

ONE PLANET SAANICH INITIATIVE - CALL FOR STAKEHOLDERS



Create your own One Planet Action Plan as part of this unique global project – and make a difference in your community.

We are recruiting a **cohort of businesses, community groups, and schools** to join the One Planet Saanich Initiative and showcase their commitment to a healthier, happier and greener future. This will build on the great work already happening in Saanich. For example, this project will support the update of Saanich's [Climate Plan](#): 100% Renewable and Resilient Saanich.

Over the coming year, four cities around the world are going to create community-owned roadmaps towards One Planet living for their location. Saanich is one of the four. The other cities are Durban (South Africa), Elsinore (Denmark) and Oxfordshire (UK). Here in Saanich, the project partners are nonprofit One Earth - with Saanich resident Cora Hallsworth as the local lead - alongside staff at the District of Saanich and UK nonprofit Bioregional.

Saanich (Canada) | Elsinore (Denmark) | Durban (South Africa) | Oxfordshire (UK)

Bioregional's [One Planet Living](#) framework will be used to structure the plans. This framework provides a common language to talk about sustainability across sectors and geographies. Its ten simple principles – from health and happiness and sustainable food to zero carbon energy – help anyone, anywhere create an action plan to move towards a happier, healthier future for all within the limits of the planet.

Will you be one of the businesses, schools and organizations to step forward?

This is a great opportunity to engage your company, school or organization around sustainability in a creative and collaborative way. You will join a group of Saanich leaders who each create their own One Planet Action Plans to identify opportunities to advance sustainability in their organisations and throughout the District.

In the year ahead, you will shape your plan with support from the project team. You will uncover new opportunities and build on existing successes. You also have the opportunity to engage with the District and other stakeholders around your vision for sustainability in Saanich – with the potential to influence action here and in the other participating cities.

What you gain:

We will guide you through the steps of developing and monitoring your One Planet Action Plan. You will be trained to use the [One Planet Living framework](#), which will help you draw on science as well as diverse insights, skills, and experience. Our expert resources and support will help you grow your in-house understanding of sustainability.

You will work together with – and learn from - the project partners (Bioregional, One Earth, the District of Saanich, and others). You will also be engaged with other stakeholders in a peer-to-peer relationship (in your community, and in the other cities). Bioregional is developing a new online platform for One Planet action planning, accessible to project participants. This will offer intuitive tools to make a plan using the



One Planet Principles. There is also a private One Planet Living LinkedIn group which all project participants will be invited to join.

You will join an international network of companies, communities, local authorities and schools using the One Planet Living Framework. More than 43,000 people live, work or visit these organisations, communities and destinations worldwide. Today, there are [cities](#), [companies](#), [schools](#) and [other communities adopting](#) One Planet Living in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, North America and Australia.



As a community organization: As well as helping identify cost saving opportunities such as saving water and energy you can help shape the One Planet dialogue in your community and grow your engagement with peers and the public around issues you care about. In addition, the project workshops will offer great networking opportunities.

As a business: You may be a coffee shop with a conscience or a supermarket store wanting to make a greater difference to your community. This will help you in that journey. The business case for corporate sustainability is well-established. Beyond building your reputation, a good sustainability strategy can improve processes and add value to an organisation. Much of what we think of as 'good business sense' can contribute to sustainability – such as saving water and energy. Good environmental and social practices can also help you build staff morale and loyalty to increase motivation and reduce turnover.

As a school, class or educational institution: Using the One Planet Principles can help you engage your students and staff and enable them to create a better, more sustainable future. Students are the leaders of the future and you are in a unique position them to develop the capabilities, skills and values to address tomorrow's challenges.

What is the estimated time commitment?

One or two of your team members will attend a 1 day workshop in September, 2018 (date TBD). In addition, your organization commits a number of days to develop your own action plan by December 2018. The time commitment will vary depending on the size and complexity of your organisation, which issues you decide to focus on, and how experienced your team is. Participation in the pilot, including the initial workshop, is free of cost and also voluntary. Developing the Action Plan will require staff and/or volunteer time. You will receive ongoing support to create your own tailor-made Action Plan, from partners and trained volunteer local One Planet Integrators. There will also be optional webinars and meetings for you to participate in, providing additional training and networking, should you choose.

TO APPLY to be a STAKEHOLDER, please complete the 'expression of interest' form (available from: 1planetsaanich@oneearthweb.org). **Spaces are limited; apply soon! Applicants will be considered until all spaces are filled.** If your organization cannot commit to the above but would like to help – for example with venues or publicity – please send us an email. You can also get in touch to learn more!

More about the project:

The One Planet Cities project is funded by the [KR Foundation](#) in Denmark and aims to **create happier, healthier, more liveable cities**. The project will create an international network of knowledge-sharing designed to accelerate change towards happy and prosperous lives for all within the limits of our one planet. Website: www.bioregional.com/one-planet-cities/ and explore [One Planet action plan examples](#) on Bioregional.com and [One Planet Living Goals and Guidance for Companies & Organisations](#).

