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## The center for creative conservation: fostering novel collaborations for regional sustainability

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# The Center for Creative Conservation: Fostering novel collaborations for regional sustainability

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Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference | Seattle, Washington | April 6, 2018



# Our mission

- We promote innovative solutions to complex environmental problems by fostering collaborations across broadly diverse disciplines and sectors. Our efforts support the sustainability of our world, encompassing biological and cultural diversity, social and ecological integrity, and matters of equity and justice.



# What we are

- ✓ **New center @ UW** >> earthlab.edu
- ✓ **Convener** of collaborative groups
- ✓ **Incubator** of cross-cutting ideas
- ✓ **Portal** between university and community

# How we work



## Salons

One-time events for diverse people to meet & exchange ideas



## Incubators

A series of events for collaborators to define projects & apply for funding



## Garages

Long-term groups with dedicated funding, working toward deliverables

**+ Interns!**



# Mission-driven criteria for programming

- ✓ Address **biophysical & social** dimensions of a complex environmental challenge
- ✓ Engage a broad **diversity of disciplines & professional sectors**
- ✓ Include mix of **academics & practitioners**
- ✓ Transdisciplinary: **mutual learning**, engaging different ways of knowing on equal footing



# What we do

- Technology & Conservation
- Health & Nature
- People & Place
- Arts & Change



# Technology & Conservation



**EARTHGAMES 2018**  
**GAMES FOR OUR FUTURE**

**APRIL 6 MIXER**  
For game jammers & mentors, 6-9pm

**APRIL 13-15 GAME JAM**  
'Surviving Climate Change'

**APRIL 19 EARTHGAMES ON TAP**  
Games showcase & networking, 6-9pm

**PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER**  
200 Second Ave. North, Seattle

**Tickets: [conservation.uw.edu/EarthGames2018](https://conservation.uw.edu/EarthGames2018)**

     

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# Nature & Health





# People & Place

## Social Science for the Salish Sea

- Research agenda & roadmap to inform ecosystem recovery



# Arts & Change







# UW affiliates' disciplines (selected)

- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Forest Sciences
- ✓ Fisheries
- ✓ Urban Planning
- ✓ Global Health
- ✓ Atmospheric Sciences
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Marine Affairs
- ✓ Anthropology
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Climate Impacts Group
- ✓ Social Work
- ✓ Political Science
- ✓ Landscape Architecture
- ✓ Child Health
- ✓ Pediatrics



# Participants' organizations (selected)

- ✓ The Nature Conservancy
- ✓ Pacific Science Center
- ✓ City of Seattle
- ✓ Kaiser Permanente
- ✓ Microsoft
- ✓ REI
- ✓ PATH
- ✓ Vive Northwest
- ✓ Tiny Trees Preschool
- ✓ Puget Sound Partnership
- ✓ Islandwood
- ✓ BestStart Washington
- ✓ Trust for Public Land
- ✓ E-Line Media
- ✓ Forterra
- ✓ The Mountaineers





# How to get involved

- ✓ Come to EarthGames on Tap! April 19, 6-9pm
- ✓ Join our mailing list
- ✓ Attend our events
- ✓ Propose a new incubator
- ✓ Become an intern
- ✓ Become a partner
- ✓ Donate & offer advice



**Thank you!**

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