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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

EARTH GAMES 2018
GAMES FOR OUR FUTURE

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

APRIL 13-15 GAME JAM
"Surviving Climate Change"

APRIL 19 EARTH GAMES ON TAP
Games showcase & networking, 6-9pm

PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER
200 Second Ave. North, Seattle

Tickets: 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 | Tiny Trees Preschool |
| Pacific Science Center  | Puget Sound Partnership |
| City of Seattle         | Islandwood            |
| Kaiser Permanente       | BestStart Washington  |
| Microsoft               | Trust for Public Land |
| REI                     | E-Line Media          |
| PATH                    | Forterra              |
| Vive Northwest          | 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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