

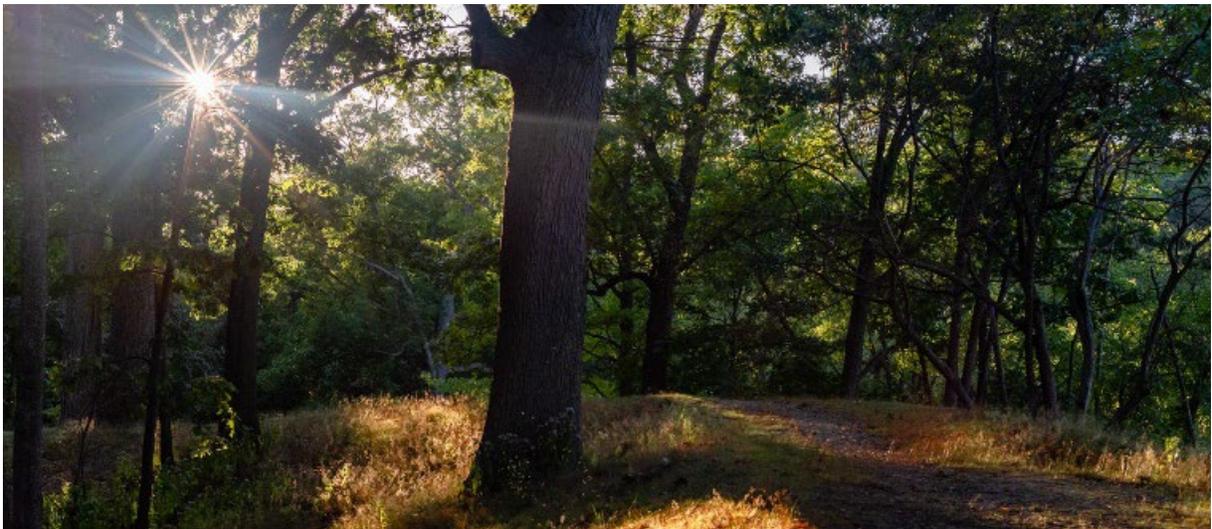
**Exciting opportunities for Youth:
Join us for webinars, workshops, and more in 2021!**

As part of our virtual Youth Leadership Program in 2021, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy is opening up select sessions to youth not enrolled in the program. These sessions will cover a range of topics, from Environmental Science to Environmental Justice to professional development and leadership, and are FREE and open to ALL youth between the ages of 14-20. All sessions will be held on Zoom.

Pre-registration is required.

If you would like to register for multiple workshops at once, [use this link](#).

Some sessions will be recorded and available for view for those who are interested. Contact today@emeraldnecklace.org if you are interested in receiving a recording of a session, or if you have any questions.



See our offerings and register below:

All times are EST

January

Workshop: Execution Functions

January 8th, 4:00-5:15pm

Malaina Saha, YEE Boston

Join the Youth Engagement and Employment Department of Boston in this career development workshop which will cover Self-awareness, Working memory, Emotional self-regulation, Self-motivation, Planning and problem solving.

About the Youth Engagement and Employment Department of Boston:

YEE's mission is to employ, develop, and engage Boston's youth. We amplify youth voice and bridge opportunities for personal and professional growth. [Learn more here](#)

[Register for the workshop here](#)

**space is limited for this workshop*

Panel: Careers in Landscape Architecture

January 15th, 4:00-6:00pm

Are you interested in Landscape Architecture? Do you want to find out what that even is? Join Landscape Architecture College and university students, professionals, and educators in this panel discussion about what it's like working in the field of Landscape Architecture. This session will include a question and answer portion, as well as virtual "office visits" to different sites.

[Register for the panel here](#)

NEW SESSION!

Webinar: Aquatic Ecosystems

January 29th, 4:00-5:30pm

Patrick Allison Jr., Youth Education Coordinator, TerraCorps/East Quabbin Land Trust

Join Patrick to learn about freshwater macroinvertebrates such as aquatic insects, freshwater mussels, and crayfishes, and their importance in the freshwater ecosystems of North America.

About the East Quabbin Land Trust:

The East Quabbin Land Trust works to foster the sustainable use of our natural and historic

resources for the benefit of all generations through the conservation and stewardship of the farmlands, woodlands and waters in central Massachusetts. [Learn more here](#)

Pat is from Royersford, Pennsylvania and graduated from Delaware Valley University with a B.S. in Conservation and Wildlife Management. He has recently finished his M.S. in Biology at West Liberty University and is taking a year off from academia through civil service with AmeriCorps/TerraCorps. Pat is a crayfish fanatic and loves studying these small crustaceans; his ultimate goal in life is to be a professor and crayfish biologist in academia.

[Register for the webinar here](#)

February

Webinar: Urban Forestry

February 16th, 4:00-5:00pm

Jesse Scott, Boston Urban Connections Corridor, US Forest Service

Jesse will speak to urban forestry in Boston, as well as careers in Forest Management, and provide an introduction to the U.S. Forest Service.

About Urban Connections:

Urban Connections (UC) is an urban outreach approach of the Forest Service (FS), Eastern Region based on the energy, commitment, and proven programs of urban community activists. It aims to draw together all three branches of the FS (State & Private Forestry; Research; and the National Forest System) to work with urban leaders and other agencies to gain a foothold in the cities, in order to connect citizens to the land. [Learn more here](#)

[Register for the webinar here](#)

Workshop: Native People and Settler Colonialism: A Story of Land and Maps

February 24th, 4:00-5:30pm

Leventhal Map Center

In this interactive workshop, we will learn the basics of mapmaking and explore maps made by Indigenous and Euro-American cartographers to recognize Native presence and the dispossession of Native lands.

About the Leventhal Map Center:

The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library inspires curiosity and learning, and fosters geographic perspectives on the relationships between people and places, through free and accessible collections and resources, critical interpretation and research, and K-12 and public education. [Learn more here.](#)

[Register for the workshop here](#)

March

Webinar: Food Sovereignty**March 12th, 3:30-4:30pm****Jeanine Scheffert, Seed Saver's Exchange**

Where does your food come from? What is Food Sovereignty? Join us to learn all about it! This presentation will introduce concepts of Food Sovereignty and Justice through the lens of agriculture and gardening, with a focus on how young leaders can get involved.

About Seed Saver's Exchange:

Seed Savers Exchange stewards America's culturally diverse and endangered garden and food crop legacy for present and future generations. They educate and connect people through collecting, regenerating, and sharing heirloom seeds, plants, and stories. [Learn more here](#)

Jeanine Scheffert, Education & Engagement Manager at Seed Savers Exchange, oversees the organization's education and engagement program. During the programming pivot of 2020, Scheffert created SSE's Resilience Gardens Project, which addressed food security through regional partnerships and offered vegetable gardening and seed saving education.

[Register for the webinar here](#)

Workshop: Environmental Justice**March 17th, 4:00-6:00pm****Youth on Board**

Are you curious about Environmental Justice? Join Youth Leaders for this workshop on what Environmental Justice is and what it means in the City of Boston and beyond. This workshop is designed by young people, for young people.

About Youth on Board:

Since 1994, Youth on Board (YOB) has been a leader in the field of youth organizing in the Boston area and beyond. YOB is a youth-led, adult supported program where young people have the space and tools to recognize and utilize the power they hold to dismantle political and economic structures that reinforce inequity. [Learn more here](#)

[Register for the workshop here](#)

Workshop: Youth Leadership and Activism in Environmental Justice**March 19th, 4:00-6:00pm****Youth on Board**

Want to get involved in the Environmental Justice movement? Join Youth Leaders to learn about how to be an activist in your community, and how to lead as a young person. This workshop is designed by young people, for young people.

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Webinar: Green Gentrification**March 24th, 3:30-4:30pm****Isabelle Anguelovski, Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability**

Are you curious how green spaces impact urban life? Join us to learn about what green gentrification is and what it means in the City of Boston. This will be an introductory level webinar, no previous knowledge is required!

About the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability:

BCNUEJ examines the structural and systemic drivers of social inequalities, exclusion, oppression, and neo-colonization in cities. Building on the theory and methods from urban planning, public policy, urban and environmental sociology, urban geography and public health,

they analyze the extent to which urban plans and policy decisions contribute to more just, resilient, healthy, and sustainable cities. [Learn more here](#)

Isabelle is the director of BCNUEJ, an ICREA Research Professor, a Senior Researcher and Principal Investigator at ICTA and former coordinator of the research group Healthy Cities and Environmental Justice at IMIM. She obtained a PhD in Urban Studies and Planning from MIT before returning to Europe in 2011 with a Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship.

[Register for the webinar here](#)

April

Workshop: Forest Bathing

April 6th, 3:30-6:00pm

Tam Wiley, Toadstool Walks

Join us for a guided virtual forest bathing session, followed by a question and answer and discussion portion. This session will focus on connecting with the world around you, and relaxing.

About Forest Bathing:

Forest Bathing is part of a global effort to tend to the stressful conditions of living in modern industrialized civilization. Inspired by Shinrin-Yoku, a term coined in Japan in the 1980's, Forest Bathing is a prominent feature of preventative medicine and healing in Japan. Forest Bathing is about relaxing, unplugging and deepening our relationship with nature and each other. Unlike outdoor recreation such as hiking, this is a practice of slowing down as opposed to one of exertion. Unlike a nature walk, this is a practice of simply noticing and does not require any naturalist training or outdoor experience. The idea is to foster a relationship with the natural world by taking more time to wander, notice, and inquire. [Learn more here](#)

Tam Wiley is a certified Forest Therapy Guide, Trainer, and Mentor with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and Programs. Tam's training includes an understanding of the scientific framework of Forest Therapy as well as an open style of unprescribed facilitation that supports the possibility for cultural repair, focusing on relationships of reciprocity.

[Register for the workshop here](#)

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Webinar: Trees of Boston

April 7th, 4:00-5:30pm

Speak For the Trees

Join us to learn some of the basics of Tree Identification, and why knowing what trees are in the city is important. Learn about Tree Inventory and how you can get involved!

About Speak for the Trees:

SFTTs aims to improve the size and health of the urban forest in Boston, with a focus on under-served and under-canopied neighborhoods. SFTTs works with residents at the community level through tree plantings, inventory, and giveaways. [Learn more here](#)

[Register for the webinar here](#)

Workshop: Job Readiness and Career Skills

April 14thth, 4:00-5:15pm

Malaina Saha, YEE Boston

Join the Youth Engagement and Employment Department of Boston to learn about skills that will help you now, and in your future career. Topics include Resume Writing, Interviewing, LinkedIn, and Finding and Applying to Jobs

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Webinar: Introduction to Animal Tracking

April 28th, 4:00-5:00pm

Bob Metcalfe, New England Discovery

Tracking can be a very powerful way to learn about nature while seeing first hand some of the many connections between animals and their environment. Join us in learning to interpret the clues animals leave, giving signs of their presence.

About New England Discovery:

The goal of New England Discovery is to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife and the natural world by helping people become more familiar with the wild animals that live around us, and how these animals interact with and depend on their environment. [Learn more here](#)

Bob Metcalfe is a Naturalist and licensed guide.

[Register Here](#)