

Green Seattle Partnership Youth Opportunities Guide

Looking to get involved with the movement to expand access to urban green space? Green Seattle Partnership is a coalition of organizations working to engage and empower communities to restore our parklands and ensure a sustainable, equitable, and healthy Seattle. There are many opportunities for young people to be engaged with Green Seattle Partnership whether through volunteer service opportunities, paid internships, or future green jobs and college majors. Find an opportunity in your neighborhood or learn about opportunities to take your passion for the environment further afield!

GREEN SEATTLE PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER EVENTS

• VOLUNTEER

Volunteering with the Green Seattle Partnership is a great way to give back to your community, get outside, and improve the health of a park in your neighborhood. Whether you're passionate about keeping our public parks healthy and green, need to complete a service requirement, or are just looking for a fun workout, we invite you to join us in restoring and caring for Seattle's forest. With over 1,500 events a year in 155 parks across the city, there's plenty of opportunities to get involved with your next volunteer event.

Get involved!

Looking to get your hands dirty and spend time outside? Green Seattle Partnership is looking for regular volunteers to help plant native trees and plants, remove invasive species, and support education around urban forestry. Volunteering is a great way to help the trail, get some exercise, and meet great people who love the outdoors.

Contact: info@greenseattle.org
<https://www.greenseattle.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

DELDRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

• VOLUNTEER

Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA) is a non-profit organization devoted to social, racial and environmental justice. We are dedicated to preserving and increasing affordable housing for a range of incomes, enhancing the natural environment, and providing such vital resources as arts and cultural opportunities, education and youth programs for our neighbors. DNDA is committed to restoring, preserving, and protecting our natural habitat by developing community stewards.

Get involved!

Volunteers are the backbone of DNDA. There are many opportunities for volunteers to contribute time, skills, and talents through art, nature, or neighborhood. Volunteers should come ready to engage in new experiences to help build and sustain a dynamic Delridge.

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EARTH CORPS

• VOLUNTEER • GREEN JOBS

EarthCorps brings together passionate and hardworking young adults from the US and countries around the world, for yearlong leadership training program in Seattle, Washington. Our corps members learn leadership skills by working collaboratively, leading community volunteers, and executing technical restoration projects along shorelines, trails and in forests. At EarthCorps, we believe in the power of people to tackle the most pressing challenges facing our planet.

Get involved!

Everyone, everywhere, can act to improve the world; these contributions enrich the givers, the natural environment, and human communities. EarthCorps depends on the generosity of committed volunteers and donors. Dig in and volunteer with us as we work to sustain and restore our public parks for future generations to enjoy.

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MOUNTAINS TO SOUND GREENWAY TRUST

• VOLUNTEER

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is the scenic landscape that stretches from Seattle to Ellensburg, roughly 1.5 million acres! The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust celebrates this natural heritage and brings people and communities together to conserve natural lands, restore habitat for wildlife, increase recreation for people, and together build a sustainable future. Mountains to Sound Greenway believes that when we are connected with nature, our lives are better.

Get involved!

Get outside, put in the work, and make a difference. Join other like-minded individuals and get involved in something bigger! Become a part of a community, learn restoration and trail work skills, meet new people, and have fun outdoors. The Greenway Trust offers a wide variety of ways for youth to get involved in stewardship projects, including trail maintenance, tree planting, and environmental education weekend events.

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SEATTLE PARKS & RECREATION: LEEF PROGRAM

• PAID INTERNSHIPS

Leaders in Equity, Environment, and Facilitation (LEEF) is an environmental leadership program for young adults, ages 17-21 living in Seattle. LEEF is about helping young people grow their voice, develop leadership skills in diverse

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communities, become adept urban environmental educators, and positively impact their communities as professional challenge course facilitators, naturalists, and leaders. Join our team and learn about wilderness first aid, native plant identification and stewardship, and become certified low-ropes course facilitator!

Get involved!

LEEF internship programs run through spring and summer. LEEF provides paid opportunities for 4-H certification for Challenge Course Facilitation at Camp Long, as well as environmental education training so that LEEF alum can take these tools back to their community (or bring their communities here) and use them to build relationships among others and nature. Applications due January 30th!

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https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/OSE/L.E.E.F.%202019%20Flyer%20_%20Final%20Jan30.pdf

SEWARD PARK AUDUBON

• VOLUNTEER

Seward Park Audubon works to inspire diverse audiences of all kinds to protect birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow. The Seward Park Audubon Center's programs focus on connecting individuals to wild spaces in their backyards and providing them with the skills to lead a lifetime of active, outdoor explorations.

Get involved!

Want to make a difference? Do you care about the environment? Then join Tenacious Roots! Earn service learning hours through an exploration of clean water Conservation in the context of an urban environment. The stresses imposed upon native watersheds when urban density and accompanying infrastructure replace natural habitat will be examined, as well as effective ways we as individuals can mitigate these impacts.

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STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

• PAID INTERNSHIPS

Across the Northwest, Student Conservation Association (SCA) is building a new generation of conservation leaders and over the past 30 years, has strengthened the region's youth, communities and environment. SCA gathers young people from every town and every city, from every background and every academic focus to bring their diverse talents and perspectives to a nationwide effort to save the planet. Bolster your skills, clarify your passions, make lifelong connections to your team and the land through meaningful conservation work and purposeful adventure.

Get involved!

SCA offers young people the opportunity to get outside and make a difference through service programs, lasting anywhere from 2 weeks to 6 months. SCA offers the chance to be apart of something bigger, and a great introduction

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to conservation work. Whether you want to serve in your local community or explore public lands across the country, SCA has an opportunity for you!

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – PROGRAM ON THE ENVIRONMENT

• COLLEGE MAJORS • GREEN JOBS

The University of Washington Program on the Environment offers a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies and Minor in Environmental Studies.

We live in an increasingly interconnected world, calling for skilled communication, cooperative decision-making and a big picture understanding of how humans interact with natural and urban environments. To understand these complexities, we must know, experience and engage. Students in the Environmental Studies program learn to listen to different perspectives and collaborate on pressing issues such as climate change, water, energy, food, policy and education. They gain the skills and knowledge necessary to inspire and lead change for a sustainable future.

Why Environmental Studies?

- Join an inclusive community within a large university and receive personal attention
- Connect with enthusiastic faculty who inspire learning and collaboration
- Enjoy the flexibility of our open, customizable major
- Tackle complex environmental challenges and make a difference
- Focus your studies in Climate, Conservation, Environmental Education and Communication, Environmental Policy, Food Studies or Sustainability
- Plan and prepare for career success through Capstone internships, career skills workshops and the support of committed advisers
- Gain effective communication skills to reach diverse audiences and influence policy and behavior

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YMCA EARTH SERVICE CORPS (YESC)

• VOLUNTEER

YMCA Earth Service Corps (YESC) is an innovative youth-led program that empowers students to take a hands-on role in creating a healthier environment in their schools, communities and region while nurturing a respect for diversity within the natural world. YESC members gain valuable skills through collaboration with peers, teachers, and community members in order to solve pressing environmental issues facing their communities.

Get involved!

YESC is a network of clubs started and rooted in individual schools or communities. Find and join the nearest YESC club or reach out to YESC to learn how you can start your own! Teens meet weekly to take on the environmental issues

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facing their communities and create projects to address these needs. Club meetings may take place before, during, or after school and are run by youth leaders, YMCA Staff and Teacher Advisors.

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<https://www.seattlemca.org/programs/youthprograms/earthservicecorps>