



Winter2019 News

This is the second 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 270+ Young Professionals (we're growing!!) 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.

CONFERENCE NEWS!!!

YPS Social & Networking Evening at COMPOST2019! Join us, thanks to the support of Sustainable Generation, on Wednesday evening after the Closing Plenary at Bar Louie! Don't miss it!

Mentoring Program: Mentors and Mentees, if you are at the conference, Linda Norris-Waltdt will be looking for you to take a photo. Please text her at 240-315-8876 when you arrive!



Volunteering: We are still looking for volunteers for all sorts of jobs. See [this link](#) if you're interested!

Emerging Composter Challenge 2—We had bunch of great applications, and three are



advancing to the finals, see www.compostingcouncil.org/emergingcomposter. Kudos to the team of Isaac Bearg, Natasha Dyer, Angelina Peone, Andrea Reany (all current YP Leadership team members) and Jane Harris, Gary Nihart and Reece Hammer, veteran YP leaders who have stepped up for the second year of the committee. We will be meeting up on Tuesday at COMPOST2019 (time/place TBD) to prep for the finals. If you're coming and want to help, send an email to Isaac..... (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).

Blue Sky Organic Farms---Our Young Professionals Volunteer Event for COMPOST2019!!! Every conference, we look for a service event near our venue. This year we had several that sounded good, and our Volunteer Committee has selected Blue Sky Organic Farms—see more about them here—as our project.

Time: 12-3 pm (we are uber-ing out, so if you are just getting in at 12 or 1, let us know we can get you out there!)

NOTE We are looking for a sponsor for our trips out, if you'd like to support the YPS! We anticipate 10-20 people and the trip is about 14 miles.

DETAILS: What we'll be doing are still coming together but you can be sure it will be something that requires boots/old shoes and jeans/work clothes!

Thanks to Shelby Hoglund, Sarah Healey, Gowri Sundaram and Gwen Kokes for their hard work finding a venue! Email for information. If you know of a project reachable within walking or 5 minutes UBER from Renaissance Glendale, please let us know!

OTHER YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES!!!!

NYS Organics Summit Again to Host YPS Networking!

The 5th annual NYS Organics Summit: Growing Local Roots will take place March 26th-27th at Casa Larga Vineyards outside of 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 organic materials, primarily food scraps, and share success stories amongst once another. Further information on a USCC YP Mixer at the Summit coming soon. If





you would like to assist in planning the USCC YP mixer, please contact Kristine at Kristine.Ellsworth@dec.ny.gov

URGENT: Looking for MORE YPS Willing to Help With A **Massachusetts or California State Event in Q12019**

Last quarter we mentioned that our goal is to hold TWO YP events in 2019. We have leads on two events coming up in March in California and Boston—but we need more than one volunteer to carry them out. **If You're a Young Professional near Pomona, CA or Boston, MA we need your help!** Please email Miryam Shemwell (miryam.shemwell@gmail.com), if you can volunteer!

YP Leadership Team Report Out: We are scheduling a Report Out on projects by the current YP Team in the next month. If you want to join and listen in, email [Linda Norris-Waldt](mailto:Linda.Norris-Waldt) for the phone coordinates.

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

Webinar for YPS: The Young Professionals Webinar project is JUST GETTING STARTED. The team is having its first planning meeting Jan. 3. If you'd like to be part of it, email Gowri Sundaram, gowri.biotek@gmail.com.

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

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – YOUR NEWS!!!

If you have a certification, a promotion, a new job, or a new project to talk about, send it to [Linda Norris-Waldt](mailto:Linda.Norris-Waldt)!

Natasha Dyer Expands to Become Sustainable Strategies Consultant: While she spends days at her full-time job with the City of Atlanta as Sr. Recycling Program Coordinator, Natasha has added on a freelance position with Sustainable Environmental Management Co. (<https://sustainable-env.com/our-services>) as a Sustainable Strategies Consultant.

Gowri Sundaram Adds Certification: Gowri recently achieved “**Continuous Improvement through lean and six sigma**” certification from Purdue University



Angelina Peone: A New Position!

"I'm excited to share that I will be starting a new job this month as Recycling Coordinator for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency! Happy New Year!"

2019 Committees....If you'd like to join one, email Linda, Membership Director, lnorriswaldt@compostingcouncil.org

Steering Committee	Mentoring Subcommittee	Emerging Composter Committee	COMPOST2019 Volunteer Project Committee	Q22019 Webinar Committee
Gowri Sundaram	Shelby Hogleund	Isaac Berg	Gwen Kokes	Gowri Sundaram
Kristine Ellsworth	Gowri Sundaram	Angelina Peone	Sarah Healey	NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!
Miryam Shemwell		Andrea Reany	Shelby Hogleund	
		Gary Nihart	Gowri Sundaram	
		Jane Palmer Harris		
		Reece Hammer		
		Natasha Dyer		

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