

**Saturday
February 13
9am-9pm**

CELEBRATING VERMONT YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Workshop #1 / 9:30 - 10:15am

- **Environmental Literacy – PART 1*** – What does a sustainable environment look like to you? Workshop will explore what environmental literacy means and how we can move in the direction of a sustainable future. Part of a state-wide program to address these issues. Make your voice heard and your opinions known. **Limit 20 per workshop.** **Lisa Purcell: lisa.purcell@comcast.net**
**You must choose BOTH Part 1 (Workshop # 1) and Part 2 (Workshop #2)*
- **International Students in Vermont** – What is it like to be a student in Vermont from another country? A round table discussion with and for exchange students and students recently moved to Vermont from other countries. Open to all, but focused on foreign students. **Mishelle Nomchin: mishelle.nomchin@gmail.com**
- **Living With a Disability – A talk & discussion about what it is like to be a student living with a disability.** Hello! My name is Evan, I went to the Leadership and Youth Activism Institute over the summer, and I would love to lead a workshop. My idea is kind of based off of something I was able to do just as a short thing over a lunch one day at GIV. I have cerebral palsy and walk on crutches, and they allowed me to have a discussion about what it's like living with a disability, stereotypes etc. Quite simply, it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and also the Institute. I would love to have the opportunity to do something like that again. I will talk a little about my life, maybe have some handouts, then leave it open to questions. That was how it worked at GIV, and I think that would work pretty well here. Anyway, thanks for giving us the opportunity to get involved with the greatness that is GIV again!! **Evan Monod: evanmonod@gmail.com**
- **Vermont Sustainable Heating Initiative, (VSHI)** – This student-led group has won state and national recognition for the work they have done on both sustainable heating and providing heat to low-income Vermonters. Find out more about the group and how you can start a VSHI chapter at your school. Get involved and change the world. **Lucia Bragg: luciapalooza@gmail.com and Courtney Devoid: courtneyrosa@gmail.com**
- **Political Action Starts with You!** – Talk with a politician. Several state political leaders will be available to meet and talk with you. Let them know your issues and concerns. Tell them about the future of Vermont that you desire. Specific leaders to be announced soon. **Limit 15 per politician.** **State Representative Tony Klein, Chair of the House Energy Committee: tklein@leg.state.vt.us** Talk with him about Vt. Yankee and other energy issues.

- **Portrait Drawing: Blind Contour Drawing** – Learn to draw Portraits while not looking at what you are drawing. **Linda Reynolds: lsart@gmavt.net**
- **Non-Violence in Our Times: Is War the Answer?** – What does it mean to be non-violent? What are the differences between non-violence, pacifism, and other ways to peace? Explore some of the history of advocates for non-violence from Christ to Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Meet an activist. **Joe Gainza: Jgainza@vtlink.net**

Workshop #2 / 10:25 - 11:10am

- **Environmental Literacy – PART 2*** – What does a sustainable environment look like to you? Workshop will explore what environmental literacy means and how we can move in the direction of a sustainable future. Part of a state-wide program to address these issues. Make your voice heard and your opinions known. **Limit 20 per workshop.**
Lisa Purcell: lisa.purcell@comcast.net
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- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases and You** – An open and honest discussion about STD's, myths and realities. Don't play it ignorant. **Kristin Fontaine: kfontaine@ppnne.org** Chittenden County Outreach Educator, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (802) 288-8424
- **Gaming by Design** – Learn the basics of how to create your own computer games. Start with a platform and then learn how to express your wild creative side. We will lead you through the challenges and delights of creating your fantasies as virtual realities. **Bring your own lap top.** **James Buchwald: jamesetheprogrammer@gmail.com** and **Christian Wilson: cswilson@gmart.net**
- **Palestine and Israel: What are the Chances for Peace?** – In this workshop we will look at the history and possibilities for resolving this historic conflict. **Mark Hage: mhage@vtnea.org**
- **Abolish Nuclear Weapons Now!** – What will the future of Earth be if nuclear weapons spread? What you can do to make a difference. **Joe Gainza: Jgainza@vtlink.net**
- **The Cuba Project: The Effect of the Blockade and Our Work at BUHS** – At BUHS 16 students are working on the "Cuba Project". We are educating ourselves on the issue of Cuba, circulating a petition to end the blockade, and hoping to acquire a license to travel there in the spring. A power point with information on Cuba is prepared. After this there will be a discussion on what has been learned and what can be done.
Essie Weiss-Tisman: essiewt@hotmail.com
- **Drumming** – Come learn to play hand drums in an a beginner-friendly environment. Bring open ears to hear the rhythm and be ready to try something new. No prior experience or hand drum required. **Feel free to bring your own drums or other items to bang on!**

Workshop #3 / 11:20 - 12:05am

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- **What's Your Bag?** – Political action regarding non-sustainable shopping bag use in Vermont. Discussion of the problems of shopping bag use followed by creation of plastic bag clothes and objects. Plastic bag skirts and vests will be made. Students will wear them to the Rally on the State House Steps to draw attention to a possible five cent per bag fee on all shopping bags in Vermont. **Levi Dukelos: leviduke@gmail.com** and **Mishelle Nomchin: mishelle.nomchin@gmail.com** **Materials: bring as many plastic bags as you can to make into plastic bag art, clothing, and a giant chain that will be brought to the State House.**

- **Robotics: Specialized Officers of Robotic Engineering or SORE** – An award-winning team from First Robotics will present their work. Check out their design and how they got it to work. Find out how to start up a team and compete. We will present our robot and will describe how we went about programming and designing. We will have an engineering notebook and other things to hand out. We want to show people what kids can do and what can be accomplished when great minds work. We will inform people about how the engineering process works, about teamwork, and how we went about making our robot. **Hunter Haddad: hunterhaddad@yahoo.com**
- **Portrait Drawing: Blind Contour Drawing** – Learn to draw Portraits while not looking at what you are drawing. **Linda Reynolds: lsart@gmavt.net**
- **Localavore** – Find out how you can eat locally. In America the average distance that food is transported is 1,200 miles. This affects the quality, sustainability and affordability of what we eat. Meet some Localavores and learn what it is all about and why they do it. **Lucia Bragg: luciapalooza@gmail.com**
- **Got the Blues?** – Have fun singing the blues! We'll learn some basics about improvisation and get silly making up new lyrics. No experience necessary, but if you already play or sing, we want you! (And if you're too shy to sing, we have kazoo's!) Taught by Elizabeth Dotson-Westphalen, professional vocalist and trombonist, and Director of the Arts Institute. **Elizabeth Dotson-Westphalen: elizabeth_dw@yahoo.com**
- **F. L. (Fruity Loops) Music Creation Software** – Learn the basics of music making with Fruity Loops, a downloadable music software system. By the end of the workshop you will know the basics of composing cool tunes of your own design. **Christian Wilson: cswilson@gmart.net**

Workshop #4 / 1:15 - 2pm

- **Tie-dying** – Make your own tie-dyed shirts, pants etc. We will provide dyes and room to make your own tie-dyed clothes. **Bring your own white cotton clothing or purchase at the workshop. You will also need a plastic bag to bring home your creations.** The basics of design and process will be discussed. Then we will get down to it. **Limit 15 per workshop. Jessie-Ruth Corkins: jesisinxi@gmail.com**
- **Gro-Solar** – Talk about the explosive growth and potential of solar energy. Students around the state have been getting grant money to put solar panels on their schools. Start the process to make your school the greenest it can be. Dori Wolfe from Gro-solar: **dori.wolfe@grosolar.com**
- **How to Survive a Raptor Attack!** – Journey back to the age of killer Raptors and fear for your survival. Helpless human that you are! **James Buchwald: jamestheprogrammer@gmail.com** and **Christian Wilson: cswilson@gmart.net**
- **Gender Issues, G.B.L.T.Q. and Roles** – A discussion regarding gender, stereotypes, history, fear, and the like. Come learn and explore your thoughts with others. **Brandy Burt: finding.ruh@gmail.com**
- **Information on Climate Change and Meta-Modeling** – Learn the latest on climate change and the science computer modeling of our earth. **Bela Dobkowski: belajd@yahoo.com**
- **What Cool Things are UVM Students Doing to be Green?** – Find out in a workshop on green things you can do. Don't wait for grey haired old men to save the world. If you do, it will be too late. Start making a difference today. Hosted by the Green Dorms at UVM, **Jessie-Ruth Corkins: jesisinxi@gmail.com**
- **Improvisational Theater** – Laugh and have fun as you learn improvisational theater techniques through games and structured scenarios. You will be 42% wittier and 62% sillier by the end of the session. No experience necessary! Taught by Marcel Freda, Drama Department at People's Academy and Resident Assistant at the Arts Institute. **Marcel Freda: marcelfreda@gmail.com**

Workshop #5 / 2:10 - 2:55pm

- **Fashions For a Post-Consumer World** – Make your own fashion (clothes, jewelry and accessories) statement by taking previously enjoyed clothing/stuff and altering them with paint and additions or deletions to create something functional, new and definitely different. **Bring your own clothes to alter.** Clothing to alter and materials will also be provided. **Donations to cover materials will be accepted. Limit 20 per workshop.**
Jessie-Ruth Corkins: jesasinx@gmail.com
- **How to survive a Zombie Attack!** – Learn how to fend off a zombie attack. Get in touch with your inner Zombie. **Nick Jarvis: vtferret@gmail.com**
- **Face Painting Fantasy Art** – Learn how to face paint and get your face done too. This is not little kid stuff!
Linda Reynolds: lsart@gmavt.net
- **Poster Making Workshop and Homer Simpson Look-a-Like competition** – Make a poster for the Rally on the State House Steps. Poster paper and markers will be provided. Let people know what is on your mind with a poster. Bring your ideas and make posters before our march to the State House. This will be open during lunch as well! **Georgia Parke gparke10@gmail.com**
Make a statement about the future of Vermont Yankee. Would you trust Homer to run a Nuclear Power plant in your state? The “official” Homer Simpson lives in Vermont and works at Vermont Yankee. There will be a Homer Simpson look-a-like competition during the Rally on the State House Steps. The Homer who is most convincing that the plant should be shut down, and the Homer who is most convincing the plant should stay in operation will BOTH receive \$40 cash prizes. Should be funny, but kind of serious too. Hey, this is going to be your future. Up to two minute skits are welcome as long as the crowd does not get restless. Dress the part and have the act ready. **Tom and Beth Tailer: TTailer@anesu.org**
- **Balloon Room** – You will enter a room filled with balloons, laser lights, a fog machine and techno dance music. You will dance or just point and laugh. After 45 minutes you will leave. You will get nothing out of this experience except some really strange memories. This is not a mosh pit and the balloons need to stay un-popped until the very end. That is all. **Limit 25 people.** **Thomas Dickerson: elfprince13@gmail.com**
- **International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)** – Last September three Vermont students from the 2009 Engineering Governor’s Institute went to Taiwan and worked with students from 13 other countries on measuring the displacement of the Chi Chi earthquake that killed 20,000 people. Learn about the global responsibilities of teenagers to make the future of the planet sustainable for all the children of the world. **Courtney Devoid and the rest of the 2009 IESO team: courtneyrosa@gmail.com**
- **New Orleans Second Line Street Music** – Experience the “immediacy of an artistic turnaround” that we have at the Arts Institute! Alum Andy Gagnon will teach cakewalk style New Orleans parade music. We will learn a fun piece of music together and then perform it during the parade to the State House! **Please bring your instruments – horns, saxophones, drums, whatever you have! We will also have some kazoos and “junk percussion” around, but we need real instruments.** **Andy Gagnon: argagnon@uvm.edu**

Registration Deadline: February 5, 2010

For Vermont residents grades 9 - 12 only

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