A GATHERING TO EMPOWER MAINE'S

Emerging Environmental Leaders











The Maine Environmental Education Association, Cultivating Community, Maine Audubon, and the 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood invite you to

Collaborate to cultivate and empower the next generation of diverse environmental leaders in Maine. At this gathering we will put our heads and hearts together to tackle some of these questions:

- How should we empower, support, and amplify the voice of Maine's new generation of environmental leaders?
- How do we attain racial, economic, and geographic diversity within environmental leadership?
- What are the best pathways to environmental leadership for Maine's high school-aged, college-aged, and young professionals?
- What skill-sets and core competencies do new environmental leaders need for success?
- What barriers need to be dismantled in order to achieve a broader, more diverse cadre of leaders in Maine's environmental sector?
- How can we create a network in Maine that supports emerging environmental leaders and connects them to one another and mentors in their fields of interest?

The goals of this gathering are:

- Connect Maine's young environmental leaders with one another and to potential mentors
- Convene established and young leaders from diverse Maine communities to build relationships for collaboration
- Share what is working well in youth empowerment in the environmental sector, and identify barriers to increasing the effectiveness of our work
- Identify barriers stemming from race, power, and privilege that keep emerging leaders from rising in environmental careers that serve Maine's communities

September 15 at 5:00pm

through 4:00pm, September 16, 2016 at the 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Tanglewood, Lincolnville, Maine http://extension.umaine.edu/tanglewood/

REGISTRATION IS FREE

including meals and lodging. Limited to 40 highly motivated participants

APPLY ONLINE AT

www.meeassociation.org/application.html Applications are due August 8, 2016

Who will be there?

The gathering will consist of forty leaders selected through an application process. These individuals will be leaders of all ages in environmental education, sustainability, environmental justice, and/or local, sustainable food systems. Preference will be given to those who represent or work with under-served audiences and communities in Maine and who can contribute to the work of broadening and diversifying Maine's environmental sector.

Questions? adrian@meeassociation.org

Visit the Maine Environmental Education Association website at www.meeassociation.org

Featured Speakers and Facilitators

Stefan J. Jackson

Stefan's approach to diversity and difference in community conservation come from an ecologist's heart. Working with a substantial professional network across Maine, Stefan is determined to engage youths, and



connect people, programs, and organizations for community good. In his diversity and community-based conservation consulting practice Stefan has worked with many conservation organizations such as Trout Unlimited, Nature Conservancy, the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, and Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. He serves on the board of MEEA and also the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). And he's a lawyer too, but don't hold that against him!

Alexandra Beatrice Trumann



Alexandra "Bea" Trumann is a 25-year-old Black Indian from northern Maine, who has called New York, Massachusetts, Oregon, the Philippines, and now Portland home. Bea brings years of sociological and

environmental research experience to the summit, with primary interests around deconstructing environmental access privilege and reconnecting minorities with the outdoors on a more individual and spiritual level. When not working to smash the patriarchy, Bea enjoys surfing, sewing fabulous floral frocks, or going on adventures with her stinky old lady Boston Terrier, Tessie.









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Along with the New England Environmental Education Alliance (NEEEA) and eight other state environmental education associations throughout the country, MEEA won a highly competitive capacity-building grant to connect established environmental educators with a new generation of urban and diverse environmental education professionals.

Project Leadership Team:

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