Copenhagen conference and to talk about issues related to women, social justice and climate change.

Here are the details:

When: Sunday, February 21st,

Where: The Women's Council House, c/o Inglis and Young Avenue.

What: Tea and coffee at 2.45p.m.

Conversation and discussion with Elizabeth May from 3.00 to 4.30p.m.

Discussion on future actions: 4.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.

More info Stella: lords@eastlink.ca

### **B28.**

#### **NSEN Law & Policy Caucus on March 19**

More details to come.

Co-chairs Deborah Carver: ecelaw@eastlink.ca & Emily Pudden: EPUDDEN@DAL.CA

More info about the caucus here: <http://nсен.ca/lawpolicy.php>

### **B29.**

#### **NSEN Environmental Education Caucus Meeting on Monday, Feb 22nd from 2-4pm**

At the Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax. All welcome.

More details, please contact our chair Lisa Kretz:

Dr. Lisa Kretz

Doctorate of Philosophy (Specialization: Ethics, Environmental Ethics) Master's of Philosophy (Specialization: Environmental Aesthetics) Bachelor of Education lkretz@dal.ca

More details about the Caucus, please visit: <http://nсен.ca/environmentaleducation.php>

### **B30.**

#### **Sixth Annual Update on Sable Island on Mar. 3**

When: Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Who: Event hosted by the Sable Island Green Horse Society and the Ecology Action Centre (EAC), and is co-hosted by Saint Mary's University, the World Wildlife Fund, the Nova Scotian Institute of Science, and Leonard Preyra MLA, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

Featured speakers:

- Ian McLaren, Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie University
- Bill Freedman, Biology Department, Dalhousie University
- Zoe Lucas, naturalist and Sable Island resident
- Mark Butler Policy Director at the EAC

Why: Because the future of the island is uncertain. In 2005 the federal government committed to keeping a human presence on the island but that commitment will run out in 2012. There are currently discussions about whether Sable should become a National Park or a National Wildlife Area and which designation will provide the best protection. Where: Theatre Auditorium, McNally Building, Saint Mary's University Campus. Note: venue has changed from previous years. How: Admission is free.

For more information about Sable Island visit [www.GreenHorseSociety.com](http://www.GreenHorseSociety.com) or contact Mark Butler at 429-5287.

### **B31.**

#### **2010 Student/EcoActivist Conference Feb. 19**

Are you interested in learning about making better choices for our planet?

To buy or not to buy? That is the question of the Day.

Join us on February 19th 2010, 9:00am-2:30pm

Auburn Drive High School

300 Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour, N.S.

Come and learn about Fair Trade

Take a one minute Carbon Foot Print Quiz

Test your Recycling Knowledge  
Learn about your Driving Carbon Tire Print  
Help Design an organic cotton t-shirt to use as a fundraiser for your school project!  
What does Sustainable Living Mean? How can we do it in Dartmouth?  
This conference is aimed at providing information to enable you to make environmental and ethical choices with your consumer power.  
Several guest speakers will present and Lunch will be provided.  
Please bring your own water bottle and mug.  
Register by email: kmneil@staff.ednet.ns.ca Name/Grade/School  
This conference is funded by the Canadian Teachers' Federation and RRFB Nova Scotia

**B32.**

**Earlton Lakes & Portage Trail Snowshoe Event Feb.20**

Hike Nova Scotia, Central Nova Volkssport and the Municipality of Colchester present a 6-km guided snowshoe excursion on Earlton Lakes and Portage Trail on Saturday, February 20 at 11 am. Meet at Sugar Moon Farm. Contact 902-895-2007 to register. Hike Nova Scotia promotes walking, hiking and snowshoeing. See [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca) for event details.

For more information on this event or Hike Nova Scotia contact:

Marie Stradeski, Hike Nova Scotia Board Member

(902) 285-3009 (day)

(902) 285-2531 (evening)

[ecodreamer@hotmail.com](mailto:ecodreamer@hotmail.com)

**B33.**

**6th Annual Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium on Mar. 25**

Dalhousie University's Elizabeth May Chair in Sustainability and Environmental Health is currently welcoming poster submissions for the 6th Annual Sustainability and Environmental Research Symposium to be held this March, 25th 2010. The symposium is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students and researchers from all disciplines to present on a wide variety of topics related to sustainability and the environment. It is also a unique networking opportunity from which it is hoped future collaboration will develop. In addition to the poster display, the symposium will feature a special guest lecture by Dr. Rick Smith, director of Environmental Defence and author of *Slow Death by Rubber Duck*, followed by a reception with environment and sustainability experts. For information concerning poster submissions and updates on the symposium, please visit our website [http://emaychair.dal.ca/Upcoming\\_events/](http://emaychair.dal.ca/Upcoming_events/)

**B34.**

**Green Roots Symposium Friday, March 26, 2010 & Saturday, March 27, 2010, Halifax**

The Nova Scotia Environment Network, the NS Environment Department and the NS Department of Education are joining together to host a gathering of community organizations dedicated to a sustainability through education and partnerships. Key Note Speaker is Mi'kmaq Elder Albert Marsall "Two-Eyed Seeing Worldview" at the Four Points Sheraton. The symposium will encompass two events running concurrently: the Third Annual SENSE Symposium (organized by the Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone (SENSE) Caucus of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network); and a celebration of the work done by community groups, sponsored by Nova Scotia Environment. The symposium will open with a special wine & cheese reception on Friday night with key political and NGO leaders in sustainability education.

More details to come. Contacts:

Sam Juru (NSEN/SENSE) [esd\\_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca](mailto:esd_novascotia@lsf-1st.ca) or 454-6846

Joliene Stockley (NSE) [stockljl@gov.ns.ca](mailto:stockljl@gov.ns.ca) or 424-6261

**B35.**

**Windhorse Forest Quest - April 3-13**

This April 3rd to 13th, Windhorse Farm will host an ancient and powerful land-based ceremony called a "quest". This is a wilderness rite for women and men who are seeking greater depth and clarity about their life's purpose and meaning. Based on the Animas Quest and led by guides Jade Sherer and Jim Marsden of the Animas Valley

Institute, this journey is a western, contemporary, nature-based approach to an encounter with one's inner being, or "soul". You will explore questions around, "What are the unique gifts that I can offer to help this world." Following a traditional form common across many indigenous cultures around the world, this forest quest honours a variety of ancient traditions while weaving in a mix of depth psychology and contemporary practices that renew and enliven our relationships in the natural world and deepen our understanding of our selves and our life in transition. The quest is an 11-day experience that includes a 3-day solo in nature, during which you will partake in a water fast. The solo is preceded by ample preparation, offering tools for diving into this experience, and followed by 2 days devoted to reflecting on the insights and seeds of potential you have rediscovered during your time alone in the forest. Price: \$1,450. (If you think you should be here, but don't have enough money, we can talk) To register or enquire about the Forest Quest at Windhorse Farm, please contact Jim Drescher at 902 543-6955 or [jim@windhorsefarm.org](mailto:jim@windhorsefarm.org) For more information please explore [www.animas.org](http://www.animas.org) and [www.windhorsefarm.org](http://www.windhorsefarm.org)

### **B36.**

#### **5th Annual Renewable Energy Conference April 27 & 28th, 2010**

Westin NS Hotel, Halifax, NS

\$525 - Early-Bird Registration until February 19th

Online conference information is available by clicking one of the categories to the right or by contacting Shera-Lee Kerr at [sheralee@energyconsultant.ca](mailto:sheralee@energyconsultant.ca) or 902-576-5383.

### **B37.**

#### **Nature Trust Winter Hike Coming Up! March 6, Wolfville**

On March 6, at 1pm, join the Nature Trust for a snowshoe trip in the Wolfville Watershed Nature Reserve!

This trip will be weather and snow condition dependent.

Closer to the date, check our website or call us at 425-5263 for more details. Nova Scotia Nature Trust: [www.nsnt.ca](http://www.nsnt.ca)

### **B38.**

#### **NS Agriculture Land Review – Upcoming consultations**

What do you think the future of Nova Scotia's agricultural lands should be?

A series of public meetings are being held across Nova Scotia to answer these questions and we want to hear from you. Is there an agricultural land issue in Nova Scotia?

If so what is it? And what can be done about it?

For more information view or download a hard copy of the Agricultural Land Review Committee Background paper or get a copy at your local ACCESS or Dept. Of Agriculture Office:

<http://nsaglandreview.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/jan22-Corrine-DiscussionDoc-v1.3.pdf>

Submissions can be made in the comment field of this site: <http://nsaglandreview.com/> via email to [info@nsaglandreview.com](mailto:info@nsaglandreview.com) or by Mail to: ALRC – PO Box 816 Kentville NS B4N 4H8

Upcoming consultations:

Lunenburg Feb 24th Lunenburg Fire Hall 7 — 9p

Yarmouth Feb 25th Rodd Grand Hotel 7 — 9p

Berwick Mar 3rd Berwick Fire Hall 7 — 9p

### **B39.**

#### **On Canvas: Art for the Planet February 8-27, 2010**

Over 25 local artists will display and sell their art at FRED, 2606 Agricola Street. All proceeds will go to the Ecology Action Centre. Images of some of the art that will be on display are available here.

Official Opening February 8th 7 - 9 pm

Closing Gala February 27th 8 - 10 pm - featuring live entertainment! - \$10 at door

More info at: <http://www.ecologyaction.ca/>

## **C. Non-Environmental Events**

### **C1.**

#### **Authentic Leadership Insitute in Action (ALIA) Workshops**

<http://www.aliainstitute.org/institute/home.html>

## **C2.**

### **Back to Balance: Public Consultations on the Economy \*Register & Have Your Say!**

Let the government know that you want a green economy!

- Liverpool – Feb 19 (12-2 p.m.) – Fire Hall, 520 Main St.
- Yarmouth – Feb 19 (6-8 p.m.) – NSCC Burrige Campus, 372 Pleasant St.
- Digby – Feb 20 (1-3 p.m.) – Fire Hall, 163 First Ave.
- Truro – Feb 22 (10 a.m. - Noon) – Holiday Inn, 437 Prince St.
- Amherst – Feb 22 – (7-9 p.m.) – Lion's Club, 9 Electric St.
- Tantallon – Feb 25 (7-9 p.m.) – Shining Waters Marine, 148 Nautical Way
- Halifax – Feb 27 (2-4 p.m.) – Halifax Forum Multi-Purpose Centre, 6210 Young St.

Details and overview here: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/backtobalance/>

## **C3.**

### **Leaders' Breakfast: We Have Lift-Off ...But The Flight Will Be Turbulent! March 24, 2010**

Featuring: Warren Jestin, Chief Economist Scotiabank

Time: 7:30 am for 8:00 am start

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Location: Conference Centre, Four Points Sheraton

B1 Level, Maritime Centre, 1505 Barrington Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia. Note: If you use the main entrance of the Maritime Centre, take the escalator down one floor and go left to the Conference Centre. The Courtyard Entrance to the Maritime Centre leads directly to the

Conference Centre. Contact: Stacy at email: [sbarnes@novaknowledge.ns.ca](mailto:sbarnes@novaknowledge.ns.ca) or call 494-1510

No Charge - Session Sponsored by Scotiabank

## **C4.**

### **Women's Equality in the Labour Force" LUNCH AND LEARN**

Friday February 26, 2010 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch provided. Women's Community Space, YWCA Halifax -1233 Barrington St. (To enter please ring the resource room door). Come and participate in a panel discussion on the issues currently facing women in the labour force. Discuss women's past struggles and successes, and the ongoing movement to secure women's rights.

All welcome! Programs at the Women's Community Space are always accessible, but please remember that the space is scent free! A suggested donation amount may be noted for programs that require revenue to be sustainable. We invite participants to make a donation to this initiative when attending these programs and "pay what you can".

For more information, please contact Olga Koukidis at 423-8105 or Amanda Rogers at 423-6162 ext. 256

## **D. Announcements**

### **D1.**

#### **ENGO Participation in International Biodiversity Day Activities**

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select thirteen lead environmental NGO groups in each province and territory to carry out outreach and education activities for the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) on May 22, 2010. This year's IDB theme is "Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation"; however, activities are not limited to this theme. Selected ENGOs will collaborate with the RCEN Biodiversity Caucus and Environment Canada's Ecosystems and Biodiversity Priorities Division to: prepare IDB Outreach plans; carry out outreach and education activities based on outreach plans; write a final report on completed outreach and education activities. The ENGO delegates will be compensated \$1250 for participation in two teleconferences and the development and implementation of the Outreach Plans, and \$200 to write the final report. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2010.

More information at [http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/delegate\\_calls/10\\_02\\_IDB.html](http://www.cen-rce.org/eng/consultations/delegate_calls/10_02_IDB.html).

### **D2.**

#### **ENGO Participation in the Food Regulatory Advisory Committee**

Health Canada has invited the RCEN to select one ENGO delegate to participate in the Food Regulatory Advisory Committee (FRAC). This multi-stakeholder committee will provide Health Canada's Food Directorate (FD) with broad expert strategic policy advice on the safety of food products. The FRAC will also provide advice on matters relating to strategic planning, priority-setting and environmental scanning of issues related to food safety, nutritional quality or other issues related to the FD's mandate. It is anticipated that the committee will meet twice a year and that the first meeting will occur in May 2010.

The deadline for applications is March 3, 2010. More information at [http://www.cen-rc.org/eng/consultations/delegate\\_calls/10\\_02\\_frac.html](http://www.cen-rc.org/eng/consultations/delegate_calls/10_02_frac.html)

### **D3.**

#### **Environment Canada's "Nature Matters! Contest"**

Part of Environment Canada's celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) is the national Nature Matters! Contest. Until February 28th, Canadians between the ages of 9 and 35 are invited to submit written or video essays that answer the following question: "Why is nature important to you?" Six grand-prize winners will be invited to Ottawa to attend the Grand Reopening Event of the Canadian Museum of Nature, on International Biodiversity Day, May 22. All grand-prize winning essays will be displayed at the Biosphere in Montreal during 2010, while grand-prize winning and runner-up essays will be published on the website of the Canadian Biodiversity Information Network. Also, these essays will be announced through Environment Canada's network of national education and environment organizations, reaching well over one million people. For full contest details, please visit: <http://www.cbin.ec.gc.ca>.

### **D4.**

#### **Earth Day Canada: Every Day Heroes Film Competition**

All filmmakers, young and old, established and aspiring, are invited to submit 90-second silent videos to the Every Day Heroes Film Competition. Finalists will have their videos screened in Ivanhoe Cambridge Shopping Malls across Canada, on the Onestop Network of 270 monitors on the subway platforms of the Toronto Transit Commission, as well as hosted on Earth Day Canada's website and YouTube channel.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Best of 'Under 18' years of age — MacBook Pro; Best of 'Over 18' years of age — MacBook Pro; Best of Competition — Two economy airline tickets to any destination in North America with two nights hotel accommodation AND two tickets to the Earth Day Canada Gala, including travel to Toronto and hotel accommodation for the nights of June 8th and 9th, 2010.

Inspire Canada this Earth Day. Tell the story of your every day environmental hero and their dedication to support of a healthier environment. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2010. Submissions received prior to February 15, 2010 will be entered into a raffle to win a Panasonic 60GB HDD/SD Camcorder. Visit <http://www.earthday.ca/film> for more details and submission form.

### **D5.**

#### **Green Budget Coalition Prioritizes 3 Budget Actions: for Biodiversity, Water & Energy**

In light of the Prime Minister's invitation for input on the upcoming federal budget, the Green Budget Coalition has highlighted its three priority budget recommendations, whose adoption could stimulate over 8,000 new jobs in renewable energy, ensure clean sources of drinking water for millions of Canadians, and help Canada meet its commitment under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity to establish national and regional systems of protected areas. The Green Budget Coalition's 3 priority recommendations for the 2010 federal budget are: 1) Protecting Ecosystems and Biodiversity; 2) Investing in Canada's Freshwater Future; and 3) Re-investing in Renewable Energy. Read more at <http://greenbudget.ca/>.

### **D6.**

#### **Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area Public Consultations**

Nova Scotians are invited to comment on plans to establish a 8,266 hectare (20,425 acres) wilderness area on Crown lands between highways 103 and 333, in Halifax Regional Municipality. The proposed Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area will protect a scenic and rugged landscape of forests, barrens, interconnected lakes and wetlands. The province announced its intent to designate these Crown lands under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act in October of 2009. The public consultation now underway is an important part of the designation process.

Individuals and stakeholders may participate by visiting information displays in local libraries, attending public open house meetings, sharing written comments, and asking for meetings with department staff.

Public Open-House Meetings:

- Wednesday March 10, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm at Dalhousie University's Student Union Building in Halifax,
- Wednesday March 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the St. Margaret's Centre in Tantallon,
- Saturday March 27, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Timothy's Church in Hatchet Lake.

Public Library Information Displays ( March 1 to 31):

- Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library
- Alderney Landing Public Library
- Tantallon Public Library

A public consultation newsletter, including map, is available online at: [www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas), or by calling: 902-424-2117. The newsletter and other information will also be available at the library displays and open houses. Written comment will be accepted until April 30, 2010 by mail at: Nova Scotia Environment, Protected Areas Branch, P.O. Box 442, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2P8, and by e-mail at: [protectedareas@gov.ns.ca](mailto:protectedareas@gov.ns.ca).

Please forward this email to any other individuals and organizations.

Protected Areas Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

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[protectedareas@gov.ns.ca](mailto:protectedareas@gov.ns.ca)

[www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protectedareas)

## **D7.**

### **The Coast's Green Guide**

The Coast's annual Green Guide will be released April 1st, 2010. The Guide will distribute approximately 30,000 copies from retailers, restaurants, coffee shops, and other locations in the HRM. This year's publication will be highlighting new environmental initiatives and practices by existing and emerging organizations in the Atlantic region. If you are interested in booking ad space in this guide, please contact: [lauraw@thecoast.ca](mailto:lauraw@thecoast.ca)

## **D8.**

### **CPAWS-NS 1st Annual Photo Contest!**

Who: Any amateur photographer in Nova Scotia

Categories:

1. Winter Wonderland 2. Wildlife 2. Sea and landscapes 4. Nature's Close Ups 5. Nature's Forces 6. People in Nature. Why: To win some fabulous prizes and to have the chance to be published in future CPAWS-NS publications. Bonus! There will be a People's Choice Winning Photo to be decided by vote at the Blue Jean Gala Reception on March 25th at the Hart & Thistle - plus a whole lotta good times. How: go to [www.cpawsns.org](http://www.cpawsns.org) for entry form and email digital copies to: [cpawsnsphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:cpawsnsphotocontest@gmail.com)

or mail to:

CPAWS-NS

5435 Portland Place

Suite 101

Halifax, NS

B3K 6R7

## **D9.**

### **Planning Announced: World Oceans Day 2010 Celebration in Halifax in June**

Date: Friday June 4th, 2010.

Time: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Maritime Museum of the Atlantic - at the wharves (behind the museum) at: 1675 Lower Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia

This event will happen rain or shine (rain location is inside the Small Crafts Gallery of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic). The event is free of charge and open to the public. As in past years we're interested in exhibits that show off your organization's mandates and interests as they relate to our Oceans and Coasts. We'll have interactive, educational exhibits and displays, the live touch tank, seafood samples, demonstrations and more! We will provide tables for your exhibits (1 table per organization). Please let us know by March 10th (even tentatively) if you will be able to participate in the event again this year. Coordination of Federal participation will be through DFO c/o Jennifer Hackett [jennifer.hackett@df-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:jennifer.hackett@df-mpo.gc.ca) and participation by all other organizations will be through NSDFA Sean Weseloh [McKeane.weselosw@gov.ns.ca](mailto:McKeane.weselosw@gov.ns.ca)

#### **D10.**

##### **Marine Protected Areas - Areas of Interest - Consultation Extended May 14**

Consultation period for choosing the Area of Interest, which will become our next Marine Protected Area has been extended until May 14th.

More details here: <http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/e/ocmd/mpa/aoi-e.html>

Please follow this link to read the EAC consultation feedback and to submit your own:

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/marine-protected-area-mpa-consultation>

#### **D11.**

##### **EA Comments Due March 12: Mulgrave Quarry Fines Storage Project**

This is to advise that on February 10, 2010 Martin Marietta Materials Limited registered a Mulgrave Quarry Fines Storage Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act. The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to allow for continual storage of fines produced during the washing of aggregate. To date, the Martin Marietta has been storing fines on-site in previously quarried portions of the existing operation. However, there is insufficient storage capacity at the existing Mulgrave Quarry to continue this practice. It is therefore necessary to construct specialized fines storage cells on neighbouring lands owned by Martin Marietta and an access road (located on private lands) between the two sites to accommodate transport of the material destined for storage. This site will not be operated for purposes of rock extraction (i.e., drilling, blasting and crushing). Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Mulgrave Post Office, 433 Main Street, Mulgrave, NS
- Mulgrave Library, 390 Murray Street, Mulgrave, NS
- Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 218 MacSween Street, Port Hawkesbury, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- EA website (when available) <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:

Environmental Assessment Branch

Nova Scotia Environment

P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before March 12, 2010 or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at [EA@gov.ns.ca](mailto:EA@gov.ns.ca). All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova Scotia Environment Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

#### **D12.**

##### **Call for Nominations: NSEN Eco-Hero Awards - NEW DEADLINE FEB. 24**

In celebration of our 15th anniversary in 2007, the Nova Scotia Environmental Network launched annual environmental awards. Since then, every year NSEN has awarded groups and individuals who have made a significant contribution to environmentalism in our province. There are eight award categories for both individuals and groups. The awards will be given out at our ENGO Annual Roundtable & Award Ceremony on Friday, March 5 (snow date is March 8). Nomination forms and more information are available here.

1. Nickerson Lifetime Achievement (Individual)
2. Eco-Heroes Group of the Year (Group)
3. Eco-Hero Environmentalist of the Year (Individual)
4. Cole Award for Excellence in Environment and Health (Group or Individual)
5. Marshal Award for Aboriginal Environmental Leadership (Group or Individual)
6. Youth Environmental Leadership Award (Group or Individual)
7. Award for Environmental Political Will (Group or Individual)
8. Langille Honour in the Woods Award (Group or Individual)

Nomination forms and more info here: <http://nsen.ca/ecohero.php>

### **D13.**

#### **Plan an event for Healthy Schools Day in Canada (HSD) on April 26, 2010**

Together we can raise awareness about and improve the indoor environments of our nation's schools.

This year's Healthy Schools Day in Canada (HSD) is April 26, 2010. More details and to register an event go here:

[www.casle.ca/HealthySchoolsDay](http://www.casle.ca/HealthySchoolsDay)

## **E. Jobs & Internships**

### **E1.**

#### **Student Native Plant Gardener & Interpreter Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, Wolfville**

<http://botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca>

Location: Wolfville, Nova Scotia

May -- August 2010 (16 weeks) 35 hours/week, \$10-\$12/hour

Description: The K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre is a unique educational centre where nature, research and technology come together to promote and practice conservation and sustainability within the Acadian Forest Region. We are looking for students who are passionate about plants, people and the environment to work on our seasonal crew. Students will develop their horticulture skills while assisting with the maintenance of the Botanical Gardens and Woodland Trails. In addition to learning about ecological gardening, students will have the opportunity to improve their presentation and people skills by leading tours and assisting with special events and environmental education programs. Tasks consist of; mowing, weeding, mulching, raking, fertilizing, watering, pruning, infrastructure maintenance, pest identification and monitoring, nutrient and water management, record keeping, seed collection and storage, planting, leading public tours, assisting with special events and programs. Successful candidates will be required to work in physically demanding situations including; mowing, lifting, digging and moving heavy materials and plants. Must be able to work in a greenhouse environment as well as outside in all weather conditions. Must have strong communication and presentation skills and be able to work independently and in a team environment. Post-secondary education in Biology, Environmental Science or Horticulture preferred. Previous landscaping or gardening experience is required. Knowledge of plants and habitats found in the Acadian Forest Region would be an asset. Certification in First Aid and a driver's license required. WHMIS training and experience with hand and power tools preferred. Successful applicants will be required to supply personal safety boots, work gloves and rain gear. Must be a student returning to full-time studies in the fall and eligible for Heritage Canada Young Canada Works program. If you're a student who loves plants and the environment we want to hear from you!

Please provide detailed resume, cover letter and references to:

Melanie Priesnitz, Conservation Horticulturist Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

52 University Ave, Box 48

Wolfville NS B4P 2R6

[botanicalgardens@acadiau.ca](mailto:botanicalgardens@acadiau.ca)

Applications due February 28th 2010

<http://botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca>

### **E2.**

#### **Job Posting: Energy and Climate Change Coordinator**

The Ecology Action Centre is seeking a permanent and full-time energy and climate change coordinator.

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is a leading voice within the province of Nova Scotia on climate change and energy policy. The EAC promotes sustainable energy to meet environmental goals, while enhancing the economic development of Nova Scotian communities.

The Energy and Climate Change Coordinator will principally focus on energy and climate change policy in the electricity, industrial and building sectors. Responsibilities also include project development, coalition building, coordination and fundraising in cooperation with Atlantic Canadian partners, the EAC's Energy Issues Committee and energy project staff.

The coordinator reports to the Ecology Action Centre Energy Issues Committee (EIC).

#### Highlights

- Work in the beautiful city of Halifax in the EAC's eco-renovated office with 25 other dedicated staff
- EAC's decentralized organizational structure provides opportunities for flexibility, autonomy, and creativity
- Work with other energy and climate change coordinators in New England and Eastern Canada through the Atlantic Canada Sustainable Energy Coalition
- Work with Climate Action Network Canada and environmental organizations nationally and internationally
- Generous vacation and benefits package

#### Responsibilities Include

- Monitoring, researching and shaping climate change and energy policy in Nova Scotia
- Communications through media, website and publications
- Participation in stakeholder consultations and advisory boards, including utility board interventions
- Coalition building
- Liaising with national, international and regional environmental organizations
- Identifying strategic opportunities to reduce GHG emissions
- Managing project finances, volunteer activities and fundraising
- Project oversight and development
- Identifying fundraising opportunities for the position
- Participating in and supporting the overall work of the Ecology Action Centre.

#### Skills and Experience

- Previous experience in climate change and energy policy
- Knowledge of provincial politics
- Knowledge of climate change, demand side management, energy efficiency, and renewable energy issues
- Proven ability to write media releases and liaise with the media
- Proven campaigning and strategic thinking skills
- Effective at networking and coalition-building
- Ability to work under deadlines and self-motivated
- Fundraising and grant-writing experience
- Strong time management skills and an ability to effectively manage and prioritize multiple tasks
- Excellent written and oral communications skills
- Masters degree or equivalent work related experience

Start: late March 2010

Wage: \$40,000 per annum

Four weeks paid vacation

Benefits package

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Application: Cover letter, resume and three references

Deadline: 9 March 2010, 4pm

Attention: Jamie Thomson, EIC Board Representative, [jthomson@eastlink.ca](mailto:jthomson@eastlink.ca), with subject line: Energy Coordinator. The Ecology Action Centre is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, First Nations, and persons with disabilities. We thank all applicants for their time and interest, however only short-listed applicants will be contacted. Interviews will take place the week of March 15th. The Ecology Action Centre was founded in 1971 and is one of Nova Scotia's most active environmental organizations. The Centre welcomes new members and volunteers: [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca)

**E3.****Forest Meditation Internships on Windhorse Farm April 18-May 15**

A forest meditation internship will be offered at Windhorse Farm this Spring from April 18 - May 15. It will be an opportunity to deepen your connection to the natural landscape in the pristine Acadian Forest of Windhorse. We can accept a maximum of 4 interns. More info: <http://www.windhorsefarm.org/events.htm>

Windhorse Farm

132 Sarty Road

New Germany, Nova Scotia

Canada B0R 1E0

902 543 6955

Jim Drescher [jim@windhorsefarm.org](mailto:jim@windhorsefarm.org)

**E4.****Community Awareness Coordinator (Community Emissions Challenge Program) Wolfville**

2 years

Start Date: As soon as possible

Purpose of position: The Community Awareness Coordinator will work with multiple partners to develop and deliver a community awareness campaign to promote and facilitate participation in the community emissions challenge program which has been developed by the Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment at Acadia University in partnership with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the Nova Scotia Climate Change Directorate, and Nova Scotia Power Inc. Targeted to municipalities in Nova Scotia, this program is intended to help community residents measure, manage and reduce GHG emissions and air pollutants caused by their household energy and transportation activities. The program features a web application designed to calculate and track individual and community emissions and an accompanying community awareness program involving education and engagement activities. With direct support from the Community Awareness Coordinator, communities across the province will help promote the program locally, and engage in friendly competition aimed at achieving emissions reductions goals. The program is a two year initiative beginning in February 2010.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree in public relations, communications, environmental studies or other relevant degree.
- 3-5 years relevant work experience
- Experience in public education and outreach, website design and management, design and production of promotional campaigns and materials, partnership building, and budget management.
- Experience working in/with municipal government, public education or NGOs.
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Professional and ability to work effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders.
- Ability to work effectively with the public.
- Demonstrated interest in environmental sustainability, particularly climate change.

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- Driver's license and own vehicle
- Proficient with MS office, social networking media.

Responsibilities

- Collaborate with multiple partners to develop and deliver a community awareness campaign to engage and educate municipalities and community residents about GHG emissions and air pollutants, and to facilitate participation in the community emissions challenge program.
- Develop and manage community emissions challenge website.
- Design and produce print materials, presentations, exhibits, and other promotional collateral.
- Set-up and staff booth at public events to promote the program.
- Serve as the public contact for the program. Respond to inquiries and facilitate participation in the program.
- Develop incentive program for community residents to facilitate participation.
- Develop business outreach program and secure advertising and business listings.
- Develop partnerships with municipalities. Deliver awareness campaign in partnership with municipalities. Make presentations to Town Councils, and work with municipal staff to become delivery agents for the program in communities across the province.
- Prepare monthly progress reports and other reports as required.

- Manage budget effectively.
- Serve as secretariat to Management Team.
- Other duties assigned it relates to the project.

#### Reporting

Reports to Community Emissions Challenge Project Manager

#### Salary

\$32,500 (plus group health benefits and vacation pay)

#### Work Location

Arthur Irving Academy for the Environment Acadia University 52 University Avenue, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6

#### To Apply:

Send resume and cover letter in same file to [jodie.noiles@acadiau.ca](mailto:jodie.noiles@acadiau.ca). Please include “CAC application” in the subject line. Due by February 26, 2010, 4:30pm

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

## **F. Volunteer Opportunities / HelpWanted**

### **F1.**

#### **Volunteer at the Ecology Action Centre (EAC)**

<http://www.ecologyaction.ca/content/volunteer>

### **F2.**

#### **Help Extend International Appalachian Trail in NS**

The Nova Scotia Chapter of the International Appalachian Trail (SIA-IAT) is seeking new volunteers to help raise the profile of this project; form community or regional committees; recruit volunteers and business partners; prepare trail guides and promotional materials; and create a continuous walking trail route from the PEI ferry terminal in Caribou to the NL ferry terminal in North Sydney. For more information contact [ns-iat@hotmail.com](mailto:ns-iat@hotmail.com), (902) 256-2193 or go to [www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects.cfm](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects.cfm).

Support Hike Nova Scotia by becoming a member (\$10 for individuals and \$25 for organizations):

<http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/membership.cfm>

## **G. Funding & Awards**

### **G1.**

#### **TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is Seeking New Applications**

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) is a national organization with a grassroots focus that supports local environmental projects, and works with people who want to protect and preserve the environment in their own backyard. TD FEF encourages non-profit organizations with a Charitable Registration Number, municipalities and schools to apply for funding online at [www.tdfef.com](http://www.tdfef.com). Since 1990, TD FEF has provided \$47 million in funding to over 17,500 grassroots environment and wildlife projects across Canada. In 2008, FEF provided more than \$3 million in support of over 800 projects. For more information on how you can access funding, donate or get involved in your community, visit [www.tdfef.com](http://www.tdfef.com).

### **G2.**

#### **RBC Blue Water Grants**

<http://www.rbc.com/donations/blue-water-pre.html>

### **G3.**

#### **Community Action Program for the Environment Funding - Web Portal Launched**

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new Community Action Programs for the Environment (CAPE) web portal, which brings together, for the first time, Environment Canada's 10 community funding programs on a single website. Canadians now have easy access to information about all our community funding programs, including each programs' goals, eligibility criteria, funding deadlines, geographic range, available funding, and website.

Thank you for your interest in the CAPE portal. Please take a moment to bookmark the link at:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/pace-cape/Default.asp?lang=En&n=06DD166D-1>

### **G4.**

### **Research Grants: Royal Canadian Geographical Society**

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society supports geographic research projects on Canadian topics through its research grants program. The Research Grants Committee has funding opportunities for both students and the public: individual grants (up to \$3,000) and group grants (up to \$5,000).

The RCGS also awards Studentships in Human Geography and Northern Geography: the Maxwell Studentship in Human Geography for Master's students (\$5,000); the Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography for PhD students (\$5,000); and the RCGS Studentship in Northern Geography for Masters students (\$5,000).

Deadline for applications: February 28th of each year. Deetails at: [http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research\\_grants/](http://www.rcgs.org/programs/research_grants/).

### **G5.**

#### **Earth Day Canada Environmental Scholarship Opportunity**

Earth Day Canada has launched the 2010 Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program. Twenty \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to students across Canada who have distinguished themselves through environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence. One exceptional student will also be presented with the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship National Award and a Panasonic notebook computer.

The deadline to apply is February 28, 2010. Application material and information is available online at <http://www.earthday.ca/scholarship>. For program information, please contact Jo Anne Tacorda at 416 599-1991 ext. 109.

### **G6.**

#### **Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program**

The Canadian Public Employee Acquisition Club has developed a program that offers Canadian schools the unique opportunity to fundraise while promoting discussion on the environment across the classroom, family and community arenas. The Canadian School Eco-Fundraising Program works on multiple levels to deliver age appropriate curriculum, carbon neutrality for participating schools and much needed funds for Canadian schools and classrooms. By discussing and involving the students directly in the fundraising program, we are able to stimulate discussion and cascade information on the environment between students and teachers, child and parent, and friends and neighbours. To view the centralized porthole which will be personalized on behalf of the individual schools and their fundraising events, follow this link: <http://cpeac.org/ecofundraising>. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.cpeac.org/>.

## **H. News**

### **H1. Announced - Miller's Creek Gypsum Mine Expanded!**

Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau has approved the Miller's Creek Mine Extension, today, Feb. 4, with some conditions. CGC Inc. - Fundy Gypsum has received approval for the project subject to conditions to protect the environment, including limiting the size of the extension to about 105 hectares. The company had proposed to develop 347 hectares.

The decision also includes conditions such as:

- extensive monitoring of surface and groundwater
- developing a wetland compensation plan
- establishing a community liaison committee
- legally protecting a 46-hectare conservation area within four years
- creating a program to monitor rare plants in the conservation area
- developing a plan to reclaim the land affected by the mining operation
- creating a protection plan to protect plant species
- studying the area to gather information on local bats
- creating a plan to fully protect places in the area where bats may go

The minister's decision and the conditions of the environmental assessment approval are on the Department of Environment's website at [www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea)

### **H2.**

#### **The Coast – Mining Biodiversity**

Mining Biodiversity: An environmental review for a gypsum mine was written by a company with connections to a mining group, is full of holes, and describes a project that will threaten biodiversity, water quality and farming on

the Avon Peninsula. And yet, it was approved: <http://www.thecoast.ca/halifax/mining-biodiversity/Content?oid=1525637>

### **H3.**

#### **Press Release: Gypsum Quarry Approval Threatens Watershed And Endangered Species**

Halifax – Nova Scotia Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau’s decision to approve a gypsum quarry near Windsor, NS threatens the watershed for some of the province’s most valuable agricultural land and endangered species, according to Sierra Club Canada – Atlantic Canada Chapter. The approval is for a quarry one-third the size proposed by Fundy Gypsum, however even at its reduced size, groundwater, surface water, and endangered species are under threat.

“This decision fails to connect healthy watersheds with healthy communities and thus eliminates an important opportunity for the region,” according to Gretchen Fitzgerald, Director of the Sierra Club Canada – Atlantic Canada Chapter. “We are forced to wonder if the province is serious about developing a progressive water strategy.”

The approval allows the quarry to operate for twenty years in a 105 hectare footprint (equivalent to 47 football fields) that includes wetlands, brooks, and streams. The approval also fails to increase the size or design of the conservation area proposed by the gypsum company to protect endangered and rare species like lady-slipper orchids.

“The notion that a small conservation area can conserve the unique assemblage of threatened plant species in the area is a Noah’s Ark approach that does not reflect modern conservation science,” says David Patriquin, a retired Professor of Biology and President of the Halifax Field Naturalists. “Protection of headwaters and biodiversity should have been sufficient to nix the quarry entirely.”

Community-based groups had proposed rejection of the quarry in favour of lower impact tourism, recreation, and sustainable agricultural use: a proposal that would have protected current jobs in the area and created new ones. The Sierra Club is calling on the Minister to review the environmental assessment process and reverse his decision.

For additional information please contact:

Gretchen Fitzgerald, Director, Sierra Club Canada – Atlantic Chapter, 902-444-3113 (office)

### **H4.**

#### **Ecojustice Wins on Red Chris Mine Case at the Supreme Court of Canada!**

A Victory for sustainable development and public participation

Red Chris is a massive gold and copper mining project proposed in northern British Columbia. Back in 2006, the Canadian government cleared the project for permits, despite that the federal environmental assessment excluded any study of the mine itself, and excluded any participation by local citizens, environmental groups, or you, the Canadian public. In a clear and unanimous ruling, the Court has said that the federal government violated the law. The judges stated that entire projects must be environmentally assessed, and the government “cannot reduce the scope of the project to less than what is proposed by the proponent.” The result is a monumental victory for the environment that upholds our right to participate in large industrial project assessments, which will benefit Canadians for years to come.

As you know, the proposed Red Chris mine is located near the Sacred Headwaters, the birthplace of Northern BC’s three greatest salmon rivers – the Stikine, Nass and the Skeena. Called “the Serengeti of the North” for its rich biodiversity, the area’s wildlife and waterways were being severely threatened by the project. Most shocking of all, the mine would have wiped out pristine Black Lake by converting it into a “tailings impoundment area” – a dumpsite for toxic mine waste. And while the ruling did not stop the Red Chris mine from going forward, contrary to some industry reports this does not mean that the mine has been approved. Ecojustice and MiningWatch will continue to follow the project throughout the future federal permitting process, and will oppose any permits that threaten our lakes and rivers, or that risk the health of the Sacred Headwaters area. In the meantime, we have successfully secured stronger environmental accountability for future projects throughout the country.

Find out more on Ecojustice Canada's web site: <http://www.ecojustice.ca/>

## I. Resources

### I1.

#### **ResourcesDocs Talk: A blog on your health and the environment**

How is climate change a health issue? How do our energy choices impact health? Why are health professionals concerned about pesticides? Docs Talk is a new monthly blog that brings you a medical perspective on current environmental issues and the implications for your health. A joint project of the David Suzuki Foundation and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Docs Talk features commentary by physicians and medical researchers. Check it out at <http://beta.davidsuzuki.org/blogs/docs-talk/>.

### I2.

#### **New Report on “The Challenges of Environmental Mainstreaming”**

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) is pleased to announce the publication of a new report, entitled “The challenges of environmental mainstreaming: Experiences of integrating environment into development institutions and decisions”. The report is an initial synthesis of IIED’s work with partners in 13 developing countries. It reviews the rapidly changing context and challenges to environmental mainstreaming, discusses what it takes to achieve effective mainstreaming, and provides a roadmap for selecting operational methods and tools. It explores the current emphasis on getting environmental issues reflected in key government processes – notably development plans, poverty reduction strategies and national budgets. This publication can be downloaded along with over 4,000 other resources, from the IIED website at [www.iied.org/pubs](http://www.iied.org/pubs).

### I3.

#### **A New Renewable Energy Strategy for Nova Scotia**

Prepared by Dr. Michelle Adams and Dr. David Wheeler, has been released. To download a copy of the report, please visit: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy/renewableplan/>

Nova Scotia is building a plan to meet 25% of its energy needs through renewable sources by 2015.

To inform that plan, the Province commissioned two reports, available here:

- Stakeholder Consultation Process for: A New Renewable Strategy for Nova Scotia (conducted by Dr. David Wheeler and the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University), and
- Transmission and System Operator Options for Nova Scotia (conducted by SNC-Lavalin)

Dr. Wheeler's report in particular was based on an extensive consultation with a wide range of groups and individuals interested and active in all areas of renewable energy.

We would like to thank those people for their participation and input, and welcome any comments on the final consultation document by e-mail at [wheelercomments@gov.ns.ca](mailto:wheelercomments@gov.ns.ca).

### I4.

#### **Corporate Knight’s Sustainable Canadian Cities Ranking**

See the ranking and read the report here: <http://www.corporateknights.ca/special-reports/64-most-sustainable-cities-in-canada.html> Our did Nova Scotia’s capital do?

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