



Nova Scotia
Environmental Network
Connecting for a Sustainable Future

Eco Connections Newsletter June 2016

Welcome!

Below you will find **events** (starting on page 2), **jobs postings** (page 5), **opportunities** (page 8), and **news** (page 13). *Eco Connections* is published on a monthly basis around the middle of each month. Send submissions to: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Get in touch!

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NovaScotiaEnvironmentalNetwork

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Email: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com

Membership: Membership Matters!

We look forward to new and renewing members' input on issues of importance to you. We trust that NSEN can be a conduit and resource hub for your concerns and an opportunity to communicate with others in order to create the political will for a healthier environment in Nova Scotia. Please feel free to write to the newsletter in these regards.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Renew your membership, let your fellow organizations know about us! The bigger our numbers, stronger our voice! There is a lot of enthusiasm for re-energizing the network, membership is key. If your membership has lapsed please renew or if you know of other organizations who are new or newly forming please encourage them to renew. **Do you see your events listed below? Then please support the work!** 😊

We would like to reemphasize that numbers count- the number of organizations and number of members per group. Please let us know of your membership numbers since this is a number we can show put a high priority on the environment. There are many opportunities for open dialogue and working in partnership across the province. Help us build our numbers and expertise. JOIN TODAY! See details of benefits and how to join here: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join/>.

Looking for board members: 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 obviously a province-wide organization and we would like this province-wide reach of the network to be reflected in the makeup of our board! It's easy to join in via teleconference. We encourage participation from members from all regions of the province. Be in touch with me and I'll send your email to the board: nseenvironmentalnetwork@gmail.com.

Specifically we're looking for those interested in being:

- Treasurer OR bookkeeper
- Note taker
- Membership Coordinator
- Fundraiser

NSEN CAUCUSES

Water Caucus:

Water Policy working group conference call will occur Thursday June 30th at 1PM. The purpose of the call will be to brainstorm ideas for the focus of the working group (NS Water Strategy implementation being one common theme), gauge interest in the working group, and discuss meeting structure going forward. Be in touch for more info: Amy Buckland-Nicks: amy@coastalaction.org and Kelly Schnare kellyb@sierraclub.ca

Environmental and Sustainability Education Caucus: Like the Caucus on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/Environmental-and-Sustainability-Education-Caucus-ESEC-215913805454788 ! Once you click the page, you can hit "like" and then it will allow you to 1) post to the page, if you want to share upcoming events/info/etc, and 2) see everything that's posted to the page in your newsfeed.

The purpose of the Facebook page is to further the ESEC's primary mission of raising the profile of environmental education in NS, increasing communication and connecting environmental educators.

See some of the members of the ESE Caucus here: <https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/esec/>

Other Caucuses: Find out how you can get involved: <http://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/about/caucuses/>

Upcoming Member Events & Events of Interest

June and onward...

Dialogue for Peaceful Change

June 19-24, 2016

Sunday 5:30 pm to Friday 1:00 pm

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DPC) is an international program that has brought together the best methodologies from around the world in community based conflict mediation, providing effective tools and strategies for analyzing and addressing conflicts.

This is a program applicable to conflicts and disputes in communities, families and organizations moving beyond traditional mediative methods, focusing on conflict content, culture and spirituality.

The experiential processes allow practice of the stages of conflict mediation and to apply the tools of "meditative behavior" in a realistic context. Participants receive international accreditation as DPC Facilitators upon completion.

Program Cost: \$852 (Registration, tuition, meals, accommodation and international accreditation fee)

For more information [click here](#)

Backyard Forestry, June 24-26: Join professional forester and author Jamie Simpson ("Restoring the Acadian Forest" and "Journeys Through Eastern Old-Growth Forests") for a weekend of practical introduction to forests and forestry. Hands-on exploration covers which trees grow where, and why, how to identify our trees and common forest plants, and how to think about working with your own forest. Some classroom time and a lot of time in woods surrounding the Harrison Lewis Centre. Fee: \$325 (or \$295 when paid in full upon registering). Deposit of \$100 to hold place, or pay in full for discount. Covers tuition, home-cooked meals, and cabin bunk. (Discount \$75 if attending from home or off-site location.) Register on-line at www.harrisonlewiscentre.org, or phone 902-646-1554 for details.

Special offer for workshop participants: New Stay-a-Day program offers anyone taking part in a Harrison Lewis Centre workshop to extend their stay in one of our cabins, with full use of the main building, bathrooms, showers, laundry, and Wi-Fi for \$25 per night.

Limited enrolment, excellent instruction, great meals, amazing wilderness coastal setting within a short two-hour drive from Halifax.

Following last year's success at the first **Open Forest Day (OFD)** that attracted more than 600 participants, and over 30 organizations, and positive feedback from partners; the Private Lands Stewardship and Outreach (PLSO) Section of NSDNR will be hosting another OFD event this summer; at ***Shubie Park, on June 25.*** As in 2015, the main purpose of the 2016 event for Natural Resources would be to educate the general public about various options available to them concerning woodland management, and the important role natural resources play in our economy, the environment, and our health. Also in keeping with the goals and actions of the Natural Resources Strategy (The Path We Share), DNR wishes to work more closely with woodland owner organizations across the province and provide collective support to landowners.

The OFD objectives include:

- To engage and provide information to landowners who are not actively managing their woodlands. These landowners would represent new clients to DNR and other service providers;
- To improve public understanding of issues and problems related to natural resource management;
- To provide the public with balanced and objective information related to natural resource management;
- To share knowledge about the importance of sustainable development of natural resources;
- To increase public awareness of natural resource stewardship initiatives and services available to woodland owners and the general public;
- To increase public confidence in natural resource management;
- To provide opportunity to engage the public; and
- To increase awareness of the importance of the forest sector in Nova Scotia.
- To build and strengthen relationships with land owner organizations
- To build and strengthen relationship with organizations that work in natural resource environments
- To provide an opportunity for urban residents to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature

As a partner, I was wondering if you will be able : **(1) Join us again this year, and or (2) if you wish to serve on the planning committee.**

Please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Simon

DNR

contact info: Mutabazi, Simon P <Simon.Mutabazi@novascotia.ca>

People's Climate Plan Halifax. SHOW UP. SPEAK UP. Halifax MP Andy Fillmore is holding a town hall to inform the federal government's climate change plan on **Tuesday, June 28th, 5:30 pm**, Dalhousie SUB (6136 University Avenue). It's important to have a big crowd, to send the message that Canadians demand climate action now. All welcome! RSVP at peoplesclimate.ca and/or <https://afillmore.liberal.ca/>

The People's Climate Plan is mobilizing Canadians in demanding just, ambitious climate action - learn more today: peoplesclimate.ca

Link to our Facebook event for social media: <https://www.facebook.com/events/881692995287197/>

July and onward...

Youth Nature Art Show, a 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Young Naturalists Club

Opening Night Thursday July 7 6pm-8pm

Show runs Thursday, July 7, 2016 - Sunday, July 10, 2016

Come and help us celebrate ten years of the Young Naturalists Club as we showcase winners of our Youth Nature Writing and Art Contest.

Pavia Espresso Bar and Café, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia 1723 Hollis Street, Halifax NS

The AGNS has free admission from 3pm-8pm on Thursdays so enjoy the gallery too.

July 8-10 (Full three days, two nights.) Milling and building: From logs to lumber to finished shed in three days. This new and unique workshop combines our popular **Introduction to the Portable Bandsaw Mill** with **Basic Carpentry** as participants plan for and mill out framing, roof, and siding for a storage shed. Thinking of buying a

portable bandsaw mill or already own a mill and could use a refresher course on how to achieve better results? This workshop provides plenty of discussion and hands-on chance to familiarize yourself with a mill, its operation and maintenance. Taught by returning instructor Ian Dingwall, full-time sawyer. Three days, Friday morning to Sunday afternoon. Limited to 10 participants.

Email HLC@eastlink.ca for more information on workshops or to register.

Field Leader – Overnight Course July 23-24, Economy

A Field Leader – Overnight module will be offered in Economy on July 23 and 24. Participants receive Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC) national certification. A pre-requisite to the course is at least one OCC Field Leader course. All of the instruction is outdoors, including an overnight hiking trip. The cost is \$125 (\$115 for current paid Hike NS members and \$100 for Duke of Ed leaders). The course is offered through Hike Nova Scotia in partnership with the Nova Scotia Chapter of the OCC and supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage. For more information, go to <http://www.hikenovascotia.ca/projects/leadership-hiking-course/>.

July 29-31: Chainsaw Skills and Safety, Women Only. A hands-on course with instructor Patrick Allan teaching bucking, directional felling, safe use, and maintenance. Participants come away with knowledge and practice to safely and competently use a saw. Learn the saw from the inside out, safe use, sharpening the chain, proper maintenance, how to buck wood, and the dos and don'ts of working both with downed and standing wood. Sunday participants learn to fell trees, working in a woodlot at the Harrison Lewis Centre. Workshop limited to eight participants.

Email HLC@eastlink.ca for more information on workshops or to register.

Call for Fall 2016 Guided Hikes by Aug. 15

Once again, Hike NS invites groups across NS to partner with it on delivering fall guided hikes in September and October of 2016. The purpose of the event series is to: 1) get more people in NS hiking; 2) highlight local trails and increase their use; and 3) promote Hike NS and local trail groups. Hike NS will help promote events, provide a how-to guide and provide trail prizes to giveaway.

If you and your local municipality or organization can organize a hike (or already plan to host a hike), please register your event here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RR2XLQ2> by August 15 for events between Sept. 10 and Oct. 30. Note that one organization may register only up to five hikes.

August 19-21: Chainsaw Skills and Safety, Open Course. A hands-on course with instructor Patrick Allan teaching bucking, directional felling, safe use, and maintenance. Participants come away with knowledge and practice to safely and competently use a saw. Learn the saw from the inside out, safe use, sharpening the chain, proper maintenance, how to buck wood, and the dos and don'ts of working both with downed and standing wood. Sunday participants learn to fell trees, working in a woodlot at the Harrison Lewis Centre. Workshop limited to eight participants.

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Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park

We are located just off Highway 102, Exit 9 at Milford, about 45 minutes from downtown Halifax. Our civic address is: 149 Creighton Road, Shubenacadie, NS.

Our GPS co-ordinates are: N 45° 05.570' and W 063° 23.576'

June 25, 2016 Saturday-8:30 AM to 12:30.

Learn to Fish

Learn the safe and proper way to fish in NS. We recommend this event for ages 8 to 100. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing gear will be supplied if needed. Be prepared for a 1.5 hour classroom session, then take to the pond and try your hand at catching some delicious fish. You decide whether to catch and release, or take the fish home for dinner. Bring outdoor clothes, rubber boots, hat, insect repellent and

sunblock. Regular park admission applies. You must pre-register and receive a confirmation to participate in this event by phoning [902-758-5316](tel:902-758-5316) or emailing legacycentre@gov.ns.ca.

For a list of our upcoming events our website is: <https://wildlifepark.novascotia.ca/programs/ParkEvents.aspx>

CARP's Annapolis River Festival, July 16

Jubilee Park, Bridgetown, Annapolis County

This daylong event is a celebration of the environmental, historical, cultural, and recreational values of the Annapolis River. Highlights include Dragon Boat races, a variety of canoe races (sprint, paddle-portage, obstacle course), guided historical/natural heritage boat tours, "Ribs on the River" smoked rib competition, "Pork in the Park" food tent with local craft beer and wine, canoe exhibit with live demonstrations, kids' games, and live music.

For more information: www.annapolisriver.ca/riverfest or find us on Facebook "CARP's Annapolis River Festival"

Hope for Wildlife Annual Open House

5909 Highway 207, Seaforth, NS B0J 1N0

Sunday, August 28, 2016, 12-4pm

Get a "behind-the-scenes" look at wildlife rescue and rehabilitation with access to bird and mammal nurseries, recovery units, marine unit, and flight cage; there will also be wildlife displays and demonstrations, kids' activities, live music, barbeque, and silent auction, as well as local exhibitors, crafts, and food. All funds raised support Hope for Wildlife's efforts to help injured and orphaned wildlife in Nova Scotia. Rain or shine, FREE ADMISSION. For more information, please visit hopeforwildlife.net

Job Postings:

Project Manager, Energy Efficiency Specialist, Halifax

Organization: Summerhill

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Summerhill has been a leader on energy efficiency issues since 1993. Today, we specialize in engaging electric and gas utilities customers in ways that achieve their targets. Our goal is to bring knowledge, enthusiasm and insight to our utility clients in order to build stronger relationships with their customers.

Summerhill is a certified B-Corp, was named one of Canada's Best Workplaces three years running, and continues to win awards for its culture, people, and numerous energy efficiency programs. The company is based in Toronto, Ontario with offices in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Regina, Saskatchewan; and Washington, D.C. We have 45 full-time employees and over 600 contractors working as auditors, energy managers, and in-field representatives.

Our clientele includes more than 40 utilities, 70 retailers and 18 manufacturers, as well as industry associations, educational institutions, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations

Job Title: Project Manager

Position: Energy Efficiency Specialist

Job Type: 12 month contract with possibility of extension

Location: Halifax

Job Summary

Summerhill is exploring the opportunity of building the capacity of our project management team in Halifax, Nova Scotia and invite strong, bright, entrepreneurial candidates with experience delivering energy efficiency programs and a willingness to take on challenging programs and new opportunities to apply. The Project Manager provides direction and leadership for their respective project(s), and is responsible for ensuring cohesive and consistent project delivery on time, on budget, on target, with a successful team and to the client's satisfaction within established quality standards. The Project Manager is responsible for leading the project planning, implementation and close-out processes while managing various project deliverables. This role reports to the Senior Director, Halifax and may include support from Project Coordinator(s) and field based staff.

Project Management Responsibilities:

- Creates and executes project work plans and revises as appropriate to meet changing needs and requirements.
- Identifies resources needed and assigns individual responsibilities.
- Manages day-to-day operational aspects of a project and scope.
- Reviews deliverables prepared by team before passing to client (internal or external clients).
- Effectively applies Summerhill methodology and enforces project quality standards.
- Minimizes organizational exposure and risk on project(s).
- Ensures project documents are complete, current, and stored appropriately.
- Ensures project learnings and outcomes are captured and reported for future reference.
- Provides direct supervision to all subordinate members of the project team.

Project Accounting

- Understands basic revenue models, P/L, and cost-to-completion projections and makes decisions accordingly.
- Ensures project legal documents are completed and signed
- Tracks and reports team hours and expenses.
- Manages project budget, including monthly review and reconciliation
- Understands project pricing model and billing procedures.
- Ensures timely and accurate invoicing, and monitors project receivables.
- Follows up with clients, when necessary, regarding unpaid invoices.

Business Development

- Identifies business development and "add-on" sales opportunities as they relate to a specific project.
- Shares opportunities for project or client growth with appropriate Account Director
- Effectively conveys corporate message in both written and verbal business development discussions.
- Develops project budgets for new project design based on knowledge of delivery and resource requirements

Communication

- Facilitates team and client meetings effectively.
- Holds regular status meetings with project team.
- Keeps project team well informed of changes to project scope and plan.
- Effectively communicates relevant project information to project stakeholders, internal and external clients.
- Delivers engaging, informative, well-organized presentations.
- Resolves and/or escalates issues in a timely fashion.
- Understands how to communicate difficult/sensitive information tactfully.

Stakeholder Management

- Manages day-to-day interaction with project stakeholders (internal and external customers, vendors and other interested parties).
- Develops lasting relationships with client personnel that foster ongoing relationships.
- Communicates effectively with clients to identify needs.
- 5+ years of energy efficiency program experience
- Demonstrate a strong knowledge of Demand Side Management and energy conservation and familiarity with relevant provincial residential and commercial incentive programs.
- Professional designations considered an asset include
- Project Management Professional (PMP),
- Certified Energy Manager (CEM)
- Certified Engineering Technologist (CET),
- NRCan trained and Certified Energy Auditor (CEA)
- Excellent time management skills and the ability to effectively support multiple projects
- Exceptional interpersonal skills in order to effectively work cross functionally; source information, obtain approvals, build relationships, and provide sufficient influence to achieve success.
- Knowledge of MS Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Connect and Google Applications with an aptitude to learn internal software and other relevant applications
- Ability to work independently and as part of a dynamic team.

Summerhill is an Equal Opportunity Employer

If you are an experienced energy efficiency professional, please send a cover letter and resume to Tiffany Leung (resumes@baystreethr.com) by June 30th, 2016. All applications will be received in confidence, Summerhill will not disclose the identities of applicants to individuals, clients or competitors.

We thank applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Guided and Self-Guided Tour Supervisor and Community Impact Coordinator

Organization: I Heart Bikes Inc.

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Business Address: Sands at Salter, 1507 Lower Water Street, Halifax NS, B3J 2L4

Work Location Information: Halifax, outdoors, urban

Wages: \$16.06/hour Full-Time, Permanent

Job Description:

The Guided and Self-Guided Tour Supervisor and Community Impact Coordinator is responsible for the organization, direction and evaluation of the company's guided and self guided tour operations as well as maintaining the efficiency, productivity and profitability that is aligned with the values of this exciting business on the Halifax Waterfront.

Identifying growth areas for I Heart Bikes Inc. and coordinating and undertaking community impact projects by working with key stakeholders will also form an integral part of this role.

Duties:

- Conduct first round interviews and make recommendations to manager
- Evaluate existing tour offerings and develop new tours as needed
- Coordinate, train and evaluate tour guides
- Tour planning, scheduling, promoting
- Develop fleet mix based on tour offerings
- Run the day-to-day operation of the store whilst meeting/exceeding sales targets and keeping to designated budget.
- Prepare weekly sales reports and end of year report
- Maintain social media presence
- Maintain and clean bicycle fleet
- Coordinate fleet sales
- Research and propose possible merchandise ideas
- Provide consistently stellar customer service and a positive tour experience every time
- Build tour partnerships and develop marketing plan for guided and self-guided tours
- Identify opportunities and develop proposals for community impact
- Review promotional material
- Identify and build new promotional partnerships to assist in growth goals

Skills Requirements

- Completion of secondary school
- University degree or college diploma in applicable field
- Fluent in English both spoken and written
- Bike maintenance experience
- Previous experience as a bike tour guide
- Secondary languages such as French, Spanish and German are considered an asset but not required
- Previous experience in a supervisory role
- Experience working with social enterprise is considered an asset
- Must be a confident cyclist and able to ride on city streets for extended periods of time
- Ability to supervise up to 10 people

Personal qualities

- A passion for Halifax, Nova Scotia!
- Strong interpersonal skills

- Value working in a team and be able to actively contribute to the success of the team
- Interest in developing leadership potential and community involvement
- Willingness to think outside the box and try new things
- Ability to make decisions, take calculated risks
- Determination to live a life you love
- Ability to ask for help and admit your mistakes
- Ability to self-assess priorities and take action

If this is you, please apply via email to: info@iheartbikeshfx.com or in person at our shipping container at Sands at Salter, 1507 Lower Water Street, Halifax, NS

Environmental Opportunities:

News release from the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia (CPONS). CPONS is urging Nova Scotians, and anyone else who supports our concerns, to endorse our campaign by simply sending an affirmative statement to southshore.cpons@gmail.com; printing the petition (found [here](#) under ACTIONS), collecting signatures, and mailing it to us; and/or liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ProtectOffshoreNS>. Also welcome is a letter of support which can also be sent to southshore.cpons@gmail.com.

Nova Scotians, Not Oil Industry, Should Decide Offshore Development

Lunenburg, 8 June, 2016 – The South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians announces the launch of a new campaign to ensure Nova Scotians have a far greater voice in decisions regarding developments in our offshore waters.

“World Oceans Day is the ideal moment to advocate a more democratic process for deciding what happens in Nova Scotia’s marine environment,” says Marion Moore, Co-chair of the Chapter and member of the coordinating committee for the Campaign to Protect Offshore Nova Scotia (CPONS).

Today, the Canada/Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB), the federal/provincial agency that licenses and regulates oil industry activity offshore, is made up largely of oil industry veterans. Recently, the CNSOPB approved licenses for Shell Oil and Norway’s Statoil to drill exploratory oil wells adjacent to the province’s most important fishing grounds, in a fragile marine environment. Many see those decisions as unwise or argue that the conditions imposed by the agency do not adequately reflect the risks involved. The lack of informed public involvement in the CNSOPB decisions is also striking.

The waters in question are a critical part of the province’s biosphere. They are the nursery of a sustainable fishery, the main attraction for our tourism industry, and the lifeblood for thousands of Nova Scotians who live and work along this coastline.

“How can a body dominated by the oil industry decide what is an acceptable risk to our marine ecology and to traditional industries that contribute billions of dollars every year to our communities?” asks Marilyn Keddy, CPONS coordinating committee member.

“It’s time to replace the CNSOPB with an agency where the communities most affected and independent experts hold the majority.”

In addition to a more democratic CNSOPB, CPONS is calling for:

- mandatory public hearings on all major developments in the offshore, with independent expert witnesses and funded public interest legal representation
- transparent decision-making and reporting by the agency
- stronger in-house research capacity, and
- a moratorium on oil drilling in all zones of critical importance to marine ecosystems, or of particular importance to the fishery.

“If there’s an argument for not subjecting vital decisions about the offshore to community control we’d like to hear it,” says Moore.

For information/interviews, contact Peter Puxley, CPONS Communications peterpuxley@gmail.com

Consultation on the draft 2016-2019 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy closes **June 24, 2016** - about two weeks from now. We noticed that we have not received a submission from your organization and were wondering if you were planning on providing us with comments on the strategy. Please take this opportunity to have your voice heard and contribute to improving the Strategy.

You can view the draft Strategy in "[e-Strategy](#)" format and [in PDF](#). To submit your organization's input, please: Email your comments to ec.bdd-sdo.ec@canada.ca; or,

Write to us at the Sustainable Development Office, 200 Sacré-Coeur Street, Box 12-3, Gatineau, Quebec, K1A 0H3.

This is your opportunity to help ensure the final Strategy reflects a broad range of expertise and perspectives. Following, we will update the final Strategy and post a summary of comments online. We will treat all comments submitted in private forums (e.g. email) as confidential in accordance with [the Government of Canada's Privacy Policy](#).

Thank you

Paula Brand

A/Director General

Sustainability Directorate

Strategic Policy Branch

Environment and Climate Change Canada / Government of Canada

McGill University Understanding Game-Based Approaches for Improving Sustainable Water Governance

Dear sir or madam,

Is the protection of Canada's freshwater resources a concern for you? If you were in charge would you do things differently?

McGill University is planning an event in Halifax where interested stakeholders can participate in a simulation gaming event that puts them in charge. Participants will play a game called Aqua Republica developed by the United Nations Environmental Program in partnership with DHI. This event will be part of the UpSWinG (Understanding Game-Based Approaches for Improving Sustainable Water Governance) initiative, a partnership between McGill, the University of Waterloo, Wageningen University (The Netherlands), the DHI group and Signature Games. For more information please refer to this website: www.gamingthewatersystem.org Players act as members of the planning committee for the fictional country of Aqua Republica. They must manage their resources and their development goals while still maintaining the ecosystem. The game is powered by scientific models and is updated after every turn based on your choices.

This event will give you an opportunity to connect with other interested stakeholders in the area and will give you further insight into the difficulties of managing a watershed. It's also a lot of fun!

The event will take roughly 3 hours and we will likely hold two sessions throughout the day in order to accommodate as many people as are interested. We will provide snacks during the event and do everything we can to ensure a pleasant, enjoyable and insightful event.

We are currently looking for interested parties to join in this event. The event will be taking place in downtown Halifax in a location that is still to be determined. A room will be booked once we see that there is enough interest in such an event. We will work with the interested parties to schedule the event on a date where as many people as possible can attend. Currently we are looking at holding the event in either July or early August.

We thank you for your time and if you have any questions about this event, feel free to contact Steven at steven.jean@mail.mcgill.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks again,

Steven

[1-514-795-6121](tel:1-514-795-6121)

Callout for Volunteers: Underg(RAD) Journal, Editors

Type: volunteer position with honorarium (see below)

Organization: NSPIRG

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia

Applications Accepted: Immediately - mid-June 2016

About the Underg(rad) Journal

This past year NSPIRG ran the 2nd annual Underg(RAD) Journal: a journal of research and writing in social and environmental justice. In our first year, we were open only to undergraduate students at Dalhousie and King's. This year, we expanded the journal, to include writing from students at all campuses in the HRM, as well as non-academic & community writing, and poetry. We want to create a space to highlight and share some of this amazing work, both celebrating it in our present day, and archiving it so that it can still be found in the future. We're excited about the future potential this project holds.

Description of Role

The goal is to turn the selected papers into a published, physical journal before the end of the summer. We are seeking volunteers to help do an initial round of editing the selected pieces for the journal.

Qualifications:

- Experience editing written work
- An asset but not required: experience in editing academic work in the social sciences
- Experience working on project-based work with a timeline
- Experience or knowledge of social justice and anti-oppression principles

Timeline and Pay

This is an honorarium position for \$10-20 per piece edited, length dependent. Payment will be provided via cheque upon completion of editing workload.

How many works volunteers edit will depend on volunteer comfort and the needs of the Underg(RAD).

Estimated timeline: We would like edits to be accomplished within one week.

About NSPIRG

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) is a non-profit, social and environmental justice research and resource centre. We are located in the Student Union Building at Dalhousie University. NSPIRG's mandate is to empower, educate and inspire action on social justice issues in Nova Scotia. We are a student and volunteer-driven organization working within an anti-oppression framework.

To Apply

Please submit a letter of interest that outlines your relevant skills and interest, along with how many submissions you are willing to edit (max 1 page). If you are emailing your application, please clearly indicate that you are applying for an Undergrad Volunteer Editor position, and please include your name in the file name of your letter.

We will be using a shortened hiring process for these positions, but may still contact you if additional information is required.

Applications Due: Ongoing until need is met

Applications may be emailed to: [hiring@nspirg.ca](mailto: hiring@nspirg.ca)

Or dropped off at:

NSPIRG Hiring Committee

Room B24, 6136 University Ave

Halifax, NS B3H 4J2

Please consider signing this federal e-petition supporting a revenue neutral fee and dividend to reduce carbon emissions.

This petition was filed under the new federal government e-petition system. It will be presented in the House of Commons. This fair and simple way to price pollution would be an opportunity for Nova Scotia that we can't afford to let pass by.

Petition e-297 - E-petitions

Open for signature : May 11, 2016, at 8:23 a.m. (EDT) Closed for signature : September 8, 2016, at 8:23 a.m. (EDT)

View on <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Home/Index>

Wood turtle land stewards- if you own or manage land that provides habitat for wood turtles, a species at risk, we will work with you to develop a stewardship plan in order to mitigate negative impacts to this species and its habitat

Wood turtle nest survey & monitoring volunteers- June is nesting month for wood turtles. CARP wants to identify and protect as many nest sites as possible. All covered nests require monitoring during the potential emergence window. Sites range between Lawrencetown and Aylesford.

Free Home Upgrades for Your Clients and Participants

Help your program participants save money on heating bills this winter, be healthier and feel more comfortable in their homes year-round – find out if they are eligible for HomeWarming. HomeWarming offers a free home energy assessments and energy efficiency upgrades to income-qualified homeowners. For more information and application forms, visit [www.HomeWarming.ca](http://homewarming.ca). If you would like to have materials to promote <http://homewarming.ca/>, get in touch with Michael at mmackay@clean.ns.ca.

2016 Awards of Excellence in Environmental Education

Nominations close May 20

[Click here for more information and to submit a nomination.](#)

The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication (EECOM) Awards of Excellence recognize individuals and organizations who have collectively influenced hundreds of thousands of Canadian citizens, and helped implement one of EECOM's key goals – to advance environmental learning, ensuring Canadians are environmentally literate, engaging in environmental stewardship and contributing to a healthy future.

We encourage you to give a deserving colleague or organization a great gift and nominate them for an award! All awards will be announced at the [2016 EECOM National Conference](#) held at the International Peace Garden in Manitoba on August 25th - 28th.

[Click here for more information and to submit a nomination.](#)

Are you ready to stand up for climate action that works for us?

[Click here to join the People's Climate Plan.](#)

We have a plan to organize locally in our communities and across the country to demand an ambitious climate strategy that's built around three fundamental principles:

- Keeping the majority of Canada's fossil fuels in the ground
- Building a 100% renewable energy economy by 2050
- Committing to justice for Indigenous peoples, workers and climate impacted communities.

Any national climate strategy must reflect these ambitious values if we want Canada wants to respect the global commitments it is making on the world stage.

We'll do it in three stages:

- First, we'll organize our local communities to demand that our Members of Parliament hold fair and inclusive climate consultations in their ridings.
- Next, we'll speak up together the government consultations in our local communities. In ridings where MPs refuse to hold consultations, we'll hold our own.
- Then, this Fall, we'll mobilize en-masse right as the government unveils its national climate strategy, to send one last message on where the people stand.

We can make a just, and ambitious climate action a reality. It's up to us. [Sign up to speak up for the People's Climate Plan!](#) You can tweet about the People's Climate Plan using the hashtag #People'sClimatePlan or #CANClimateAction. We know that when we stand together, we make big things happen. Pledge to stand together.

The long-time Solar Nova Scotia members and owners of this **off grid home**, with a wind turbine and panels, are moving away and selling this Roscoe-based home at the very tippy end of the Ostrea Lake Road:

<http://www.viewpoint.ca/property/cutsheet/40811168/3078-Ostrea-Lake-Road--Pleasant-Point>

Dalhousie University Graduate Student Projects - Call for Partner Organizations

Every fall Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management offers an innovative graduate class called Management Without Borders (MWB). Each year students are asked to work on group projects with partner organizations across Nova Scotia. This exercise provides students with the chance to apply the theory / skills they learn in class to real-world challenges. For partner organizations this is an excellent opportunity to have creative, bright and determined graduate students take on a project that would benefit your organization.

Jenny Baechler, course coordinator for Management Without Borders, is currently recruiting organizations that would be interested in partnering on these annual student projects.

As MWB students are all in graduate management programs the course aims to provide them with projects that will give them the opportunity to develop and hone technical management skills and/or explore topics at a level appropriate for graduate students. Each project team is composed of students from a diverse set of programs (business administration, information and library studies, public administration, and resource / environmental management); consequently, appropriate projects are those that require the mobilization of multiple skill sets and benefit from multiple perspectives. A list of potential project topics includes (but is not limited to):

- program evaluation
- policy recommendations
- marketing & communications plans
- feasibility assessments of future programs, initiatives or business ventures
- general research, synthesis and recommendations
- workshop development
- usability assessment of online resources

Projects begin on the first day of class, September 6, and must be wrapped up by December 9, 2016. In order for projects to be included in the 2016 MWB course, initial project ideas and/or expressions of interest by partner organizations must be submitted to Jenny via email (jenny.baechler@dal.ca) no later than **Thursday, June 30.**

For the first time, **Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Canada will have lobbyists from Atlantic Canada--Nova Scotia** specifically (Andy Blair and Joanne Light, volunteers with the not for profit CCL Halifax) who will attend the **JUNE 5-8** lobbying days with MPs on Parliament Hill. They will meet with as many Nova Scotian MPs as respond to their request. Over the last six months they have travelled around Nova Scotia meeting with all the MPs except for Rodger Cuzner and Mark Eyking promoting a fair price on carbon and support for the transition to a low carbon economy. They have been doing this work on a volunteer basis using their own funds for four years. If you believe in their work to slow global warming and can donate to help defray costs for this trip please send your cheque or m.o. to Joanne Light 6339 Young Street, Halifax, N.S. B3L 2A2 For the legitimacy of this appeal please email Cathy Orlando c.o cathy@citizensclimate.org or visit the CCL Canada website. To join CCL Halifax or start your own CCL group in your community, please contact Joanne Light Group Leader Citizens' Climate Lobby Halifax *Creating the political will for a more liveable world* [902-429-1571](tel:902-429-1571) 6339 Young Street, Halifax, N.S. B3L2A2

-Le français suit-

Can't find the right words? Let me help. I am offering writing, editing and translating services for NGOs at an affordable price, as a way to gain experience and help finance my studies in Journalism in the fall of 2016. Please see the attached poster for details.

Les mots vous échappent? Laissez-moi vous aider. J'offre des services de rédaction, de révision et de traduction pour les ONG, à un Prix abordable. Ce sera une façon pour moi d'obtenir davantage d'expérience et d'aider à financer mes études en journalisme à l'automne 2016.

Veillez voir l'affiche ci-joint pour plus de details

Thanks/Merci

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BOARD OPPORTUNITY

<http://GoodWork.ca/958243>

Position: Donor Relations, Board of Directors

Type: board of directors position / volunteer

Organization: Clean Annapolis River Project

Location: Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

CARP is seeking a skilled, experienced individual to serve on our volunteer board of directors with a specific role to lead the development and implementation of a Donor Relations program to provide financial support to the organization in the face of changing economic realities in the not-for-profit sector. The individual would serve as chair of a collaborative Donor Relations committee comprised of board members, staff, and volunteers that would support them in their role.

Key traits that we seeking are:

- The passion to see the Clean Annapolis River Project succeed in its mission to enhance the ecological health of the Annapolis Watershed through science, leadership, and community engagement.
- Experience from professional career or with other organizations to successfully raise funds through donor solicitations
- An energetic and self-directed personality
- Well-developed inter-personal and negotiating skills
- Excellent communications skills, both oral and written

To apply or for further information please contact Murray Freeman, President, CARP Board of Directors:

president@annapolisriver.ca

Do you have shredded sneakers, torn trousers or holy socks ready for trashing? **Since 2013, all worn or unusable textiles and fabrics of any material and in any condition (except chemically contaminated) can be reused/ recycled. Collection sites are all over HRM and Nova Scotia.** AFTeR began in 2013 as a group of six organizations that collect used clothing to fund social causes such as helping children at risk, combatting disease, and supporting marginalized citizens and those facing crisis. This is accomplished with the added benefit of keeping the textile materials out of our landfills. AFTeR member charities are experts in the collection and repurposing of used textiles and footwear. <http://afterwear.ca/wp/donate/>

Environmental News:

Halifax North West Trails June 2016 Newsletter is [here](#).

Mi'kmaq sign historic agreement on mining royalties with Donkin's Kameron Coal

Chiefs and company ink deal that will provide per-tonne payments to First Nations after mining begins at Donkin, possibly later this year. <https://www.localxpress.ca/local-news/mikmaq-sign-historic-agreement-on-mining-royalties-312673>

Nova Scotia's Green Party folds because of inactive membership <http://bit.ly/1sJ6sy0>

Today, young professionals in Nova Scotia are demanding a price be put on carbon.

[Fusion Halifax](#), a nonprofit association of young professionals representing over 2,000 members in HRM, has released an open letter on carbon pricing. Read it in *The Coast*: [Carbon pricing offers an answer to climate change](#)

Video of all those concerned with Environmental problems in Nova Scotia:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKF9QRc0kd8&feature=youtu.be>

Hope and climate change. Not concepts we often put together. If you haven't watched **The Role of Mature Hope in a Climate of Change** yet, [I think you might enjoy it](#).

If it moves you, please shared it with those **who need it most**. Whether that's through social media, email or your blog, it's up to you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3o5nbd-1h0>

MAKING FORAGE FISH COUNT

The Ecology Action Centre has launched a new fisheries campaign, aimed at protecting and rebuilding the important fish species which sustain the ecosystem. As part of this effort the report "Making Forage Fish Count: Recommendations to Improve Management in Canada" outlines some of the specific issues facing forage fish in Atlantic Canada, and more specific recommendations on how to improve science and management for these stocks - <https://www.ecologyaction.ca/files/images-documents/Making%20Forage%20Fish%20Count%20-%20Online.pdf>.

Six Sacred Heart students took part in the annual environmental pledge ceremony for the graduates. It was held on Tuesday, June 14th at Sacred Heart School.

The honoured guests this year were poet Joyce Caines, climate activist Hannah Mills, Lil MacPherson and Naomi Hill. Lil MacPherson is the co-owner of the Wooden Monkey and a candidate for mayor in the October 15 municipal election. Naomi Hill is the Director of Sustainability at Fusion Halifax which is a non-profit organization that challenges young professionals in Halifax to think forward and take charge of their city's future.



Kinza Hart, teacher Linda Davis, Katelyn McFayden, Meghan MacAskill, Sandler Gordon and Sophie McIntyre (missing Anya Friesen).

Here is a copy of the pledge that the girls took:

"I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any task or job I consider and will try to improve these aspects in any organization for which I work."

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to advise you that my [2016 Spring Reports](#) was tabled today in the House of Commons.

These Reports specifically examines the following issues:

[Federal Support for Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure](#)

[Mitigating the Impacts of Severe Weather](#)

[Chemicals in Consumer Products and Cosmetics](#)

In addition, the Reports contains: [The Commissioner's Perspective](#)

My report is available on the [Office of the Auditor General of Canada](#) web site.

Sincerely,

Julie Gelfand

Commissioner of the Environment and of Sustainable Development

The Maritimes: Canada's Secret Trailblazer in Wind Energy

<http://www.desmog.ca/2016/05/12/maritimes-canada-s-secret-wind-energy-trailblazer>

Could Bay of Fundy tides generate enough power for all of Atlantic Canada?

Several projects are hoping to finally unlock the energy of the strongest tides in the world

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/bay-of-fundy-tidal-project-hydroelectric-nova-scotia-energy-electricity-1.3607043>

We would like to hear your news! Please send updates of environmental concerns/activities in your community and we will post them in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.



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NSEN Events webpage: <http://nseenvironmentalnetwork.com/events>

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network connects environmental organizations across the province – together we are stronger!