



RHODE ISLAND : OCEAN STATE

U.S. Senator Whitehouse's 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 explores actionable ideas for the coming year. Youth were inspired and energized!

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June 22-28, 2019

The Institute's 15th Sustainability Summit: Newport, RI

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 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 summit 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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Rhode Island's Best Practices for Sustainability

July 29, 2018 by Brittany Fulgione

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. Presented at the Institute's summit.

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Farm Fresh Rhode Island

Lya Perez, Highlander Charter School

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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SeaAhead: BlueTech Innovation

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

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Newport: Volvo Ocean Summit United Nations Environment's Clean Seas campaign

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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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OUR YOUTH WILL INHERIT THE OCEANS AND THEIR PROBLEMS.

The Virtual Field station will prepare the next generation to solve them.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

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!

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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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.

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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.

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



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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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THE INSTITUTE'S SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

U.S Secretary 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 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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Nantucket: 2011

The Schmidt Family Foundation supported Nantucket youth leaders to the Institute's Sustainability Summit and convened gathering with business, government and community leaders. A Look at the Sustainable Future of Nantucket Island

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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

VGYL 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.



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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.



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*Sustainability is our touchstone --
Building a sustainable future from the ground up.*

WHAT WE DO

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 lights the way for a sustainable future.

Awareness



Youth experience our ocean's fragility firsthand on our **Sustainable Field Trips**. Multicultural youth and faculty also 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 empathy and authenticity and inspire youth to find their moral compass- their true norths - as they navigate important decisions for their lives, communities 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 world. Youth become representatives of their communities, and make artistic video presentations broadcast on 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. They see themselves as part of the solution.

Initiative



During the **Institute's Fellowship Programs**, youth learn to take initiative in their lives. 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 develops 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 and economy. The Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform's Life Planning Tools: Dream Map™ is an online framework enabling individualized learning that can lead to blue/green jobs and careers—vital to 21st century workforce development. The Platform is the window through which global users access our educational tools, courses, trainings, mentors, and resources so they can transform their lives, communities and world.

Empowering Young People to Build a Sustainable World

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