

The Future of Water Workshop Series 2011

Water and Agriculture: A Workshop for Saskatchewan's Future Leaders

Residential Workshop, Nov 11-13, 2011
Craik Eco-Village, Saskatchewan

Are you a passionate change-maker
aged 18-35 years?



Are you concerned about the future of
water and food production in SK?

Do you want to gain insight, tools, and
connections to help bring about a truly
sustainable future?



Organized by Waterlution – A Water Learning Experience

Hosted by Waterlution Associates Franny Rawlyk and Nadine Lemoine

In partnership with:

The Saskatchewan Environmental Society

...with special guests:

Robert Patrick PhD, MCIP, University of Saskatchewan

and various local NGOs, government representatives, mentors and community members

About the Workshop:

"Water and Agriculture" is a two-and-a-half day residential workshop for up-and-coming leaders aged 18-35 years. The purpose of this workshop is to provide future Saskatchewan leaders with the tools, insight and connections to promote sustainable water resource and watershed management. Using inspired problem solving amongst the group, we will work together and explore solutions to effectively manage the water resources within the Central Saskatchewan region. Through experiential field tours (related to agriculture, flooding and wetlands) the group will be exposed to key issues, and mentors who are changing the tide by implementing land-based solutions. The group will then explore, through interactive dialogue and group activities, innovative ideas for sustainable change within the region. **Don't miss this opportunity to engage with local organizations and individuals leading the way in sustainable development, and peers who are ready to join you as tomorrow's smart decision makers!**

Why Saskatchewan?

Saskatchewan is one of the country's leaders in agricultural production. We also experience some of the greatest extremes in water—most of the province is usually experiencing a drought or a flood, even if the year previous was just the opposite. If we are to sustain health communities, environments and industries, we have to be adaptable and creative in how we manage our water resources. Saskatchewan needs strong, passionate leaders with an understanding of how to achieve this goal, particularly around how we manage our water to suite our agricultural needs. This workshop will explore both the threats to these water systems, as well as some solutions that have been working so far.



What is a “residential workshop”? A residential workshop is a unique learning opportunity where participants stay at an off-site location and engage in collaborative exploration of complex issues through interactive experiences and facilitated dialogue sessions.

Location:

The workshop will be held at Praxis International School (www.camparnes.com) in the Craik Eco-Village, located on Highway 11, half way between Saskatoon and Regina. Participants will stay for two nights in the accommodation provided by Waterlution. Meals and activity costs are included in the \$40 registration fee (please see “Cost of Participation”, Page 3).

Workshop Agenda:

The following is the current agenda for the weekend. *Please note that it is subject to change.*

TENTATIVE PROGRAM:		
Friday, November 11 <i>5:00pm start</i>	Saturday, November 12 <i>All day</i>	Sunday, November 13 <i>2:00pm finish</i>
<p>Arrive: Get settled in and meet your fellow Waterlutionaries</p> <p>Discover: Listen to firsthand observations on the state of water and agriculture from a seasoned farmer</p> <p>Reflect: Share and take in Saskatchewan water insights</p> <p>Meet special guest and Resident Mentor Dr. Robert Patrick who will share with us initiatives on water resource management.</p>	<p>Experience: Field Trips - Agriculture and Water (Organic Agriculture, Intensive Livestock Operation and Restored Wetland),</p> <p>Learn: Demonstration about best management practices for agriculture in SK</p> <p>Celebrate: Weiner roast, bon-fire, live music and drinks</p> <p>Experience the issues unfolding through active discussions. Have fun sharing thoughts and insights with your peers.</p>	<p>Engage: Participant-led group dialogue</p> <p>Inspire: Interactive discussion with special guests</p> <p>Connect: Speed networking, closing circle and final reflections</p> <p>Leave rejuvenated and moved to find and implement solutions for sustainable water resources and watershed management.</p>

Take advantage of extended learning and networking opportunities! The Waterlution experience reaches beyond the scope of the workshop. After the weekend, participants will join over 2500 members nationwide on Waterlution's online community to share resources, news, and support each other in achieving a better future for our nation's water.
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Who should apply?

This workshop is open to anyone living in Saskatchewan aged 18-35 years. There is space for 20 participants. In an effort to foster broad dialogue, we are looking for applicants representing diverse backgrounds (e.g. government, Aboriginal communities, industry, academic, NGOs, etc). Participants do not need to be experts in water issues - all applicants with an interest in regional sustainable development will be considered.

How to apply:

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please go to www.waterlution.org/workshops and click on this workshop. Hit the "Apply Now" button below the workshop description, and get started! You will be required to include information on personal/professional experience relevant to water resource management and multi-stakeholder dialogue, and general involvement in your community. If you have any questions, please contact Waterlution Associates and workshop hosts, Franny Rawlyk (franny@waterlution.org, 306.716.2892) or Nadine Lemoine (nadine@waterlution.org, 306.716.2419).

Cost of participation:

Participants accepted into the workshop are required to pay a **\$40 participation fee**. Aside from this fee, there are no additional costs to participants during the residential workshop related to accommodation, meals, or otherwise. Successful applicants may pay by cheque or email money transfer to Waterlution Director Karen Kun, Karen@waterlution.org (please use 'Waterlution' as the secret question answer). **All cheques should be made payable to Waterlution – A Water Learning Experience. Please mail to: Waterlution, 50 Old Mill Rd, Suite 401. L6J 7W1. Oakville, Ontario.** Only with receipt of your registration fee is your space confirmed. Applicants who cannot afford this fee should make note of this in their applications. Waterlution supports outstanding individuals and cost will not be a barrier to participation.

*This is the sixth year of the Future of Water Workshop Series.
For more information on previous workshops and their outcomes, visit www.waterlution.org*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS October 24th, 2011
Apply now at www.waterlution.org/workshops

The demand for this workshop is high, so get your application in as soon as possible!

Contact Nadine Lemoine or Franny Rawlyk with questions at
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