

Good day & Happy Summer,

We are excited to announce the date and location for the Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) 2 day gathering **“Eco Connects NS”**: **September 22nd (Friday) and 23rd (Saturday) in Truro, NS**, funded by Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage. As Nova Scotians, we are facing increasingly complex times when it comes to protecting, restoring, and managing our diverse ecosystems that sustain our economy and well-being. [NSEN](#) is in a stage of reinvigoration and is developing its role as the supporter and convener for people and organisations that promote environmental conservation across Nova Scotia. As part of this effort, we are following up with our government on the unused \$350,000 Environmental Trust Fund in Nova Scotia in hopes that we can find a way to make it accessible.

At **Eco Connects NS**, we aim to build capacity for environmental conservation across Nova Scotia by bringing together diverse stakeholders, celebrating what’s been done, identifying the gaps, and revisiting and building on provincial [EGSPA](#) strategies (under themes of Water, Coasts, Forests, and Energy/Climate Change). We are inviting leaders from non-profit organisations, provincial/municipal/federal government, First Nations organisations, researchers, youth, and general public to join in the conversations and participate in reinvigorating the Network and our collective capacity to conserve our environment.

On Friday the 22nd (Glengary Inn), we will have presentations on the EGSPA strategies, networking opportunities, strategy-building sessions, and live Friday evening entertainment in Victoria Park. On Saturday the 23rd (Douglas Street Community Centre) there will be participant-led capacity building workshops, panel discussion, and Caucus meetings.

How to get involved:

- 1) **TAKE THE SURVEY** <http://bit.ly/NSENsurvey> **TODAY**
 - What you would like to see at Eco Connects NS?
 - Please fill out this survey by July 7th to help us shape the event
 - Enter to WIN Free Registration to Eco Connects NS!

- 2) **Please share the poster & video & survey** from the [NSEN Facebook page](#) to WIN!
 - VIDEO Save the Date #EcoConnectsNS Sept. 22 & 23 2017 in Truro -visit the NSEN YouTube [channel](#) & share with <http://bit.ly/Ecoconnectsns>
 - [POSTER](#) (use attached as an email signature, printable poster and Social Media photo, don't forget to use #EcoConnectsNS).

- 3) **Join the organizing committee**/receive regular updates or receive updates for Eco Connects NS by email (sign up for leadership role: #EcoConnectsNS (subject line):
 - Support the initiative to reinvigorate the NSEN with membership or renewal:
<https://nsenvironmentalnetwork.com/how-to-join/>

Please join us in building capacity for environmental conservation in NS! Participate and let us know how you'd like to get involved in building strength together!

Sincerely,

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Organising Committee:

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Janelle Frail- NSEN Communications Coordinator
Geoff McCain- NSEN interim Chair of the Board
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Dorene Bernard- Peace and Friendship Alliance
Val Kendall - NSEN board member

Nova Scotia Environmental Network presents:

Eco Connects NS

A gathering to celebrate and build capacity for environmental conservation in Mi'kma'ki (Nova Scotia)

September 22 & 23

Truro, NS

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Forests Energy & Climate
Coasts Water

@ Strategies @ Workshops @ Panel discussions @ Networking

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