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People, Planet, People: Envisioning Higher Education Sustainability and Resiliency in 2030

Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) February 11-12 2021

January 11, 2020 – Seattle, WA. The 2021 Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) virtual event takes place **February 11-12, 2021** built to inspire change, facilitate action, and promote collaboration around sustainability within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. The upcoming event offers keynotes, sessions, and workshops focused on social justice, campus engagement, academics, operations, facilities, and student leadership.

"We have created WOHESC in the knowledge that education empowers people, builds better lives, and creates stronger communities. Our students are the key to building a bright future for America, with a stronger and more inclusive economy." - Adam Maurer, Presenting Host Sponsor and Sustainability Coordinator, Seattle Colleges.

[2021 conference program content](#) features prioritized regional topics and learning from recognized leaders in higher education to include:

Featured Topics/Sessions:

- Can You Really Change Behavior With an App?
- Cascadia Region Higher Education Sustainability Round Table Update
- Centering Diversity Equity & Inclusion in Climate Action and Sustainability Planning
- Climate Grief, Eco-Anxiety, and Mental Health in the Face of Overlapping Crises
- Developing Student Sustainability Leaders through Ambassador Programs
- Growing the Education Pipeline for Global Healers
- Incorporating Climate Justice and Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum
- Intersectional Vision, Decolonizing Pathways and Principled Practice
- Making the Case for Sustainability in a Rapidly Shifting Political, Social, and Economic Landscape
- Navigating the Evolution of Student-Led Sustainability Green Funds in Higher Education
- Programs Coming Together to Improve Learning of Urban Systems, Inside and Out
- Resistance. Reparations. Repair. | Writing our Past, Present, and Future

Conference Closing:

Attendees will come together in a contemplative community building space to examine what they have learned about environmental justice and environmental racism and how to move forward taking these lessons learned into their daily life and work. This session will be led by:

- D'Andre Fisher, M.Ed. | Associate Vice President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, North Seattle College
- Valerie Strickland Hunt, PhD | Associate Vice President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Seattle Central College

Tours, Meetups and Networking:

- A Virtual Tour of Sustainable Buildings and Educational Technology at South Seattle College
- MEET-UP: Building Equity and Sustainability Through Food | Inspiring Student Leaders
- MEET-UP: Student Led Discussion Space led by Sarah Fenton, Student Body President Advisor at North Seattle College

Notable Conference Speakers:

- Amber Nicholson | Director of Sustainability, Bellevue College
- Ananda Lee Tan | Director, Shaping Change Collaborative
- Claudia Frere-Anderson | Director, University of Washington Sustainability
- Jenny McNamara | Chief Sustainability Officer, Portland State University
- Jochebed Bogunjoko | Founder and CEO, J Aduke Consulting
- Kaede Kawauchi | Program Manager, Intentional Endowments Network
- Kshamta Hunter | Sustainability Student Engagement Manager, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Laura Schmidt | Founding Director, Good Grief Network
- Maya McClendon | Founder, TimeOut App
- Meghan Jones | Seattle Director, Factory Farming Awareness Coalition
- Philip Garrison | Founder and President, APOYO Food Bank
- Sarah Jaquette Ray, PhD | Associate Professor and Chair of Environmental Studies, Humboldt State University
- Taylor McHolm, PhD | Program Director, Student Sustainability Center, University of Oregon
- Tim Jensen | Director of Writing, School of Writing, Literature, and Film, Oregon State University
- Ubax Gardheere | Equity Strategies Manager, City of Seattle
- Wesley Lauer | Director of Environmental Science, Seattle University

Event Details:

Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) - Virtual February 11-12, 2021

Location: Available from any location via laptop or mobile device

Schedule and Full Speaker Line-Up: <http://wohesc.org/program>

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://wohesc.org/registration> or by calling 206.459.0595.

About Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC)

The Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference (WOHESC) is organized by B Corporation Social Enterprises, Inc. and is a platform for inspiring change, facilitating action, and promoting collaboration related to sustainability and social justice within the Cascadia region's higher education institutions. Conversation, workshops, and networking opportunities will empower participants to advance practices and drive action at participating institutions of higher education. More information at <http://wohesc.org/>.

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