



Fall 2018 News

This is the first quarterly edition of USCC Young Professional News. Hope you enjoy it!

Dear Young Professional (or YP Fan!):

We're glad to have you part of our group of 250+ Young Professionals! Our group is meant to advance the next generation of the compost industry, loosely defined as those of us between 21 and 40 years of age. We're sending you this quick newsletter to keep you up to date on what your group is doing to increase engagement, networking and business success for YPs.

YPS Contact List Update

You may have received an email lately from Gowri Sundaram, a member of the YPS Steering Committee. She is in charge of updating the city/state address for every YP, with the intent of helping to form events in states where we have a large number of YPS. If you haven't replied to her, please do so at Gowri.biotek@gmail.com.

NYS Organics Summit Again to Host YPS Networking!

The 5th annual NYS Organics Summit will take place late March of 2019 in Rochester, NY. This yearly event is an opportunity to connect with over 175 NYS material management professionals, discuss creative solutions to barriers that restrict the sustainable management of organics materials and share success stories amongst once another. Stay tuned for exact dates and further information on a USCC YP Mixer that will take place at the Summit. If you would to assist in planning the USCC YP mixer, please email Kristine at Kristine.Ellsworth@dec.ny.gov . See the results of the [2018 Organics Summit](#).

-Kristine Ellsworth, YP Steering Committee

Looking for YPS Willing to Champion a State Event in 2019

Last year, the YPS held their first regional event outside the USCC Conference, where for the past five years we have held a Young Professionals Networking event (this years will be Jan. 29th!) Kristine Ellsworth, with the help of Board Member Greg Gelewski and her team, held a YP Networking Event in conjunction with the NYSAR conference (see above) that attracted more than 50 attendees!

The goal is to hold TWO events in 2019. Miryam Shemwell, on the YP Steering Committee, is searching for a champion for an event in CALIFORNIA where we have many YPS. Or, if you have an event where you could collaborate and host a YP event in your state contact her at miryam.shemwell@gmail.com.

Emerging Composter Competition 2—coming up at COMPOST2019 in Phoenix/Glendale, AZ! Thanks to the Emerging Composter Committee: Isaac Bearg, Angelina Peone, Andrea Reany, Jane Palmer Harris, Gary Nihart and Reece Hammer. Deadline for applications—Nov. 15. See www.compostingcouncil.org/emergingcomposter or contact Isaac, isaacbearg@gmail.com for info. Sponsors for the prize purse (THANK YOU Kellogg Garden, (\$5,000 donor!), BioBag USA, McGill Compost, MW Horticulture, EcoSafe Zero Waste (\$1,000 donors) and Green Mountain Technologies and Northland Capital (\$500 donors) New donors should contact Linda Norris-Waldt, lnorriswaldt@compostingcouncil.org

Young Professionals Volunteer Event-COMPOST2019!!! A Young Professionals Team is organizing an afternoon volunteer event (Details still coming) on Monday, Jan. 28, approximately 12-3 pm before the start of COMPOST2019. If you're a Young Professional and coming to the event, please contact one of our committee members, Shelby Hoglund, (srhoglund@email.arizona.edu); Sarah Healey, (sarahhealey132@gmail.com) or Gwen Kokes (volunteer@civicworks.com) for information. If you know of a project reachable within walking or 5 minutes UBER from Renaissance Glendale, please let us know!

Mentoring Program: Mentors and Mentees, it's checkin time! Our volunteers, Gowri Sundaram and Shelby Hoglund are contacting you for a check in to see how things are going. Please let us know if you are at COMPOST2019. We will be taking photos!

Job Board: Keep an eye on our Job Board if you're in the market: <https://compostingcouncil.org/job-board/>

Linkedin Page: If you haven't joined it yet, please join our [Linkedin Group Here!](#)