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Save the Dates April 9-11, 2021 on-demand starting April 5

EARTH UP: A weekend of Storytelling Aimed at Changing Our World

Join the National Storytelling Network for a storied exploration of our planet, its climate, habitats, the human behaviors that have moved us toward extinction and the actions that we can take to preserve our world.

This conference will focus on environmental justice and how we can use stories to educate, awaken, and inspire individuals, businesses, industries and government entities toward positive action.

Earth Up, the weekend of April 9-11 with on-demand starting April 5, will include keynote addresses, workshops, performances, a story slam, eco-tours from around the globe, pre-recorded on- demand content, masters classes and networking time for people who want to develop and use their storytelling to nurture an understanding and love of our natural world and to move the dial on the climate crisis.

Our **eco-tours** are a gift of COVID 19! We will travel around the globe, to **Brazil, India, and other locations**, accompanied by folks who intimately know their natural world, and will share their stories with us. We will not only learn of the gifts and challenges of various environments, we will almost be able to breathe them in.

A bouquet of **adult workshops**, **lectures**, **panel discussions**, **and master classes awaits**. We are still accepting proposals and hope to see diverse topics such as: culling traditional folklore for stories that speak to our relationship to the planet; creating original tales that can express the challenges of our present situation, teach us how to live sustainably, and create an invitation to action and justice; exploring the ways that scientists use story to communicate data and findings in a heart-felt, lasting way.

Spotlight **storytelling performances** will feature longer, more intricate tales. A concert of stories from Margaret Read MacDonald's book *Earth Care: World Folktales To Talk About* will greet you on the final day. **Olios** (multi-teller performances) will be interlaced throughout the weekend, highlighting both traditional and contemporary stories.

NSN knows that stories can change hearts and minds, alter behavior, help us understand the perils of our warming climate, and imagine a brighter future.

EARTH UP ~ April 9-11, 2021 To Register: <u>storynet.org/Earth-Up</u> To submit a workshop, panel, presentation, master class or performance proposal: <u>storynet.org/Earth-Up</u> Submit a proposal until 11:59pm Central Time on Sunday, February 7, 2021