UR Ecochallenge and IE Week

**Date:** November 13-17, 2023

**Location:** Online & Events Throughout the Week
Perspectives: Sustainable Cities

THIS FRIDAY November 10 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Conversations around local sustainability initiatives and global challenges. Hear from Richmond environmental leaders on their vision for a greener future.

Laura Thomas
Director
Richmond Office of Sustainability

Sheri Shannon
Co-founder
Southside ReLeaf

Rob Jones
Executive Director
Groundwork RVA
The best way to create change is to do it together. By building inclusive and thoughtful communities to share experiences and expertise, we're envisioning a sustainable future for everyone.

**ACTIONS:**
- ATTEND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
- HELP OTHERS
- MEET MY NEIGHBORS
- SUPPORT NATIVE COMMUNITIES
- CONNECT WITH NONPROFITS
- AND MORE!
IEW Opening Plenary
9 & 10:30 AM

- “Water is Life” by Daniel Wildcat
- “I am the River, the River is me” by Jacinta Ruru

Tucker-Boatwright Festival — In Media Rez: Indigenous Interventions in Cinema
4:30 - 6:00 PM
DAY 2: CLIMATE CRISIS

While it's important to tackle dangerous forces threatening our climate, we must also take care of ourselves to make the greatest impact. You'll find actions for both on this day.

**ACTIONS:**
- ATTEND SCREENING OF HEADWATERS DOWN
- SMART LAUNDRY
- ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT
- DISCONNECT FROM EMAIL
- GO BY BIKE
- AND MORE!

I will attend the screening of Headwaters Down
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 14

VIRTUAL GALLERY TALK & BREAKFAST
8:15 AM
"Fragile Interconnectedness: Greenland & the Amazon"

PLENARY SESSION
9:00 - 10:15 AM
- Francisco Piyäko
- Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown

DISCUSSION ROUNDTABLES
10:30 AM
- Community Climate Adaptation
- Indigenous Leaders as Defenders of the Environment
- Community Science & Collaborative Learning
TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Mindful Self-Guided Eco-Corridor Tour

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
The Power of Seeds

7:00 - 9:00 PM
Headwaters Down Film Screening and Q&A
DAY 3: FOOD & WATER

It's not just about what we're consuming, it's about where it comes from. How are systems working to preserve local communities, thriving economies, and natural resources?

**ACTIONS:**
- ATTEND INTERNATIONAL DINNER
- SHORT SHOWER CHALLENGE
- TOUR THE ECO-CORRIDOR
- GO MEATLESS
- EAT LOCAL
- AND MORE!

I will go meatless for three meals today
GIS DAY PLENARY SESSION  
10:30 AM  
"Empowering Mapping and Justice" addresses by Steve DeRoy; the Transboundary Commission of the Juruá/Yurúa River

DISCUSSION ROUNDTABLES  
9:00 - 10:15 AM  
- Building Sustainability into Education  
- Technology & Storytelling  
- Gender Equity & Sustainability Leadership

IEW LOCAL-GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY FAIR  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

INTERNATIONAL DINNER  
4:30 - 8:00 PM  
"Hyper-local sourcing, global cuisine"
WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 15

Eco-Corridor Tour: Abby’s Garden & Stream Bed
1:30 - 2:30 PM
DAY 4: CONSERVATION & BIODIVERSITY

We live on an incredible planet full of awe-inspiring creatures and landscapes. Learn more about local and global conservation efforts, and discover nature in your backyard!

ACTIONS:
- SUPPORT LOCAL POLLINATORS
- ENJOY THE SUNRISE/SUNSET
- JOIN AN OUTDOOR PROJECT
- EXPLORE MY AREA
- GO FOR DAILY WALK
- AND MORE!

I will join an outdoor project in my area.
NOVEMBER 16

THURSDAY

IEW SUMMATION
9:00 AM

- 60-second videos by UR’s Green Spiders Abroad
- Summit summation address by David Orr
THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 16

Eco-Corridor Tour and iNaturalist Bioblitz

4:00 - 5:00 PM
DAY 5: RETHINK WASTE

Where does our waste go once we're done with it? By reducing waste at the start of the process, we're practicing thoughtful consumerism and minimizing the impact of our purchases.

**ACTIONS:**
- ZERO-WASTE COOKING
- PICK UP LITTER
- COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS
- GO PAPERLESS
- CARRY MY TRASH
- VISIT REFILL STORE
- AND MORE!

I will practice zero-waste cooking for my meals
FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 17

Solar Tour and Climate Action Plan Update
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Register Now!

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