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Mission
Connect people to the Salish Sea ecosystem (SSE) in deep & meaningful ways through community education.

Goals
• Promote understanding of SSE
• Instill a sense of awe and wonder
• Inspire an ethic of care
• Build relationships
• Bridge experts and public
• Link to community

History
2016 – 2019 Vancouver BC. # of people: 25 – 60
2021 – 2022 Virtual. # of people: 120 – 200

Components
❖ Entry level education
❖ Passionate presenters
❖ Ally organizations
❖ Widespread promotion
❖ Accessibility features
❖ Frequent communication
❖ Team of planners
❖ Curated series
❖ Alumni group
❖ Non-aligned
❖ Fun!

Participant Data
3. Connection to SS. Love of nature, curiosity, recreation, concern for environment.

Future Plans
❖ Hybrid virtual and in-person
❖ Increase accessibility
❖ Target distinct groups
❖ Monthly alumni sessions
❖ Education credits
❖ Volunteer training

Feedback
“Greatly increased my desire to preserve SSE.”
“Presenters’ passion is contagious!”
“Got to know other people”
“Wish it was longer.”
“Will determine how I vote.

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