



Spotlight on Rhode Island, the Ocean State: 2018 - 2019

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's Rhode Island Energy, Environment and Oceans Leaders Day

July 20, 2018

Providence, RI

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's youth and emerging leaders were invited to Senator Whitehouse's 9th annual event. It celebrates the progress of Rhode Island's sustainability leaders and, with national experts, explore actionable ideas for the coming year. Youth were inspired and energized!

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Youth Spotlight on Sustainability

Youth Perspective

Lya Perez, Highlander Charter School

It was an honor to be invited to be a youth representative at this event. U.S. Senator Whitehouse inspired me. He realizes the planet's challenges have to be solved in order to save it for the next generations, especially decreasing the plastic in our waters. It is an eye-opening journey for young people that want to help our community and the environment.



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The Institute's 14th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development Roger Williams University

June 22-28, 2018

Bristol, RI

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that empowers multicultural youth to become leaders. Youth delegates from Rhode Island and Massachusetts (Martha's Vineyard & Holyoke) had a rich learning experience with faculty from Bhutan, California, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

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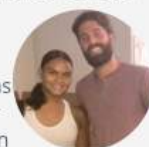


Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Lya Perez, Highlander Charter School

August 20, 2018

My day with Farm Fresh Rhode Island was fun! It was a whole new experience for me. I walked in with an open mind and excitement. I enjoyed meeting Tyler Plante, the AmeriCorps VISTA Farmers Market.



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Rhode Island's Best Practices for Sustainability

July 29, 2018

by Brittany Fulgione

Presented at the Institute's 14th Sustainability Summit. See how Rhode Island is a Leader in Sustainability, Marine and Ocean Health, and is implementing projects to increase resiliency and mitigate effects of climate change.

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Clean Ocean Access

Quinn Jones

As an intern with Clean Ocean Access, Quinn helps log the massive volume of trash data. She is currently working on the statewide Mylar Balloon Campaign.



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Nature's Trust RI

Chloe Moers

I got over 100 signatures from students from my school in Burrillville to stop the power plant. Every student has a right to a future and the people made the Constitution so the people have the power to protect their future.



SeaAhead: BlueTech Innovation

- BlueTech Night, Boston: September 2018
- World Oceans Day, Providence: June 2018

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Sustainability is GOOD BUSINESS

Sustainable Careers: Resources

naaee

North American Association for Environmental Education

This site includes career ideas that focus on helping to protect the planet. From musicians and fashion designers to conservation biologists, architects, and park naturalists.

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The U.S. Department of Labor's site for career exploration, training & jobs

Find hundreds of green careers spanning Agriculture, Energy/Carbon Capture, Environment Protection, Green Construction, Manufacturing, Renewables and more.

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Green Jobs Network

Explore hundreds of jobs in over 20 categories nation wide

Green Jobs Network is the #1 global community of professionals dedicated to environmental and social impact.

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GreenBiz

Green Jobs and Sustainability Careers Center

Green jobs in sustainability, technology and business from the world's largest companies, technology startups, utilities and cities.

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Sustainable Green Dream Jobs

Find your green dream job with this extensive nationwide resource

You'll find all kinds of green jobs here - from renewable energy to green building, organic industry, policy, planning and scientific jobs that restore our natural resources.

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Environmental Career Opportunities

Hundreds of open environmental jobs postings

This site has hundreds of active job listings and a weekly email which sends jobs of interest directly to you.

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Getting Started

FROM SEA BLUE

Find your next blue job

Sea Blue works with educational institutions, non profits, and corporations alike to find job postings throughout the U.S.

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FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

11 of the Fastest Growing Green Jobs

Green jobs benefit both the economy and the environment, and include everything from alternative fuels to tasty foods.

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FROM HUFFINGTON POST

Top Green Jobs of the Future

We've all heard of the interesting professions highlighted on the show "Dirty Jobs," but what are the world's cleanest jobs and what do they look like?

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FROM CAREER ONESTOP

There are many ways to obtain a green career

The U.S. Department of Labor defines a green career as any occupation with activities such as conserving energy, developing alternative energy, reducing pollution, or recycling.

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The Institute's Sustainability Initiatives

Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative

The Vineyard's economic strength relies on the unique marine life that surrounds us. If we want to protect our oceans for future generations, we must educate and engage youth about how they can help!

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MYVLI's Ocean Sustainability Video

Blue environmental leaders share stories about their organizations innovative projects to inspire youth and community to get involved in building a sustainable island.



Martha's Vineyard Virtual Field Station

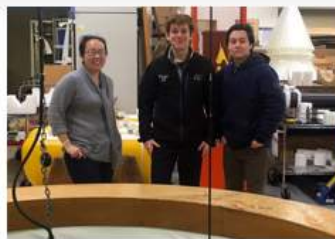
VFS creates a "semi-scientist" experience to increase skill levels through virtual tutorials and readings. Provides a platform to connect youth with blue education, real-time research for award-winning science fair projects and help build a pipeline of blue internships and jobs and volunteer opportunities. "How To Be The Change" section has guidelines on what people can do to improve the health of the oceans. Linked to Google Earth so users can see endangered areas needing rapid response.

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McLane Research Laboratories: 2016

McLane manufactures time-series oceanographic equipment: building blue job pipeline.

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Sea Blue Company: 2017

Recruiting Generational Talent: We are a company that wants to see our home on Cape Cod and our global economy grow economically, environmentally, and socially. We strive to achieve this by managing a holistic business structure. We care about where we live, how we live, and who we serve.

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Walter Cronkite Awards Honors Dr. Sylvia Earle Ho: 2009-2014



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Startup Weekend Blue Explores The Blue Economy: 2016



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Field Trip to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution: 2016



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International Beach Clean-Up with Ocean Conservancy: 2016

MYVLI joined with 5,583 locations. 4579 pieces of trash collected, logged global marine debris index.

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Empowering Young People to Build a Sustainable World

#1 Goal: Global Climate Change Summit: San Francisco 2018

Sustainability is our touchstone --

Building a sustainable future from the ground up.

Our world is in urgent need of new leadership, innovative thinking, and action-oriented people who can work together to effectively build a more sustainable world. The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform scales our work globally. The Platform lights the way for a sustainable future.

WHAT WE DO

Awareness



Youth receive support to see the world and experience first-hand its fragility with ocean adventures. With **Sustainable Field Trips**, we foster awareness and their passion to preserve the planet for their children. Multicultural youth and our faculty explore ways to engage all people in sustainability projects that reduce social injustice and honor cultural diversity.

Education



The **Institute's Educational Curriculum** uses inspirational humanitarian stories to teach values: empathy & authenticity and inspire youth to find their moral compass, a true north as they navigate important decisions for their life, their community and the world.

Leadership



At the **Institute's Sustainability Summits**, youth learn best practices and innovative models to solve sustainable issues in their communities and our world. Youth become representatives of their communities - at local events, state government and national conferences. They make effective presentations: artistically, speaking through video and social media.

Vision



Youth use the **Institute's Life Planning Tools** to envision their lives, and plan for their future. They are inspired by other youth who have overcome obstacles and are changing their lives and their world. Together we are working to build the blue/green pipeline for sustainable workforce and economy.

Initiative



During the **Institute's Fellowship Programs**, youth learn to take initiative in their lives, their communities and our world. They design **Sustainability-In-Action Projects**, develop action plans, troubleshoot challenges and develop strategies to engage others. They learn from emerging leaders with can-do spirit & make-it-happen energy.

Connect



Youth are matched with mentors from Blue/Green companies that lead to internships and jobs. The **Institute's Sustainable Leadership Metrics** measures 21st Century skills: Adaptability, Communication, Critical-thinking, Conflict-Resolution, Teamwork, Project Management, and Problem Solving.

THE INSTITUTE'S MISSION

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute lights the way for a sustainable future. We develop educational tools, trainings and initiatives to empower young people and their communities to work together to build the blue/green pipeline for a sustainable workforce & economy. The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform scales our work globally. The Platform's Life Planning Tools: Dream Map™ is an online framework for individualized learning, self-directed careers for 21st century workforce development, especially blue/green jobs. It is the window where global users access our educational tools, courses, trainings, mentors, resources so they can transform their lives, communities and world.

The Institute's Sustainability Initiatives:

Ocean Sustainability: UN's Sustainable Development Goal #14

U.S Secretary John Kerry's *Our Oceans Conference*: 2014

Our future depends on the ability of your generation to recognize the imminent need for sustainable development across all fronts. We need as many voices as possible, contributing solutions that will make a difference. I support your voices to be heard! Our task is a difficult one, but with young, inspired leaders like you, willing to lead the fight, I have no doubt we will prevail.



Former Secretary John Kerry's Message to Institute's Summit Youth Delegates

Hawaii: 2010 - 2018

Sustainable Hawaii is an online resource guide for youth, educators, business and the community organizations to work together to build a sustainable hawaii. From learning tools to videos and a matching system to connect business green jobs and community with volunteers.



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Holyoke: Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Relief Project: 2016 - 2018

Holyoke is the #1/capita of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. After Hurricane Maria, Holyoke youth leaders organized a 3-month project to collect warm clothing for the new Puerto Ricans who arrived in their community.



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Martha's Vineyard: 2009 - 2018

Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative trains young people for sustainable careers. For 8 years, this year-round program developed educational tools, videos, trainings, and Sustainability Summits.

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Vieques, Puerto Rico: 2003-2008

Mangroves protect the world-famous Bio-Bay in Vieques. They are the world's most endangered ecosystem. Vieques was the eye of Hurricane Maria.



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Virgin Gorda, BVI : 2007-2010

VGyli is dedicated to sustainable tourism. Youth became environmental stewards with ocean field trips, learned to swim and snorkel to develop an appreciation for the island's delicate coral reef systems. Youth at the Caribbean Media Exchange Conference on Sustainable Tourism in St. Lucia and San Juan, PR. The Bitter End Yacht Club hosted our 2008 Sustainability Summit.



Philippines: 1987, 2003, 2017

El Nido is one of the most preserved ecosystems in Asia. El Nido Resorts gives tourists a life-changing experience of protecting sea turtles' march to the sea. The TouchStone Leaders photo is from this island system.

