



Your Local Eco-News

Whistler's bi-weekly environmental news, tips for eco-citizenry and opportunities to get involved from AWARE. If you love what we do and are in a position to give, please [consider making a donation.](#)

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"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

~ Mother Teresa



Save The Date: June 9th is AWARE's AGM
Featuring Nature Focused Panel Discussion with Q&A

Join us for our annual general meeting and get updates on programs, recent

accomplishments and initiatives we are excited to be moving forwards. After (brief) formal AGM proceedings we will shift into the main event with a presentation and panel discussion with two longstanding nature supporters - Bob Brett and Heather Beresford.

Bob is a forest ecologist who led or helped establish: the Whistler's Naturalists Society; the BioBlitz and Fungus Among Us programs; and the Whistler Biodiversity Project - a multi-year project to catalogue Whistlers native species.

Heather is the Resort Municipality of Whistler's Environmental Stewardship Manager. Heather will be reflecting on steps taken to integrate species and habitat needs into planning, lesson learned to date and her hopes for the future.

When: Thurs. June 9th. 7-8:30pm

Where: Whistler Public Library



Who is AWARE, What do we do? Tackle Big Projects, and Have Fun Doing So!

A lot has changed in the last year or two for everyone. We thought we would take a moment to reintroduce our team as we are in the process of gearing up for summer programs and events. We want you to know who we are, what we do, but most importantly, why.



Kristina Schrage, Community Engagement Manager

I have been in Pemberton for 3 years now. I love living here because of the access to diverse and thriving wild space - I work at AWARE because I want to keep it this way! I have an MA in environmental communication and a permaculture design certification, and I enjoy using my education and experience to bring people together around giving nature a voice.

Fun fact: I walked the Camino De Santiago, 1000 kms

across Spain and France. I loved living minimally, only needing what I carried on my back and the friends at my side.



Charlotte Reid, Program Coordinator

I moved to Whistler in 2018 for a 6 month ski season, fell in love with the summers and here we are 3.5 years later! I have always been interested in the natural environment and how our interactions with it affect the world we live in today.

Working for AWARE is awesome, I am surrounded by a like-minded and knowledgeable team and supported by amazing Board Members.

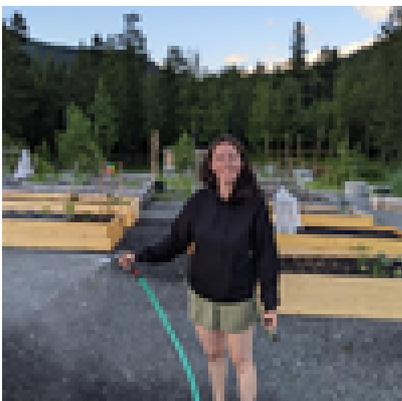
Fun fact: I use to be a national level swimmer and have swam at the British Olympic and Commonwealth Trials.



Sierra Haziza, Climate Action Youth Programming Assistant

I just finished my first year in the Integrated Business and Humanities program at McMaster University, and this will be my second summer working with AWARE. Before university, I went to Whistler Secondary School where I was president of the Eco-Club! I work at AWARE because I believe the best way to look after our planet is through community and I love that AWARE maintains and centers the Whistler community at the core of its operations.

Fun fact: I grew up ski racing for WMSC and chances are if it is winter you will find me on the mountain!



Christina Willis, Administrative Coordinator

I've always loved the great outdoors. I spent much of my childhood camping with my family all over the Pacific North West. I believe we can cultivate a reciprocal relationship with our mountains, fields, streams and other than human friends. I'm inspired and honored to be working with AWARE because of the amazing actions we are taking to protect biodiversity and animal habitat and creating real change in community policies that help support sustainable futures for all.

Fun fact: I once brewed a dandelion root beer!



Claire Ruddy, Executive Director

I joined AWARE in 2007 as a volunteer and was hired as a 2 day/wk Executive Director in August 2013. AWARE's impact has always been powered by people - board directors, volunteers and more recently a staff team. I am beyond grateful for the contributions of every single person who has been a part of AWARE's work so far and for the team you see before you today. In the contexts of both conservation and climate action there is much work to do and we will continue to advocate for and create programs which create positive change for the benefit of our community and the environment on which we all depend.

Fun fact: I LOVE getting out into the quiet of nature...but some days I also love getting out on my not so quiet motorcycle.



Employment with Purpose

Whistler's environmental charity for over 30 years

AWARE works to progress community-scale solutions to some of the biggest challenges of our time. Climate Change. Habitat Loss. Wildlife. Waste. Water. Biodiversity. Wilderness.

Every member of our small but dedicated team has the opportunity to create change from within the programs they work on – whether inspiring future generations to care about the environment, helping people grow local organic food in our community gardens, or supporting businesses to reduce waste. We find ways to connect with the things people care about and focus on shared values as a route to changing behaviors and shifting unsustainable cultural norms.

We are currently hiring for multiple seasonal and term positions:



The Website & Content Creation Specialist will build the effectiveness of our online communications and programming tools. This is a great opportunity for the application of digital engagement strategies and tools to connect with varied stakeholder groups such as partners, resort visitors, community organizations and residents.

[Job Description](#)



The Climate Action Programming Assistant will work to support a variety of climate-related programming intended to accelerate action on local climate change priorities.

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As a Zero Waste Ambassador you will provide education and waste diversion support at Whistler events, in parks, and around the community.

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Small Steps for Big Moves This May, Let's Go By Bike!

Reduce emissions, get fit, have fun, and win some awesome prizes too! Every ride you log makes you eligible for more prizes, plus there will be a daily photo contest, bike Bingo, and more! Register online and let's have some fun going by bike!

Register for GoByBike Whistler



Did You Know?

La Nina is lingering; Many communities in BC just experienced the coldest May Day in more than 100 years. Keep this in mind if you are working in the garden, the soil isn't warming as fast as usual. Here are West Coast Seeds' [regional planting charts](#) showing different ecosystems; plan to sow your seeds later than the recommendations this year.

Thank you for reading!

This Eco-News is to keep you updated on the latest local environmental news. Please share it with friends, we need more of our community updated on climate action and halting biodiversity loss in this place we get to call home.

Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or ideas for future Eco-News!



Kristina Schrage

Community Engagement Manager

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