

Resistance is NOT FUTILE

RESOURCE LISTING

Section 1: April 4 Island Conversation Speakers

CCL—Citizens' Climate Lobby, speaker Julie Nowak

The Whidbey Citizens' Climate Lobby chapter supports the work of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) to get Whidbey residents working together to motivate our representative and two senators to the US Congress to take action to address the national and global climate crisis. CCL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy climate change organization.

How is it threatened by the chaos at the federal government level?

Voters are discouraged, distracted.

CCL values bipartisan solutions because they are usually more durable.

Congress is being pressured to retreat to their respective corners, making it more challenging to secure two key climate efforts:

- The climate-related programs created by the Inflation Reduction Act — which CCL lobbied hard to get passed! — are at risk.
- Clean energy permitting reform

What are you doing to resist?

PERSIST

How can folks here tonight support your organization?

1. **TONIGHT'S ACTION:** fill out one of our three letter templates to Larsen/Murray/Cantwell, which will be hand-delivered to their Everett office this month.
2. Ongoing Actions
 - Let Rep. Larsen & Senators Murray and Cantwell know we still need climate-responsible policies at the federal level.
 - Join our chapter.
 - Donate to Citizens' Climate Education.

Website: citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/WA_Whidbey_Island

For the People, speaker Derek Hoshiko

A grassroots organizing collective that provides a stable platform for community organizers to fundraise for social justice projects. We are accountable to our communities and uplift members dedicated to defending what we hold sacred: justice, life, freedom, love, and community.

We organize many local campaigns: United Student Leaders, rePurpose, Kicking Gas and Solarize.

Action Opportunities: Volunteer with one of the campaigns below. Join rePurpose. Donate!

United Student Leaders

www.uslwhidbey.org

Focuses on uplifting youth voices around climate action, equity, educational reform, intersectionality, and social justice issues that its members are passionate about.

rePurpose

Expands opportunities for reuse and recycling; sponsors community action through repair events, food composting workshops, and art making; and provides zero waste education and policy advocacy. www.repurposewhidbey.org

Kicking Gas

Works to make home electrification measures accessible and affordable to those who need them in the Puget Sound area. kickgasnow.org

Solarize

Solar energy group purchasing to reduce costs and simplify the solar installation process. olysol.org/solarize/island

Contact: Derek Hoshiko, derek@forthepeople.earth; forthepeople.earth

Indivisible Whidbey

We are a non-partisan group dedicated to protecting community members and our democracy through civic engagement, education and persuasive action — in our towns, Island County, Washington State and nationally. We are one of 6,000 Indivisible groups across the US bolding taking action to preserve representative democracy, defend against fascism, demand principled leadership from our elected officials and protect critically essential institutions from unlawful seizure or elimination.

Current threats because of Federal action (or inaction)

Democracy under threat. DOGE cuts: veterans benefits and jobs, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Department of Education, EPA, NOAA — the list goes on. Unlawful deportations. Taxing the poor to benefit billionaires. Disenfranchisement. Tariffs that will bring the cost of living up for everyone.

Actions we're taking now

HANDS OFF! WHIDBEY ISLAND FIGHTS RALLY NEAR NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA, noon to 2 p.m. on April 5, in solidarity with Hands Off! protests worldwide. Based on RSVPs, we expect 500+ citizens to participate. We're increasing our membership and considering possible actions in the coming months.

Section 2: Key questions, and answers for our times

We asked Groups to answer key questions: How is their work threatened? What action are they taking? And what we can do to help.

Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship

Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship (PRI) is commitment to the care, preservation, and restoration of native northwest habitat.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally?

We are a small non-profit organization with a limited budget. A majority of our income is from state and federal programs.

What actions are you taking to counter those threats?

We are hiring a new Executive Director that we know has a lot of experience in raising money in the private sector.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way?

Please donate and volunteer your time to reverse the biodiversity crises that we are experiencing here in the northwest and worldwide.

Sno-Isle Sierra Club group

Our mission statement: To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally?

It is devastating to see the illegal and far-reaching harms.

What actions are you taking to combat those threats?

Sierra Club WA has a lobbyist in the state legislature.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way?

- Talk to us about what you value and want to work on.
- Take care of yourself — joining our outings or events is a great way to meet people who care and get away from the constant negatives.
- Use your voice!

www.sierraclub.org/washington/sno-isle-group

South Whidbey at Home

South Whidbey at Home is a membership-based nonprofit dedicated to helping older (55+) South Whidbey residents remain in their homes and active in the community .

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally?

While we do not rely directly on federal funds, we do have some county and foundation grants that may be affected indirectly by federal funding cuts. And eventually all of us non profits will be competing for the same donor population. Also, if Social Security and Medicare are disrupted, we will see a huge increased need from our members.

What actions are you taking to combat those threats?

We are actively reaching out to other community leaders on the island to see where we can collaborate, identify gaps, and redundancies.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way?

People can volunteer in a variety of ways and levels, they can also join and/or donate.

I'm Beth Herrild, Executive Director of South Whidbey at Home, you can reach me at

ed@swathome.org, our website is swathome.org

South Whidbey Tilth

South Whidbey Tilth is a community of gardeners, farmers and consumers on who support an environmentally sound and socially equitable agriculture system. We teach and promote how to build living soil as the foundation for vibrant and biodiverse agriculture.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally? Food access programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNP)

What actions are you taking to combat those threats? We lobbied the state legislature and national congress people to maintain food access programs as well as policies for regenerative and organic agriculture standards.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way? Support our seasonal Farmers Market opening Sundays starting May 4 through October 19.

www.southwhidbeytilth.org

Whidbey Camano Land Trust

We are a nationally accredited nonprofit that works to protect, restore, and appreciate the natural diversity and beauty of Whidbey and Camano Islands.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally? There is a threat to historically bi-partisan funding sources that have helped support our work.

- Possibility of reduced grant funding on the federal level
- Possible removal of previous environmental protections at the regulatory level
- Possibility of less support for protection/restoration work

What actions are you taking to counter those threats? Continue to diversify our funding sources including local and state agencies and private foundations. Using new conservation tools to make projects. Talking to our elected, prioritizing projects that don't require federal funding.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way? Continue to support the Land Trust with unrestricted financial donations as well as volunteer at work parties or outreach program. Sign up for our monthly eNews to stay up-to-date with our projects.

Contact info - Info@wclt.org / www.wclt.org

Whidbey Compost Collective

Whidbey Compost Collective's purpose is to divert organic matter from the landfill and use this "waste" to create quality compost for local farms.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally? We are concerned about federal and state grants, but locally we feel that this initiative is well received and will move forward.

What actions are you taking to combat those threats? We are volunteering a lot of our time and getting the community engaged so that we can build this locally.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way? We have a lot of support when it comes to actions and at this point, we need funding.

You can reach out to Jumanja and Megan at rainydayflora@gmail.com

Whidbey Island Conservation District

We are a community hub that brings people and resources together through voluntary, locally-led conservation. As a non-regulatory and non-partisan arm of Washington state, we support your goals by offering educational and financial resources, and provide guidance.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally?

Approximately \$500k in frozen federal funds for research, education, and technical assistance which is at risk of being cancelled and is disrupting our regularly occurring programs.

What actions are you taking to combat those threats?

Seeking to diversify our funding and keeping abreast of local and federal developments.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way?

Get involved with our programming and advocate to your local and state representatives about funding these vital services. You subscribe to our newsletter and learn more about upcoming events and educational opportunities on our website.

wicd@whidbeycd.org

whidbeycd.org

Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative

Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative (WIGC) is a collaboration of 79 Whidbey Island farmers, food producers, businesses, non-profits, and community members.

What are the threats to your organization's work in the current political climate nationally? WIGC has multiple federal grants that are currently affected by the federal grant funding freeze. In addition to current grants held, there is no guarantee that USDA grant programs will continue.

Our Whidbey farmers are and will be affected by reductions in USDA grant programs. Agriculture production and food systems infrastructure on our rural island are already trending heavily downward, and increasing our local food supply will become even more difficult.

What actions are you taking to combat those threats?

I see WIGC and our local food hub partners across the state and region as essential in the new economy and country that's being created right now.

How can people assist your organization in a meaningful way?

The biggest thing our community can do right now to help our local food system is to **choose local food** producers as much as possible.

info@whidbeyislandgrown.com

www.whidbeyislandgrown.com

Section 3: Some of the many other groups on Whidbey

ARCIC—Agriculture Resources Committee/Island County

ARCIC advocates, educates, and builds connections to support Island County's farmers, ranchers, food processors, and other agricultural entities.

www.agresourcesic.com

CERT—Community Emergency Response Team

Our program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills.

www.islandcountywa.gov/519/Community-Emergency-Response-Team

CCL—Citizens' Climate Lobby

We empower everyday people to work together on climate policy.

citizensclimatelobby.org/chapters/WA_Whidbey_Island

For the People — rePurpose, Kicking Gas, USL

We are a grassroots organizing collective that provides a stable platform for community organizers to fundraise for social justice projects.

forthepeople.earth

Goosefoot

Our vision is an economically thriving, environmentally resilient, and socially inclusive community for all.

goosefoot.org

Indivisible

We will stand together and we'll fight back in defense of our rights, our communities, and our values.

www.indivisiblewhidbey.org

Kicking Gas

Works to make home electrification measures accessible and affordable to those who need them.

kickgasnow.org

PRI—Pacific Rim Institute

Engaging science, culture and community for ecological restoration.

www.pacificriminstitute.org

Pamoja Place

An organization dedicated to growing community and a sense of belonging for BIPOC individuals on Whidbey Island.

pamojaplace.org

People Power United

We champion progress and power to the people. We are a group of people who believe in the possibility of change and work to make it happen.

www.peoplepowerunited.org

Readiness to Learn

We support South Whidbey students and families and create opportunities for everyone to thrive.

readinesstolearn.org

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Expands opportunities for reuse and recycling; sponsors community action.

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olysol.org/solarize/island

SOS Whidbey

Building community through equity, safety and inclusive democracy.

www.soswhidbey.org

Sound Water Stewards

Protecting & preserving our coastal ecosystems through education, science, & stewardship.

soundwaterstewards.org

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swathome.org

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Whidbey Audubon Society

Whidbey Audubon Society is dedicated to the understanding, appreciation, and protection of birds and other wildlife species and their habitats on Whidbey Island and surrounding waters.

www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org

Whidbey Camano Land Trust

We work to protect, restore, and appreciate the natural diversity and beauty of Whidbey and Camano Islands.

www.wclt.org

Whidbey Climate ACTION

Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change in our Community

www.whidbeyclimate.org

Whidbey Compost Collective

We divert organic matter from the landfill through a decentralized compost network.

WEAN—Whidbey Environmental Action Network

Our mission is to protect wild spaces and promote healthy ecosystems in and beyond Island County.

www.whidbeyenvironment.org

Whidbey Island Conversation District

A partner for clean water, productive soil, resilient forests, and healthy wildlife habitat.

whidbeycd.org

Whidbey Island Native Connection

nciwhidbey@gmail.com

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www.whidbeyislandgrown.com

WIN—Whidbey Island Nourishes

We combat food insecurity on South Whidbey, bringing healthy food and hope to young people.

www.whidbeyislandnourishes.org

Whidbey Veterans Resource Center

Our mission is to connect, educate, and serve Veterans, their families and communities.

www.whidbeyvrc.org