

The Future of Water Workshop Series 2012

Waterlution – an Okanagan experience Water. Leadership. Ideas for Action.

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West Kelowna, Okanagan Valley, British Columbia September 28-30, 2012



Are you willing to engage, communicate and collaborate?



Are you a passionate change-maker?



Do you want to learn about different Okanagan water issues?

Organized by Waterlution – A Water Learning Experience Hosted by Nelson Jatel ...with invited special guests: Michelle Cook, Water Resource Planner – Urban Systems Javan Bernakevitch, Lead at Permaculture British Columbia Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board John Wagner, Professor, Applied Anthropology, University of British Columbia Okanagan Carrie Terbasket, Syilx and member of the Okanagan Nation, Okanagan Similkameen Indian Band

Join us for a water dialogue and develop your ideas for action!

Apply now at <u>www.waterlution.org/workshops</u> Application deadline: June 18, 2012



What is an 'on-site' workshop?

An on-site workshop is a unique learning opportunity where participants stay at an on-site location and engage in collaborative exploration of complex issues through interactive experiences and facilitated dialogue sessions.

Purpose of the Workshop:

The Okanagan is one of Canada's driest watersheds – an ideal location to host a dialogue that focuses on real water issues, the process of leadership, collaborative learning and communication.

The Waterlution Okanagan experience will provide you with an opportunity to learn about a range of water perspectives and practical leadership processes.

Location and Costs:

The workshop will be held at <u>Green Bay Retreat</u>, on the West shores of Okanagan Lake, British Columbia. Participants will stay for two nights in the accommodation provided by Waterlution.

Meals and activity costs are included in the \$120 registration fee (please see "Cost of Participation", Page 3). Subsidies are available.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

**A detailed agenda will be provided to accepted applicants prior to the workshop

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Friday, September 28	Saturday, September 29	Sunday, September 30
*6:00pm start	*All day	*2:00pm finish
Arrive: Eat dinner, get settled in, and meet your fellow Waterlutionaries. Interactive ice breakers.	Experience: Workshops and learning experiences focused on water science, social-science and leadership.	Play: Join us for a game of ninja and other participant-led group activities.
Learn: Listen to first hand observations on Okanagan water issues from - Nelson R Jatel,	Share: Facilitated discussion with special guests – a rare opportunity to meet experts and potential mentors.	Inspire: Interactive discussions with special guests.
OBWB's Water Stewardship		Connect: Time for networking.
Director and special guests.	Celebrate: Campfire, Jam Session, drinks and snacks. Bring your musical instrument	Closing circle and final reflections.
Dialogue: Interact, network, share your ideas and enjoy the	and contribute to the experience.	Leave rejuvenated and moved to find and implement
Okanagan semi-arid environment.	Be inspired. Learn about water governance and management	solutions for sustainable water resources and
Meet water mentors from a range of disciplines and backgrounds. Expand your personal network.	challenges and successes. Have fun sharing thoughts and insights with your peers. Learn about process and practical lessons.	watershed management.

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 2000 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 British Columbia*, aged 18-35 years. There is space for 25 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.

*This is an inclusive water workshop - regardless of your address, all interested participants should apply.

How to apply:

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please go to <u>www.waterlution.org/workshops</u> 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, multi-stakeholder dialogue, and general involvement in your community. If you have registration questions, contact Julia Fortier: <u>Julia@waterlution.org</u>. For other questions contact Nelson Jatel: <u>njatel@limnology.ca</u>.

Cost of participation:

Participants accepted into the workshop are required to pay a non-refundable \$120 participation fee. Subsidies are available on a first come, first serve basis and are identified on the application form. Aside from this fee, there are no additional costs to participants during the 'on site' workshop period related to accommodation, meals, or otherwise. Travel to and from the workshop are the responsibility of participants – car pooling is encouraged. Successful applicants may pay by cheque or Interac email transfer (to <u>karen@waterlution.org</u>; password: waterlution). 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 <u>www.waterlution.org</u>

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

Contact workshop host and Waterlution Associate Nelson Jatel with questions: <u>njatel@limnology.ca</u> or (250) 308 9449

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