



**ACTING LOCALLY – TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT**  
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**FEATURED PRESENTER BIOS**

**Elizabeth May**

Elizabeth is one of Canada’s best-known parliamentarians and is a life-long environmental advocate. Author, Lawyer and internationally recognized for her advocacy for social and environmental justice. She was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005 in recognition of her decades of leadership in the Canadian environmental movement. Member of Parliament representing the southern Vancouver Island riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands on the territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ Nation. May founded and served as the executive director of the Sierra Club Canada from 1989 to 2006. May was the longest serving female leader of a Canadian federal party.

**Seth Klein** *[Video Presentation]*

Seth, a former teacher, holds an MA in political Science from Simon Fraser University. He is co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, a board member of the Canada Without Poverty Advocacy Network, and an advisor and instructor for Next Up, a leadership program for young people committed to social and environmental justice. He is a frequent media commentator and public speaker on public policy issues. An author, researcher and advisory board member for the Columbia Institute. He is now a freelance researcher, writer, consultant and speaker, and an adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University’s Urban Studies program.

**Tiffany Joseph**

ŚW,XELOSELWET (Tiffany Joseph)—meaning “Camera Lady” in SENĆOŦEN—is a trained filmmaker, an experienced environmental steward and advocate, a SENĆOŦEN language learner, a writer, a teacher, and an astrologer. Tiffany is an advocate for the wellbeing of W̱SÁNEĆ territory through her learning and teaching of the interconnectedness of W̱SÁNEĆ people, SENĆOŦEN language, pollinators, sea-life, and terrestrial flora and fauna that are Indigenous to the W̱SÁNEĆ ÁLENENEØ. This learning and teaching intertwines SENĆOŦEN language, feminism, biodiversity, trauma-informed healing and environmental science. Tiffany shares knowledge in alignment with the elders’ teachings.

## **Rick Kool**

Rick had an extensive career in teaching science and environmental education at Vancouver's Douglas College, Royal BC Museum, and BC parks. He is founder of the MA in Environmental Education at Royal Roads University which began in 2003. A self-confessed generalist and academic dilettante, has published on the walking speed of dinosaurs, Northwest coast native whaling, museum exhibit design, ciliated protozoans, and the sex life of marine invertebrates, along with work in environmental education and communication. His recent work has related to environmental education and how it confronts hope and despair, the potential role and place of religion in environmental education, and conceptions of change in environmental education and communication.

## **Dr. Courtney Howard**

Dr. Howard is an Emergency Physician in Chief Drygeese Territory, and a globally recognized leader on the impacts of climate change on human and planetary health. She sits on the boards of the Canadian Medical Association and the Global Climate and Health Alliance, the Steering Committee of the Planetary Health Alliance, and the Editorial Advisory Boards of the Lancet Planetary Health and the Journal of Climate Change and Health. Co-chair of the Advocacy Subcommittee of the World Health Organization - Civil Society Working Group on Climate Change and Health. She loves dancing with her two daughters.

## **OTHER PRESENTER BIOS**

### **Anne-Marie Daniel**

Anne-Marie Daniel came to North Saanich in 2004. She leads the innovation practice at NatuR&D, naturnd.com, an arm of Roy Group Leadership Inc, roygroupp.net. She is also a lecturer on Industrial Symbiosis for the [Industrial Ecology Masters Program](#) at the University of Victoria. Anne-Marie is keen to help Saanich Peninsula communities prioritize actions that lead to resilient people, systems and the planet.

### **Erin Bremner-Mitchell**

Manager of Communications and Engagement at [Cascadia Seaweed](#), and Project Manager for [Seaweed Days 2022](#).

Erin brings 14 years of sales and marketing experience to her role at Cascadia Seaweed. She is passionate about demonstrating the triple bottom line theories of business which prioritize people, the planet and profit equally. Erin is a graduate of the business administration program at Camosun College with a specialty in marketing and was previously an elected official for the Town of Sidney. Erin has worked as the director of communications for multiple political campaigns at the local, provincial, and federal levels, and as an independent contractor has supported the development of many local businesses. She is inspired by the Albert Einstein quote that reads "Your imagination is just a preview of life's coming attractions". She believes that to make our world a better place, we all must climb out of the proverbial box and think differently.

<https://rotarybythesea.org/environment-day/>

## **Adam Olsen**

Adam Olsen (SṪHENEP) loves his job as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Saanich North and the Islands. He was first elected in May 2017 and has been successfully re-elected.

Inspired by the incredible place and people he represents, Adam has a deep love for his home in the Salish Sea (W̱SÁNEĆ). As an advocate and facilitator, he is committed to improving public participation to strengthen all aspects of the community and the province.

Adam has always worked in his family businesses, garden maintenance and Coast Salish knits. The result of two decades in the service and communications sectors is the valuable experience in building relationships, connecting people, problems, ideas and solutions.

Born in Victoria, BC in 1976, Adam has lived, worked, and played his entire life on the Saanich Peninsula. He is a member of Tsartlip First Nation (W̱JOLEŁP), where he and his wife, Emily, are raising their two children, Silas and Ella.