

Get Involved: Local Climate Change Volunteer Opportunities

Green Sanctuary Committee - Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: We address many environmental issues. Our current focus is *Climate Change, Climate Justice and our Salish Sea*. We promote sustainability and stewardship through increased consciousness, lifestyle changes, adult learning programs, church services, community education, and action including hosting co-sponsored events. We support local, state and national issues such as controlling use of GMOs and a Carbon Tax. All are welcome, contact Jeanette Richoux, jrichoux63@gmail.com, www.quuf.org.

Jefferson Land Trust: Jefferson Land Trust helps the community preserve open space, working lands, and habitat forever. Through grassroots support and collaboration, the Land Trust preserves, sustains, and restores the places that matter most in Jefferson County: salmon streams, key habitat refuges, wildlife corridors, and working forests and farms. From the wildlife corridors that allow animals to migrate in response to changing conditions, to the trees we plant, to the sustainably managed forests that sequester carbon and help clean water and air, we help provide local resilience to a changing climate. Contact info@saveland.org or www.saveland.org.

Jefferson County Food System Council: The council is a year old, with a mission statement of: Working together to create, expand, and strengthen a local food system that is accessible, healthy, sustainable, and economically vibrant. The Council membership incorporates members from many sectors of our local food system: up to 20 people from Jefferson County who all have a strong engagement with local food, from farming, to value added production, retail sales, food regulation, education, food waste management, etc. Contact Judy Alexander at jclocalfoodsystemcouncil@gmail.com for more information.

Local 20/20 Action Groups:

- **Beyond Waste:** this group supports and educates local businesses, organizations and individuals to reduce their contribution to the waste stream. Climate change results from a carbon cycle out of balance, driven in part by the fossil-fuel production of new materials. An important way to reduce carbon emissions is the thoughtful re-use, reduction and recycling of the goods we use in everyday life. Contact Lisa at bw@I2020.org or see <http://I2020.org/beyond-waste/>.
- **Citizens for Local Food:** CLF mission is to be of service to the people of Jefferson County to create a local, secure, and just food system that strengthens our community, ecology, and economy. Food systems are a central issue in climate change. Our community will be best able to cope, and even prosper if we know what grows here, but just as importantly how to harvest, preserve, distribute, cook and eat our foods together. Contact Sidonie Wilson at clf@I2020.org or see <http://I2020.org/citizens-for-local-food/>.
- **Climate Action:** the goal of this group is to reduce our community's greenhouse gas emissions (mitigation) and to prepare for climate change (adaptation). We do this through outreach activities (such as the Taming Bigfoot Competition), and by working opportunities to move climate change preparation activities forward in the community. Contact Cindy Jayne at cag@I2020.org, or see <http://I2020.org/climate-action/>
- **Energy Action Group / Energy Lunch:** This group is dedicated to finding practical answers to help us locally to conserve energy, save money, enhance our self-reliance and strengthen our community. We initiate programs and events intended to result in smarter energy use in Jefferson County. It is merging with the monthly Energy Lunch program, presentations on energy topics by energy experts from around the country. Contact Tom Engel at EAG@I2020.org for more information or see <http://I2020.org/energy-action/>.
- **Resiliency of the Heart** contains two action groups. **Art for Earth** is a group of artists and non-artists who feel a creative and playful approach to difficult issues can provoke the necessary cultural shifts that lead to truly adaptive behavior. The vision of AFE is to

heighten awareness of environmental and social issues through the arts, and engage others in artistic expression and creative activities while embodying the new paradigm of interconnectedness with the earth and each other. **Heart Circle** is a forum to nourish social sustainability and offer a model of compassionate communication as a foundational value in our community. We build a culture of connectedness through a conscious practice of sharing creatively and authentically from the heart. Contact Polly Thurston at afe@I2020.org or Aimee at hc@I2020.org.

- **Transportation Lab (T-Lab):** this group works to promote the vision of a transportation system that minimizes the need for personal motor vehicles, and increases the usage of walking, bicycling and mass transit. Contact Richard Dandridge at tlab@I2020.org or <http://I2020.org/transportation-lab/>

North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Organization: a collaborative, innovative effort among member governments, educational & community organizations to advance economic, environmental & quality of life initiatives on the North Olympic Peninsula. It recently completed the Planning for Climate Change in the North Olympic Peninsula grant-funded project. Contact Kate Dean at info@noprcd.org or see www.noprcd.org.

Port Townsend / Jefferson County Climate Action Committee: This is a joint committee of the City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County. It is responsible for developing strategies to implement the goals specified in the city/county approved Climate Action Plan. The plan recommends how to achieve the goal of an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by the year 2050, and the need for climate adaptation planning. For open positions or more information, see <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/climatechange.htm>

Port Townsend Marine Science Center: The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to fostering knowledgeable and passionate stewards of our coastal and marine environment. Some of the volunteer opportunities include monitoring sea stars, greeting aquarium visitors, looking for harmful algae, responding to stranded marine mammals, teaching about environmentally friendly home products, and exploring ocean acidification. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Amy Johnson ajohnson@ptmsc.org or dive deeper at ptmsc.org/get-involved.

The ReCyclery: *"to promote bicycle use for a healthier and more sustainable community."* The ReCyclery is a nonprofit, membership-based, community bicycle center with a full-service bike shop, bike rentals, mountain bike teams, apprenticeships and bike ed programs both in and out of schools. Come help refurbish old bikes or teach bike safety classes. We offer multiple opportunities to volunteer. www.ptrecyclery.org. Drop by Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5PM. Come and work on your own bike with professional advice on Community Shop Days, Fridays and Saturday, 12-5PM. Contact Aliina Lahti, info@ptrecyclery.org, www.ptrecyclery.org.

Students for Sustainability: a dedicated group of Port Townsend High School students who are taking action to mitigate climate change at their school, in their community, their state, and at a national level. Contact Laura Tucker (Ltucker@co.jefferson.wa.us) or Lois Sherwood (Lsherwood@ptschools.org) to volunteer or see <https://www.facebook.com/sfspths/>.

Peace and Social Concerns Working Group - Port Townsend Friends Meeting (PTFM): This group believes there is no need to wait for the political will to arise to create a carbon tax as a way to combat climate disruption, for we have the power to tax ourselves. Carbon tithing is a way to give material witness to a commitment to end carbon pollution, and various religious groups are doing so already. PTFM is working on creating a template and an online system for drawing these efforts together and to publicize what others are doing to tax themselves and to build funds for creating a sustainable future. Contact Tom Butts at tombutts10@hotmail.com.