



SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Developing the next generation of sustainability leaders.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2024

Segment 1: Driving Change – 9:30-11am Virtual

March 7

Orientation

March 21

What is the Triple Bottom Line and why does it matter? – **Peter Backlund - School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Associate Director**

March 28

Pursuing Purpose in Addition to Profit - **Jonathan Leibert & Stacey Burns, Colorado Institute for Social Impact**

April 4

Framework for Leadership - **Chris Hutchinson, Trebuchet Group**

Segment 2: Resource Management - In person

April 18th

9-9:30am: Getting to know your cohort

9:30- 11am: Electricity Markets and their Impact on Decarbonizing the Grid – **John Parks, Colorado Energy Office, Electricity Markets and Transmission Policy Analyst**

11-11:15: Break

11:15-12:45pm: Waste Reduction - **Becca Walkinshaw, Republic Services, Sustainability Coordinator**

12:45-1:45: Lunch

1:45-3:15: Water in Colorado - **Diana Lane, Nature Conservancy, Director of Sustainable Food and Water Program**

3:15-4pm Leadership Exercise

Segment 3: Policy and Action – 9:30-11am Virtual

May 2nd

Policy and Advocacy for Business - **Debra Brown, Good Business Colorado, Executive Director**

May 9th

Sustainability through Wetlands - **Matt Reddy, Ducks Unlimited, Conservation Director**

May 16th

Sustainable Business Practices & Moving Towards a Regenerative Model - **Christa Nenaber, Patagonia**

May 23rd

Local Governments Addressing Energy Issues - **Jerry Tinianow, Western Urban Sustainability Advisors**



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Segment 4: Equity & Analysis - In Person

June 13th

9-10:30am: Advancing Racial Equity - **Claudia Menendez, City of Fort Collins, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator**

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-12:00 pm: ROI and Cost Benefit Analysis - **Javier Echeverria-Diaz, City of Fort Collins, Senior Financial Analyst**

12:00-12:30: Lunch

12:30-1:45: Engaging Stakeholders - **Julia Newman, Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, Managing Director of Engagement**

2:00-4:00: Tour of Rawhide Power Plant

Segment 5: Goals & Strategies – 9:30-11am Virtual

July 11th

ESG Management Systems - **Jill Cooper, Orion Resource Partners, Senior Principal**

July 18th

The State of Sustainability Professionals - **Michelle Finchum, Pine Gate Renewables, Sustainability Director**

July 25th

Sustainable Business Approaches - **David Fridland, DIA, Environmental Sustainability Manager**

August 1st

Workplace Wellness - **Summer Maid, Neurish Nutrition**

Segment 6: Coming Full Circle & Graduation – In Person

August 22nd

9-10:30am: Energy and Efficiency - **Stacey Baumgarn, Colorado State University, Campus Energy Coordinator**

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45-12:00 pm: Living Environments in Natural, Social and Economic Systems - **Josie Plaut - Institute for the Build Environment, Assistant Director**

12:00-12:30: Lunch

12:30-1:30: Sustainable Business Approaches - **Rachel Mountain, Namaste Solar**

1:30-2pm: Closing Activity - **Jacob Castillo, City of Fort Collins, Chief Sustainability Officer**

2-4pm: Graduation Celebration