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## Earth Day Event Aims to Inspire Local Youth

PETERBOROUGH— On Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 400 youth from the Peterborough area will participate in a unique Earth Day presentation at P.C.V.S. organized by the Kawartha World Issues Centre in partnership with the Indigenous Environmental Studies and Science Program (IESS) at Trent University.

The **RE-IGNITING THE SACRED POWER OF CREATION: Essential Knowledges for Transformative *YOUTH* Action** presentation will bring together Indigenous teachings and Traditional Knowledge from around the world to address complex global environmental challenges, in what promises to be a morning of education, inspiration.

Dan Longboat, founding director of the Trent IESS program emphasizes the importance of youth-engagement, explaining that “youth are inheriting a complex set of problems that affect environment, society, economy and politics, and to resolve these issues will require they complicate their skill-set. So knowledge needs to not only cross disciplines, but also necessitates crossing cultures. So the opportunity then is to engage in cross cultural learning.”

The **Essential Knowledges for Transformative *YOUTH* Action** presentation embodies this cross cultural learning:



Manulani Meyer to speak at youth Earth Day event  
9:30-11:30am at P.C.V.S.  
Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

guest speakers include Manulani Meyer, an international speaker and educator who grew up on the shores of Kailua beach on the island of O’ahu, has a background in wilderness education, experiential learning and ecological literacy. Sylvia Plain is a community ambassador from Aamjiwnaang First Nation, a water walker, canoe-building apprentice, student-researcher and founder of the Great Lakes Canoe Journey – which brings together youth to build canoes and paddle the rivers and lakes within Ontario. Dan Longboat is Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River and the founding director of the Indigenous Environmental Studies & Science Program at Trent University.

Julie Cosgrove, event co-organizer and the executive director of Kawartha World Issues Centre, “fully agrees that youth have an essential role in the transformation required for a sustainable future. It is vitally important that we reach outside our Western paradigm to learn different ways understanding the world and working together. We are really honored and excited to be a part of an event that increases capacity for youth leadership and action by bringing together global and local knowledge holders. And there is still space on Friday for youth who haven’t registered!”

Youth (25 & under) are invited to register, by contacting Sara at [youth@kwic.info](mailto:youth@kwic.info). Visit [kwic.info](http://kwic.info), or call 705-748-1680 for more information. Cost is \$5 per youth or paywhatyoucan.

The **event** is held in conjunction with the Trent IESS *conference, RE-IGNITING THE SACRED POWER OF CREATION: Essential Knowledges for Transformative Action, April 22nd to 24th.*

We invite media friends to join us to share in this exciting Earth Day event.  
Please contact Julie Cosgrove for more information: [julie@kwic.info](mailto:julie@kwic.info) or 705-848-1680.