Dear Colleagues -

A small group of teachers and community mentors have collaborated to offer the first annual Youth Climate Action Conference for students grade 8-12!

To help promote the conference, please share and encourage the event information below with your students. There is limited space and we anticipate it to fill quickly.

Each school has a designated teacher representative please forward the names of interested students to this individual.

- G.P Vanier - Toril Turner
- Highland - Tara Colborne
- Mark R. Isfeld - Heather Beckett
- Lake Trail - Jeff Hoy
- Cumberland - Simon Easterner
- Nala’ atsi- Rory McClure
- Glacier View- Serina Allison
- NIDES - Sabrina Loyd

The Conference:

*Designed to empower and foster collaboration to create positive environmental change and to educate youth around the issues we face here on our island. The conference will provide a space for youth to collaborate and plan meaningful solutions for a positive future* with support from our local community mentors.

Cost: free
**Deadline for application & permission:** January 24th, 2020

**Presenters and Facilitators:**

**Elin Kelsey, PhD:** The Impact of the Emotional Implications of Climate Change. Elin Kelsey, a science communicator who specializes in hope and wonder. A PhD and a brilliant teacher, she’s also an internationally-renowned author especially of children’s books like *You Are Stardust*, and *Watching Giants: The Secret Lives of Whales*.

**Meaghan Cursons:** is a community organizer who mashes together art, culture, science and politics to activate community toward action. She is Executive Director of the Cumberland Community Forest Society and a facilitator of events, workshops and presentations about community organizing, watershed and forest protection, climate change and resilience, environmental theatre and bats (yes, bats!).

**Tina Will-Stepan:** is a community Environmental Educator with the CVRD and Comox Strathcona Waste Management. She is an active community member passionate about change and supporting our youth in the global environmental movement.
Will Cole-Hamilton: Will Cole-Hamilton has a background in law and communications. He has been an activist on climate issues for many years. In 2017 he received training from former Vice-President Al Gore’s Climate Reality project. Will is a Courtenay City Councillor and Comox Valley Regional District Director (but will be speaking on his own behalf).

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

The Youth Climate Action Conference Committee

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