

International Holistic Tourism Education Centre IHTEC

IHTEC is an Educational Charity, focused on developing curriculum content for schools in Global Sustainability and Peace Education (GSE) and the 'International School Peace Gardens' ISPG is focused on preventative education

IHTEC partners with Science for Peace / Canadian Pugwash, Global Issues Project in Toronto, and holds academic roundtables on oceans, water issues, food security etc.

IHTEC has participated Canadian Heritage Rivers Conferences and Water Roundtables.

IHTEC holds memberships with - Educational Alliance for Sustainable Ontario'; Phi Delta Kappa International.

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Watershed Peace Pathways

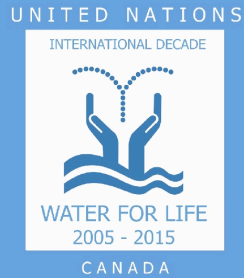


Watershed
Peace
Pathways

Watershed Peace Pathways uses the concept of “watershed” to promote the basis for understanding how rivers function. Everyone is connected to each other in a watershed through the water they use and consume every day.

The “Watershed Peace Pathways” program will bring present and future citizens of this planet closer together through shared 'peaceful', environmentally focused activities; geared toward the greater benefit of all earth's inhabitants.

<http://www.ihtec.org/PrimaryPages/WatershedHome.html>



History

On May 4th 1998, the “Watershed Peace Pathways” (WPP) program was initiated at "Rivers 98", the 2nd National Congress of Professional, Public and Private Interests in River Conservation in Canada.

IHTEC is dedicated to developing programs that educate young people through “Global Sustainability Education”

International Holistic Tourism Education Centre provides:

- Teacher Training workshops
- Future Online Global Sustainability Education Courses for teachers and post-secondary graduates
- “Transformational Leadership” training for recent College graduates University/
- A “Resource Centre” for teachers
- Dedication Certificates
- Service awards

What Can We Do?

- Reduce our water footprint, as Nature needs it to prime the pump for the hydrological cycle.
- Keep water where it is on planet earth returning water back to water sources.
- Wash cars with a bucket, not a hose.
- Drink tap water wherever it is safe. Boil water otherwise.
- Remove drinking water from plastic bottles. (8 & 9 messages are brought to you by David Suzuki and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities)
- Wash dishes by hand where possible with the plug in the sink. Run the dishwasher only when fully loaded, after 8 pm.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth; use a low-flush toilet or reduce flushes; take a 3 min shower.
- Share water with all species.
- Work with your politicians.

Plastics in rivers, the great lakes and the ocean are among our environmental challenges

- Over 80% of plastic originates from land
- Plastic trash accumulates in slow moving whirlpools called ‘gyres’
- It can take up to 1000 years for plastics to degrade
- Marine organisms consume it and die
- Plastics absorb toxins from surroundings
- Bioaccumulation of toxins in the food chain

Sources: <http://www.algalita.org>, *Plastic Ocean* by Capt. Charles Moore, <http://oceanrusaders.org/plastic->

Get Involved

Identify how to protect fresh water supplies in your area. Imagine and create protection ideas for fresh water supplies.

Develop a plan and implement your ‘Watershed Peace Pathways Project. Monitor water quality with local water and river management societies.

Dedicate your project in your International School Peace Garden during “Rivers Week” around June 12th.

Discover local water programs online and connect to sites that have water protection programs.

Email IHTEC about your Water Program for a certificate.

For more information, resources, ideas and collaboration on Watershed Peace Pathways

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