

2011-12 Killam Community Leader Profile

Anne Larkin



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Anne Larkin (2011-2012), a current Killam student from the University of Idaho, is studying History and English at the University of British Columbia. Anne is collaborating with The World In A Garden (TWIAG) to realize her Killam Community Initiative called "Passport to Permaculture". This project aims to organize a summer camp near the University of British Columbia that educates youth, aged 6 to 12, on the three principles of permaculture: peoplecare, earthcare, and fairshare. The principal of peoplecare is to create ethical, healthy, supportive societies, earthcare is to respect the earth as the basis of all life, and the principal of fairshare is to use resources wisely and equitably. Each participant will receive a passport that will be filled with stamps as they complete permaculture-based activities.

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The project will increase knowledge about the benefits of a sustainable food system and instill the value of purchasing and eating local food in order to reduce the impact on the environment. The intention, Anne says, is to instill "a deep understanding of food systems and the environmental impacts of their food choices. I think it's crucially important for the coming generation to understand where their food comes from and how it's produced, not just for the earth's sake but also for their own health". The program will host several guest speakers from organizations such as the *Environmental Youth Alliance*, *Backyard Bounty Collective*, *The Mayan Garden*, *Urban Aboriginal Community Kitchen Garden Project*, *UBC Farm*. The scheduled activities include planting, harvesting, seed saving, making compost kits, making arts and crafts, cooking pizza from local ingredients, and will end with a camper-run garden gate sale.

Anne ran the Spring Summer Camp on March 12th to March 16th. The Summer Camp is scheduled to take place from July 16th to July 20th.