

Youth Leadership For Climate Action in the Southern Gulf Islands - Lessons Learned

Based on the participant evaluations and feedback the following are lessons learned for revising the course for future offerings.

1. Participants wanted more advanced information before the course started

- Send course schedule and logistics a week before the course starts.
- Send out *Saltwater People* with suggested readings before the course starts.
- Send out pre-course survey before course starts.

2. W̱SÁNEĆ Elder stories & Traditional Knowledge was an important part of the course

- Focus the first day primarily on W̱SÁNEĆ stories to guide climate action.
- Provide an Elder presentation on FN history on each of the Islands.
- Provide opportunity to participate in ceremony and cultural practice (Water cleanse, drumming, song).

3. Visiting all 4 Gulf Islands was an important part of the course— streamline travel

- Schedule the visit to Galiano for a full day with an overnight at the Millard learning Centre; include climate science/climate action session from Risa Smith on Galiano.
- Water taxi to Mayne the next morning with lunch on Mayne.
- Water taxi to Saturna after lunch, overnight at SEEC, Water Taxi to Pender Thursday am.

4. Networking/sharing with other participants needs more emphasis

- Plan a Monday evening and Thursday evening session for sharing interests/networking.
- More small group exercises during day sessions.
- Encourage collaboration/team work on action plans.

5. More emphasis on braiding Traditional Knowledge with climate science

- Provide examples on how Traditional Knowledge can inform climate solutions.

6. More time on the land, learning from the land, interacting with native plants, etc.

- Add an ethnobotany plant walk at Hay Point after blanket exercise on Day 1.
- Add a native plant (snowberries) planting as part of daphne pull.
- Include a hands-on activity with each of the conservancy visits (e.g. eel grass planting).
- Cedar rose making on introductory evening.

7. More time to plan climate action projects

- Include a climate action component with each conservancy presentation.
- Share climate action interests on the evening of the first full day.
- Encourage collaboration on climate action plans.
- Include climate action small group activity Thursday afternoon.
- Networking for climate action Thursday evening

Based on the evaluations, feedback and lessons learned, a possible revised course schedule is provided here for future reference.

TETÁĆES: Climate Action Project – Youth Leadership For Climate Action: Proposed Revisions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Optional water cleanse Breakfast 8:00-8:45	Ferry to Galiano breakfast on board	Breakfast on Galiano	Breakfast on Saturna	Breakfast 8:00-8:45
2:30 Swartz Ferry to Otter Bay Pender Island	course introduction: WSÁNEĆ Traditional Knowledge: TETÁĆES creation story; ŁÁU, WELNEW flood story ; QENEN, IW J, SIN TEN (John Elliott), ØOSINIYE (Linda Elliott); 13 moon calendar-SELILIYE	9:00 Galiano Conservancy: Millard Learning Centre. Penelakut Elder welcome From climate science to climate action. (Risa Smith); reducing carbon footprint	water taxi to Mayne Island. Welcome Tsartlip Elder J, SIN TEN Mayne Conservancy: Protecting sensitive ecosystems with cultural significance. climate action on Mayne	Water Taxi to Pender Eco-cultural restoration on Pender. Daphne pull at Hay Point: Judith Arney Native plant restoration. Sarah Jim Salmon pit cook with Elder Earl Claxton Jr.	Climate action plans presentations; sharing reflections on the week Ceremonial closing - drumming/singing: Dominique Henry; SELILIYE
	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00	Picnic lunch Galiano	Lunch: Mayne Island	Salmon pit cook	Lunch 12:30 – 1:15
4:30 Welcoming: SELILIYE (Belinda Claxton) & course instructors (Tye Swallow Mary Anne Pare) Introductions Creative thinking icebreaker	Kairos blanket exercise Lillian Underwood- outside if possible debrief Ethno-botany plant walk on Hay Point- SELILIYE	Native plants and ecosystem restoration: Adam Huggins Energy conservation and solar solutions: Tom Mommsen; Climate action on Galiano	Water taxi to Saturna Tsawout Elder welcome. Eco-cultural restoration reserve land. climate action on Saturna: SIMRES/SEEC	Trip to Medicine Beach Pender Conservancy- Protecting the Marine Environment: Eel grass restoration Nikki Wright - Sea Change climate action Pender preparing action plans	Ferry to Swartz 2:45
Welcome Dinner 6:00	Dinner 6:00 Poets	Pizza Dinner Galiano	burger dinner Saturna	dinner 6:00 Poets	
Cedar Roses	sharing interests	Millard overnight	SEEC overnight	making connections	