



IT'S THEIR FUTURE

CREATING CONNECTIONS TO NATURE FOR OUR CHILDREN,
OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE PLANET



ISLANDWOOD: IMPACTING CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE

FROM THE HEART OF THE FOREST TO THE HEART OF THE CITY

Since 2002, IslandWood has been offering transformative learning experiences in the natural environment for children, graduate students, and teachers in the Puget Sound region. More than 60,000 elementary school students and 300 graduate students have spent well over 1 million waking hours exploring our 255-acre wooded campus, building deeper connections to the world around them, and developing an expanded sense of possibility for themselves, their communities, and the planet. The result: legions of diverse young leaders with the knowledge, compassion, and inspiration to create a brighter future for all of us.

CHANGING WITH THE WORLD

Over the last five years, IslandWood has set a bold course to expand our impact: to empower a new generation of scientists, stewards, and educators who have the confidence to make a positive impact on the environment, starting in their home communities; to bring environmental education to the places where our participants live and learn; and to leverage the talents of others by bringing together local and national leaders on issues related to education, health, and the environment.

A SPRINGBOARD TO NATIONAL IMPACT

IslandWood's work in the greater Seattle area is a launching point for deep national impact. Our high-quality programs are empowering a diverse generation of environmental and community stewards in our local region. Through strategic national partnerships, we will extend our mission to new audiences across the country. Investments in IslandWood's national vision will lead to impact through four principle areas of work:

- **TRAINING 21ST CENTURY EDUCATORS** – Graduate Programming
- **LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION** – Passport and Urban School Programs
- **COLLECTIVE IMPACT** – Action Summits and Military Partnerships
- **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP** – Fresh Tracks and No Child Left Inside

TRAINING 21ST CENTURY EDUCATORS



GRADUATE PROGRAMING

IslandWood prepares educators to address 21st century challenges by using the environment as a context for teaching and learning. Our classrooms are the urban and natural ecosystems that make up the fabric of the places where we live, learn, work, and play.

MASTERS PROGRAM IN EDUCATION FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

Graduate students in this residency program learn the best practices of environmental, experiential, and multicultural education while completing the first half of a Masters in Education through the nationally-ranked University of Washington College of Education.

MASTERS IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

IslandWood's Urban Graduate Program, offered in partnership with Antioch University Seattle, prepares a diverse cadre of educators to empower the next generation of leaders with the skills to create resilient and sustainable solutions to immediate and future environmental challenges.

LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION

NATURE PASSPORT

IslandWood and Nature Play Western Australia have teamed up to create a tool that promises to get children all over the world moving, exploring, and learning in nature. The Nature Passport App blends education with the essential ingredient of any outdoor outing – fun.

URBAN SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IslandWood's Urban School Programs are a national model for environmental education centered on the communities where children live and learn. Programs take place in schools, parks, and other natural spaces, and focus on critical issues - like stormwater runoff - that affect the health of our cities.



NATURE PASSPORT APP

OPENING DOORS AND EXPANDING MINDS

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

FRESH TRACKS LEADERSHIP EXPEDITIONS

Inspired by the Obama Administration's commitment to connecting more young Americans to the outdoors, Fresh Tracks will impact youth from urban and rural communities nationwide, beginning with an August 2016 pilot program focused on Los Angeles and Alaska. Fresh Tracks participants will travel together to both regions and explore diverse cultures and the outdoors, enabling each group to learn from the other, build critical leadership skills, and discover they have a voice as advocates for their communities.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

Over the last year, IslandWood led an alliance of organizations that successfully advocated for \$1 million in funding to get thousands of kids across Washington State outdoors. The high demand for grant funding points to a need to continue this advocacy effort on behalf of all kids in Washington State - and beyond.



FRESH TRACKS

COLLECTIVE IMPACT



ACTION SUMMITS

IslandWood partners with a broad range of nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses to create positive systemic change to improve the lives of people everywhere.

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IslandWood's Action Summits provide a platform that brings together local and national thought leaders for breakthrough discussions on issues related to education, environment, and health. Recent Action Summits have focused on military families and veterans and on environmental and sustainability education.

MILITARY PARTNERSHIPS

IslandWood is honored to partner with the military community and the families it represents. Our campus is a natural destination for family programs offered by the National Military Family Association and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS).

CREATING STEWARDS OF THE PLANET

IT'S THEIR FUTURE. AND OURS.

We have the opportunity right now to invest in the next generation of leaders—to ensure that all children and young adults, especially those who need it most—have the chance to experience the transformative power of nature.

Every day that goes by for a young person without quality time in nature is a day lost for his or her academic growth, emotional well-being, and motivation to protect our planet. We cannot afford to lose another day—or another rising steward.

We ask that you join us to create these experiences for the next decade. Help us change the trajectory of millions of lives, for our communities and for the world.

Thank you for considering an investment for our children and our shared future.

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ISLANDWOOD MISSION: To provide exceptional learning experiences and to inspire lifelong environmental and community stewardship.

ISLANDWOOD VISION: We envision a future in which all people view themselves as lifelong learners, and share an extraordinary bond of stewardship for the environment, for their communities, and for each other.

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