

DECEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS

DUWAMISH
RIVER PROGRAM

This fall, we launched a new program for 4th and 5th graders that focuses on the history of the Duwamish River and explores students' role as stakeholders in what the future of the River could look like. While riding down the River on an Argosy boat, students pause at "story stops" that offer insights into different aspects of the River's history and perspectives of people and animals connected to the River. Learn more about why this program was created, what other community organizations were involved, and what we hope students will take away from the program [in this blog post](#).

COMMUNITY-CENTERED CLIMATE
CHANGE COURSE

We're thrilled to be offering a **Community-Centered Climate Change professional development course** for teachers this winter. The course is designed to help teachers build student understanding about the local impacts of climate change.

All sessions will be online, with one optional in-person session at Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center on the Snoqualmie River. Eligible for STEM clock hours and stipend.

[Learn more and register →](#)

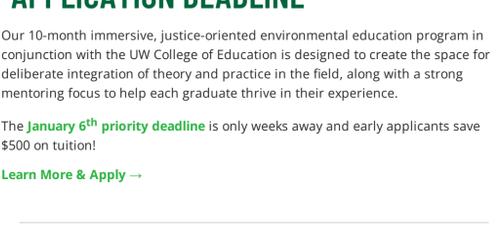
ISLANDWOOD GRADUATE PROGRAM

ROOTALKS, A NEW GRADUATE
PROGRAM BLOG SERIES

"I am a Bronxite-raised and politicized community organizer, teacher and aspiring community healer. It is safe to share that everything I do and aspire to do is in service of the liberation of me and my people, across the Americas, and around the world. I decided to go to graduate school to learn more tools to add to my toolbox for this liberation work." [Read this first blog post in a new series](#) to learn more about Nova's journey to the IslandWood graduate program.

PRESENTING AT
NAAEE 2022

Dr. Déana Scipio, Dr. Priya Pugh, and Michela Dimond, **all IslandWood Graduate Program staff**, along with Alex Guest, IslandWood Graduate Program alumni, presented work at the recent North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Conference in Tucson, Arizona. This year's conference theme was "Educating for Change" and convened researchers from around the world to explore the current state and future directions of environmental education research. The IslandWood presentation focused on Engaging Across Boundaries, a pedagogical framework for collaborative science education. IslandWood has also been accepted to present work at the upcoming American Educational Research Association (AERA) and National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) conferences in 2023!

UPCOMING JANUARY
APPLICATION DEADLINE

Our 10-month immersive, justice-oriented environmental education program in conjunction with the UW College of Education is designed to create the space for deliberate integration of theory and practice in the field, along with a strong mentoring focus to help each graduate thrive in their experience.

The **January 6th priority deadline** is only weeks away and early applicants save \$500 on tuition!

[Learn More & Apply →](#)

TWO VIRTUAL
INFO SESSIONS

Want to learn more about the program before applying? We have live info sessions on Dec 13th and again on January 3rd. The sessions give prospective graduates an opportunity to speak with alumni and staff, get an overview of the program, dig deeper into the practicum, review admissions requirements, and discuss funding opportunities. [Learn more →](#)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOLLY-DAYS
WREATH MAKING

Give your holiday wreath an individualized touch at our Holly-Days Wreath Making event this weekend! You'll learn how they're plants like English ivy and Forest Join us and hike our trails with naturalists, collect plants, and then make your way to our straw bale Arts Studio to make holiday wreaths to adorn your home. Due to high interest and a quick sell-out last month, we've added more tickets to this event!

[Learn More & Register](#)

MARCH 18
DINE & DISCOVER

Whether you missed our December 3rd Dine & Discover, or you came and would like to experience the magic again, we have tickets available for Mar 18th! Imagine what a great gift it could make – an evening of live music, a beautiful meal, complimentary wine pairings, and an optional hike through IslandWood's 250+ acres of trails.

Make your special foodie happy this holiday while helping to support IslandWood's innovative environmental education programs!

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NOLS Hybrid Wilderness First
Responder Course

Bainbridge Island Campus
Jan 4 - 8

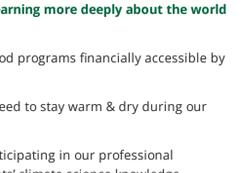


Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Island Campus
Jan 8, 12 - 4pm

Winter Skills of a Naturalist: Lichens
and Mosses

Bainbridge Island Campus
Jan 19, 9:30 - 11:30am

Winter Skills of a Naturalist: Animal
Tracks and Signs

Bainbridge Island Campus
Jan 26, 9:30 - 11:30am

Check out our full events calendar [here](#).

LEARNING MORE DEEPLY ABOUT
THE NATURAL WORLD INSPIRES
KIDS TO CARE FOR IT

Twenty years ago, IslandWood was founded to increase access and lower financial barriers to environmental and outdoor learning for children in the Puget Sound region. **Twenty years later, 50 school districts & 30,000 people a year have come to depend on IslandWood for quality learning experiences, and for the sense of magic and wonder that can come from learning more deeply about the world around them.**

Please help us continue to make IslandWood programs financially accessible by giving this holiday season!

\$100 outfits one child with the gear they need to stay warm & dry during our School Overnight Program

\$250 invests in one classroom teacher participating in our professional development workshops to deepen students' climate science knowledge

\$500 prepares 50 students to solve environmental challenges in their neighborhood through our stormwater science and engineering in their

\$1,000 gives 150 students the opportunity to learn about food production, sustainability, and farm-to-table connections in our Garden Classroom

Inspire the future of our planet by giving today!

[DONATE NOW](#)

HOST YOUR MEETING AT ISLANDWOOD
& HELP INSPIRE THE NEXT
GENERATION OF STEWARDS!

We can provide your team with an opportunity to collaborate surrounded by forest and connect in ways that inspire creativity. Try a **teams course challenge**, climb the **canopy tower**, take a **yoga breather**, and hold part of your meeting at our outdoor **amphitheater** (or, if you'd rather, have music, drinks, and s'mores out there instead!).

And don't forget the best part. The revenue from your meeting or retreat helps make environmental education programming financially possible for over 25,000 children in our region each year!

[Learn more about hosting your meeting or retreat at IslandWood →](#)

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