

ACTION STEPS THAT OUR MEMBERS WILL TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS, from Earth UP 2021

Participants were asked to respond to this question:

Based on your learning, what is an action you will take, as an individual or as part of a community, that can bind story collecting, story making and/or storytelling to protecting our biosphere?

Spiritual

- Give thanks for tick-eating opossums
- We are working to save the human race, the planet will survive with or without us.
- Move from arguing about climate caring and change to discussing climate caring and change.

Political

- Show of Arasychtheon & personal tree tragedy.
- Write newspaper column and will begin to include more stories of climate action.
- Offer our work to scientists and advocacy groups to enhance their presentation.
- I will work with Gifted and Talented Students and Teachers to motivate them to tell stories to students and community organizations and lobby government officials to legislate to ameliorate Climate Change and improve our Natural World.
- Reach out to NSN and make my skill and expertise available as a conservation professional and visual storyteller for the purpose of creating public policy and leveraging larger amounts of \$\$.
- I'm going to get a few very short, engaging stories to feed to people who are promoting important causes -- to help them make their presentations more compelling.
- Continue to save money and donate and volunteer for candidates who understand the environment.
- I will gather my rural community to "clean up the stream and forest road areas. We will create a story together about where the cans and small 1\$ bottles of whisky go. Write an editorial.
- Respond to Sierra Club's weekly emails by rattling congress-critters' cages. They send a weekly email alert that notifies participants of bills our state (and sometimes US) congress-critters are considering, that would impact the natural world and eco-justice. Our state posts always include links to websites that give legal description of the bill including who's on the relevant committee, as well as links to get contact info for our particular critter. I do this every Monday when they're in session.
- Record a story about native plants for a website connected with the Native Plant Garden on Mercer Island WA, which *a group of citizens has worked to save from development for over 40 years.*

Social/Community Action

- Connect with local Citizen's Climate Library group to help them use more storytelling in their climate outreach work.
- Join Earth Story Telling
- Share more stories about my personal observations of Earth Change with my audiences
- Convince neighbors to turn lawns into gardens.
- I plan to harness the power of story through Rocky Mountain Storytelling to engage the power of young potential storytellers
- Understanding and using social media to bind graphics and stories that are moving the dial on knowledge and actions for our planet.
- Invite friends and family to a zoom session where I can share some stories and encourage them to become more aware of climate change
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- Be, once again a volunteer as a gardener helper and as a storyteller keep planting seeds in the minds
- I'm going to get a few very short, engaging stories to feed to people who are promoting important causes -- to help them make their presentations more compelling.
- Committing to get to know what stories our local community, especially children, are looking to hear and tell in the face of fire, drought, pandemic and difficult social and financial situations.
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- Move from arguing about climate caring and change to discussing climate caring and change.
- Attend local council sessions and speak up when environmental issues are brought up!
- Contacting the local storytelling associations to propose some panels on conservation/environment so we put these conversations in the agenda.

Life Style

Simplify.

- Carry forward sustainable aspects of pandemic life as we 'return' to 'normal' life.
- Walk when I can, drive when I must.

Environmental/Educational

- New stories about wolves/Yellowstone and and "Poop Can Save the World" program

- Continuing to discover nature with kids in my community.
- Revitalize our 'Green Grows the Story' program for school age kids.
- Share more stories about my personal observations of Earth Change with my audiences
- Convince neighbors to turn lawns into gardens.
- Contact The Nature Reserve at the Lagoon near my home to get environmental stories in there.
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- I will work with Gifted and Talented Students and Teachers to motivate them to tell stories to students and community organizations and lobby government officials to legislate to ameliorate Climate Change and improve our Natural World.
- Tell Nature stories with Ancient Wisdom
- Creating and sharing more stories with an environmental . basis. I learned a lot more folktales with environmental messages that I would love to learn and tell.
- Try to bridge more scientists and educators with storytellers
- Use connections with local schools, land trust to tell earth stories.
- I plan to fertilize Oscar Freire ecotours so he can bring them to USA and to introduce him to the Bio4climate.org.. to do tours of land and people who have been restored.
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