

Green Economy Case Study: 2022-2023 PowerCorps Boston, Boston, MA



SustainWDN™ Pathway Green Building, Urban Forestry & Urban Greening

“ It was a pleasure working with the Stone Soup Leadership Institute team! The thought provoking workshop(s) that was tailored to our group, really helped set the tone for deep engagement.

Both our staff and program members gained a lot from the interactive experience and we look forward to working with Stone Soup Leadership Institute to help educate future PowerCorps Boston cohorts.



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- **Video:** [PowerCorps Boston](#) Trainer Training Program
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The Institute customized a program for PowerCorps Boston using the *Stone Soup Climate Education Curriculum* to train facilitators to use **SustainWDN™ Career Pathways** to broaden awareness of well-paying green jobs.

The Challenges

- Massachusetts Governor & Climate Chief Hoffer's goals [report](#)
- Boston Mayor Wu positions Boston as a green workforce leader.
- Green companies struggle to replenish their workforce pipeline
- 2022: Developed PowerCorps Boston to provide first-time offenders (18–30-year-olds) with training for Green Building, Urban Forestry and Urban Greening. An “earn and learn” program, PowerCorps BOS pays members to participate in hands-on training that prepares them for living-wage careers.
- Boston's Harbor is a success - from the dirtiest water to the cleanest - with training center for Clean Water Management

Implementation

- Used **SustainWDN™ Youth Survey** to assess youth readiness as they didn't like high school, uninterested in higher education

Program

- Customized Workshop with PowerCorps youth
- Green Building Speaker: Illai Kenney, HBCU Green Fund
- Teacher Training Program expanded faculty's perspective on the youth potential interest in further education.

Impact

- **300% Education:** SustainWDN™ Survey showed direct connection between higher education and higher salaries;
- **100% Increased** interest in Sustainability Certificates: Clean Water Mgmt, Solar, Sustainable Ag, Business Energy
- **Potential:** to be scaled nationally to expand curriculum for President Biden's Climate Corps.

