



Thank you for your interest in The **Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 17th Sustainability Summit**.

The Institute's **17th Sustainability Summit** is a dynamic, solutions-oriented **virtual** interactive learning experience. During this 3 day program, youth delegates (aged 15-17) will meet global young leaders from the book, ***Stone Soup for the Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Everyday Heroes*** who inspire students to open their minds, expand their horizons and increase their appreciation of science, climate change and invite them to join in their sustainability projects. Guided by the Companion Education Curriculum, we will bring these stories to life with lesson plans for each story that highlight the values and academic disciplines of Language Arts and STEM activities as well as Sustainable Innovations and Sustainable Career Pathways, that help guide students toward blue and green jobs to help rebuild the planet. Students will participate in **Virtual Sustainable Tours**, which will allow them to experience first-hand the fragility of our planet and the solutions of the future. They will envision **Sustainability Projects** and develop videos to inspire others to join them.

The Institute's Sustainability Summits are the cornerstone of the Institute's work with hundreds of multicultural youth around the world who have been trained to become leaders, by taking initiative in their lives, their communities, and their world. We've hosted 17 Summits in four locations in two countries: from Vieques, Puerto Rico to Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands to Martha's Vineyard, and Newport and Bristol, Rhode Island. To respond to the pandemic and expand our reach globally, the Institute transitioned in 2020 to a virtual Summit – which will expand exponentially in 2021 with the launch of the book ***Stone Soup for the Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Everyday Heroes***.

Sustainable Education Toolkit

The Institute's Sustainable Education Toolkit is a pedagogical tool designed to help teachers hone their students' skills in STEM and ELA. The Institute's Sustainability Summit, Sustainable Education Toolkit (book and companion curriculum), and year-long sustainable workforce development programs, are custom-designed to prepare the next generation of youth leaders to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. Our programs align with Next Generation STEM state standards as well the Green New Deal and President Biden's Plan for Climate Change and Environmental Justice.

Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes features the stories of 100 climate change trailblazers, environmental justice changemakers, educator champions, sustainable business leaders, intergenerational legacy figures, green inventors and entrepreneurs, and emerging island leaders from 38 countries around the world, and 32 cities in the U.S. who are building a more just, equitable, and sustainable world. Our ***Companion Educational Curriculum*** is a dynamic, solutions-oriented program that with lesson plans for each story that highlight the values and academic disciplines of Language Arts and STEM activities as well as Sustainable Innovations and Sustainable Career Pathways, to help guide students toward blue and green jobs to help rebuild the planet. The lesson plans are designed to help students develop the skills the State requires them to master. This teacher program focuses on how to use sustainability as a means to keep students engaged, as they develop the skills they need to succeed in their academic lives.

The Institute's Sustainability Summit Teacher Training Certificate Program

Gives educators the tools they need to maximize their students participation in the Sustainability Summit and bring the Sustainable Education Toolkit into their classroom.

Educators who nominate students are required to join their students and attend an pre-Summit Orientation in May.

We would like to get to know you in advance. Please send us your resume along with the following information:

Your Name _____

Your School _____

Grades you teach _____

School Address _____

School Website _____

Your Contact info: Phone: _____ Email _____ Social Media _____

- **What are your goals for participating in the Sustainability Summit Teacher Training Certificate Program?**

- **How have you personally been involved with climate change and sustainability?**

- **What experience do you have integrating sustainability education to your classroom?**

- **What resources have you found most helpful?**

- **How important are Next Gen STEM state standards to you?**

- **What challenges have you experienced as a teacher bringing sustainable education to your classroom?**

- **I want to BETA test the Institute's Sustainable Education Toolkit for the 2021-2022 school year.**

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute: The Institute is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1997 in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Founded in 1997 on Martha's Vineyard, the Institute is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop multicultural digital educational tools, youth leadership initiatives, and provide technical assistance for sustainable workforce development. Through its best-selling book series, The Institute bring the Stone Soup fable to life, inspiring young people to use their gifts and develop empathy in their hearts and the world. The Institute is partnering with forward-thinking allies across industries, from high school teachers to PhDs and MBAs, to universities, green-blue companies, environmental organizations, educational institutions, technical and vocational programs, and young people who are eager to build sustainable future.