



ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT? Do you want to help other young Mainers build skills that will help them lead forward environmental action in their community?

If so, your ideas are needed! The Maine Emerging Environmental Changemakers Network is looking for 8-10 youth between the ages of 15-30 to coordinate and facilitate our 2018 Emerging Environmental Changemakers Gathering, which will be held at Tanglewood 4-H camp in Lincolnville, Maine on September 28-30, 2018.



Qualifications:

- Passionate about the environment: conservation, environmental justice, sustainability, sustainable agriculture, outdoor/environmental education, ecology, and other similar fields.
- Able to communicate ideas and work with a team to make decisions
- Must be an active listener
- Belief that all Maine youth despite income level, race, sexual orientation or background should have equal opportunities to develop leadership in the environmental/conservation sector
- Must be at least 15 years old



Responsibilities:

- Meet with planning team and mentor coordinators four times over the course of August and September to assist in planning the gathering. Meetings are in person in Portland area but you can attend meetings via conference call if you live too far away.
- Share your thoughts and ideas about how to create a positive and powerful event for Maine's young environmental changemakers
- Personal commitment to building a more diverse, equitable and inclusive environment/conservation movement in Maine
- Attend and assist with event on **September 28th and 29th** at Tanglewood 4-H camp in Lincolnville, Maine.



Benefits:

- \$200 stipend for participating in planning meetings/calls and final in-person event
- Great networking and leadership opportunity; meet leaders and potential future employers from throughout the state in the environmental sector
- Skill building trainings on equity and inclusion, youth-led environmental action and leadership
- Attendance fee, travel, food and housing costs covered at Emerging Changemakers Gathering in September 2017 (only 60 people can attend so this is an awesome opportunity!)
- Letter of recommendation/job reference
- Inspiration and personal learning!!! Meet other young people who share a passion for nature, environmental justice, and/or conservation--share your powerful ideas with each other!
- Resume builder
- Opportunity for additional leadership involvement with Changemakers all year- such as professional conference presentations, awards, and skill building trainings
- Become an active member in Maine's Emerging Environmental Changemakers Network
- Be in the applicant pool for a summer Paid Internship in 2019 to work further on supporting the growth of this new youth environmental network

How to Apply:

Send an email to Olivia Griset at president@meeassociation.org that states your name and age and answers the following two questions:

1. Why are you interested in this position?
 2. How have you demonstrated passion and leadership for the environment in your school and/or community?
- Feel free to attach your resume to this email as well (although a resume is not required)
 - Questions? Email or Call Olivia Griset at 207-232-6964 or at president@meeassociation.org

Deadline: Apply by July 20 , 2018 at 12:00 pm

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BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE *Maine Emerging Environmental Changemakers Gathering*

The Gathering is Friday **September 28th** and all day **Saturday September 29th** at Tanglewood 4-H camp in Lincolnville, Maine. This is an intergenerational gathering of established leaders in the environment and conservation fields in Maine and emerging changemakers between the ages of 15-30. There will be roughly 60 folks--most likely 60% youth 40% established mentors. This is an annual event, we held our first gathering two years ago, so the planning team will have a great starting point for this year's event. This event focuses on helping participants grow their networks, gain inspiration for their own efforts in environmental/conservation work and also participate in skill building trainings and facilitated dialogue on how we can build a more inclusive environmental sector in our state. The Gathering is a collaborative effort between the *Maine Environmental Education Association, Cultivating Community, Maine Audubon, and the 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood.*

Who will be there?

The gathering will consist of up to 60 changemakers drawn by application. These individuals will be changemakers of all ages from a variety of backgrounds in environmental education, sustainability, conservation, environmental justice, and/or local, sustainable food systems. Preference will be given to those representing underserved audiences and communities in Maine who can contribute to the work of broadening and diversifying Maine's environmental sector.

Gathering Goals:

- Connect Maine's young environmental changemakers with one another and to potential mentors.
- Furthering the understanding that mentoring goes two ways and that you don't have to be older or more experienced to be a mentor--both established and emerging leaders have so much to learn from each other!
- Convene environmental leaders from diverse Maine communities to build relationships for collaboration
- Build collaborative leadership skills
- Inspire each other through shared stories of what is working well in youth empowerment in the environmental sector, and identify and address barriers to increasing the effectiveness of our work statewide
- Provide Skill building training and facilitated discussion on diversity, equity, and inclusion topics related to Maine's environmental and conservation fields



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