

Compost Education Centre



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Who?



HAYA:
Child & Youth
Education
Coordinator



KAYLA:
Educational
Director



ZÖE-BLUE:
Office &
Communications
Coordinator



JEFFREY:
Child & Youth
Education
Coordinator



CLAIRE:
Executive
Director

My Role:



ASHLEY:
Youth Educational
Assistant/
On-Site Volunteer

What?

Research Land Based

Community

Joy

Resiliency

Adaptability

Reciprocity

Inclusive

Stewardship

Indigenous
Solidarity

Charitable

Anti-Oppressive

Resourceful

Educational



Our Mission...

...is to reconnect many people, young and old, to simple, land based, resiliency practices. Our organizational practices sustain the CEC, the natural environment, and our communities. We actively work towards right relations, anti-oppression, and environmental justice in solidarity with the Indigenous peoples on whose land we work.



Discover more agricultural advocates by reading the CEC's zines, accessible on their website or directly from their Centre!



How the CEC relates to Anthropology:

Cultural Relativism

Interdisciplinary Connections

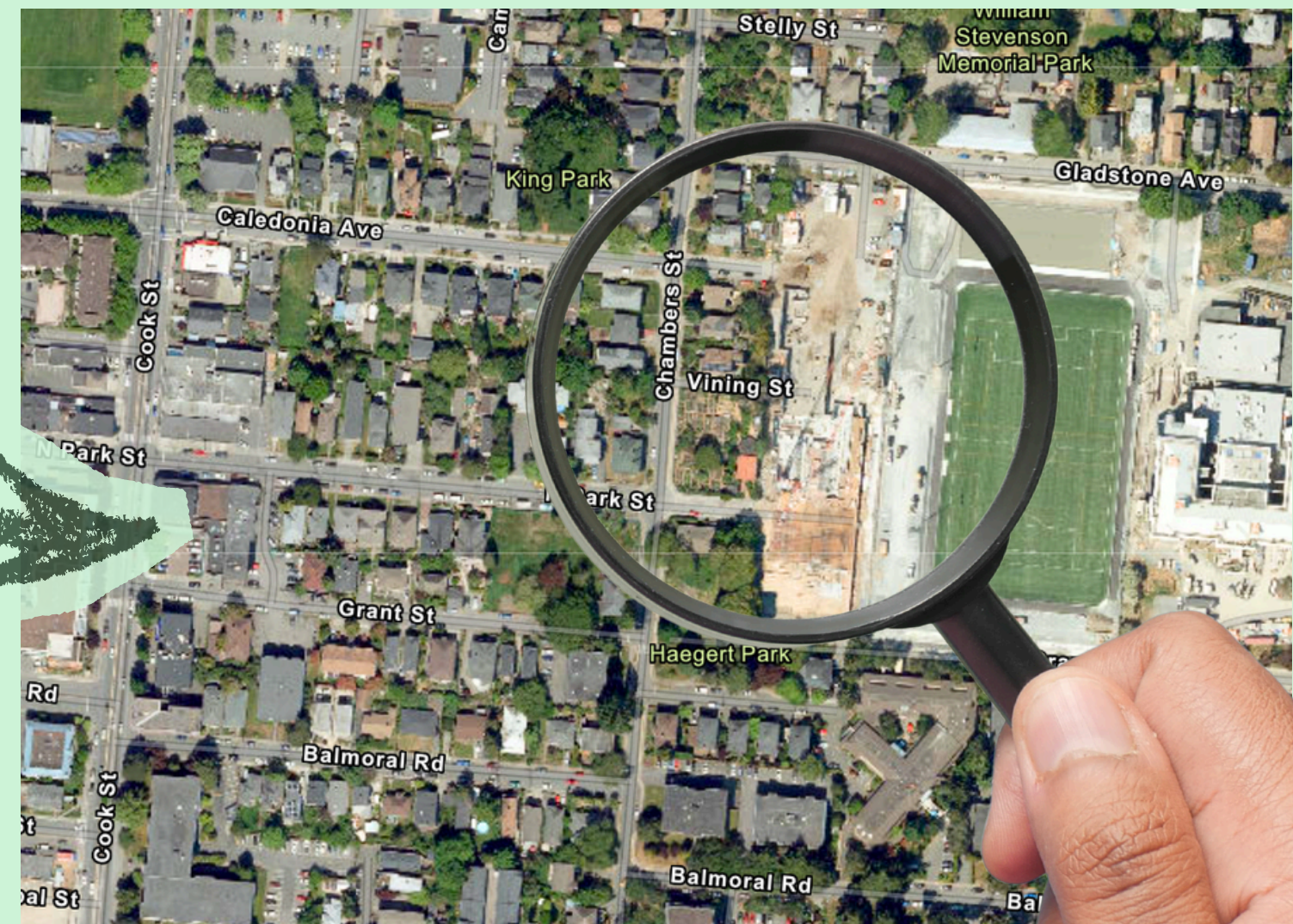
Perpetual Transformation

Where!

CRD

Making a difference...together

1216 North Park Street



The CEC's SCHEDULE

When?

The CEC was established in:
1992

Monday closed	Tuesday closed
Wednesday 10-4	Thursday 10-4
Friday 10-4	Saturday 10-4
Sunday closed	Note 

I usually work with Jeffrey on:
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
(sometimes Saturdays)

(open year-round)



Why!

**3x main
targeted
issues**

**Climate
Change**



**Food
Insecurity**



**Social
Disconnection**



Food Insecurity

About 28% of BC residents claim food insecurity (Canadian Income Survey, 2022)

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Food Waste & The Environment

Prediction that the CRD will produce 82,750 tonnes of CO₂e by the year 2038 (Tetra Tec, 2022)

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Social Disconnection

Rising social isolation due to "eco-grief" and economic stigmatization (CEC, 2026)



How!

Theory of Change



1 Education

- Teaching & programming about hands-on regenerative soil practices
- Community outreach events

2 Research

- Heavy metal soil bioremediation research
- Free heavy metal soil testing
- Ongoing professional development

3 Stewardship

- Community gardens
- Demonstration site
- Boulevard garden network
- Community orchards

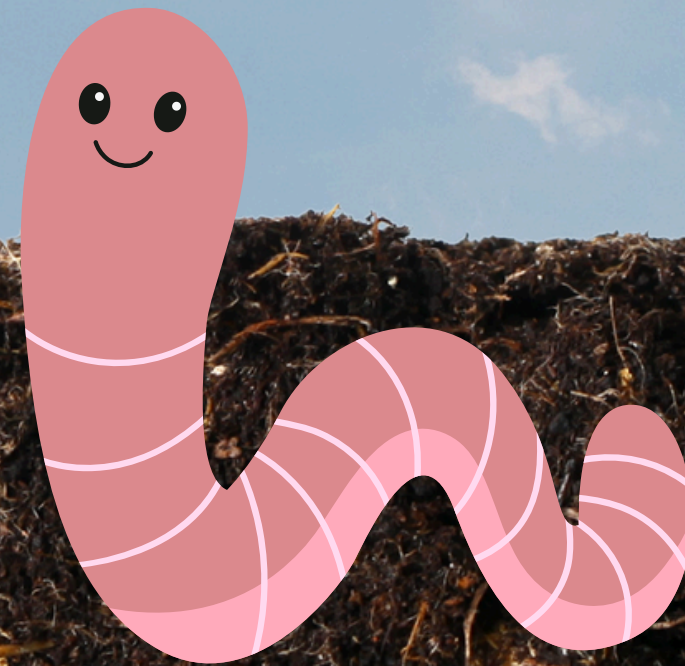
4 Resources

- Retail services
- Hotline
- Virtual soil map
- Tools (factsheets, books, etc.)
- Urban growing & gathering spaces
- Demonstration site & teaching gardens

Things YOU can do to make a difference:

- **Finish your refrigerated (or any other) food before it's expired**
- **Volunteer @ the Compost Ed Centre**
- **Go to a Seedy Saturday**
- **Learn what produce is native, locally grown, and in season, then opt for that**
- **Start a vermicompost (worms)**
- **Take a free or paid class from the CEC**
- **Become a member of the CEC**

Thanks for
reading!



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