



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Leadership Program and Sustainability Summit: 2023

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Leadership Program and Sustainability Summit is a dynamic and interactive learning experience. Students are nominated by educators and community to serve as youth delegates.

In January, youth delegates will participate in weekly workshops with The Institute's team using a blend of The Institute's Leadership tools including the book and companion curriculum, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*. We expose their young minds to inspiring leaders and expand their horizons. Through our **Sustainable Career Video Series** and guest speakers they discover how they can get good paying jobs that help their community and build a sustainable economy. In the spring, they will participate in a **Sustainable Tour**, exposing them to experience first-hand the fragility of our planet and innovative sustainability solutions in their community. They will then research different climate change issues and develop presentations on sustainability innovations to share at the Sustainability Summit.

The Institute's Sustainability Summit is a weeklong intensive leadership training where youth delegates (aged 15-17) work alongside The Institute's seasoned team of emerging leaders to envision their dreams for their lives, their communities and the world. They will be joined by youth delegates who are nominated from the island of **Terceira, Azores**. We've hosted 17 Sustainability Summits: from Vieques, Puerto Rico to Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands to Martha's Vineyard, and Newport and Bristol, Rhode Island. Youth delegates learn how to make dynamic presentations and develop strategies to engage their community. They will develop videos that inspire others to join them. The Sustainability Summit provides youth delegates with an opportunity to learn about other cultures and form lifelong connections. Together they will gain support to envision and develop action plans to realize their dreams for building a more sustainable world.

Following the Sustainability Summit, we will create the **SouthCoast Youth Leadership Initiative** where students will envision and design **Sustainability & Service-Learning Projects** for their community. They put their dreams and projects into action by developing their five-year plans. They will become action-oriented and solutions-based; develop critical thinking and decision-making skills and learn how to troubleshoot challenges. They are empowered to become representatives of their communities with their government leaders on important issues and lightning rods for positive change. This creates a multiplier effect to build a new generation of leaders. An exchange is being developed with BCAHS and top youth delegates in **Terceira, Azores** in Fall, 2023.

Timeline

- Phase I: Leadership Weekly Program: January 26-March 30, 2023
 - Job Shadow Day: Sustainable Career Video Series: February 2, 2023
- Phase II: Sustainability Tour: April 27
- Phase III: Develop Sustainability Summit Presentations: May 2023
- Phase IV: Sustainability Summit hosted by Bristol Aggie: June 4-9, 2023
 - with sister-school partnership in Terceira, Azores
- Phase V: Top youth delegates to Azores: Fall 2023
- Phase VI: SouthCoast Youth Leadership Initiative: September 2023

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