

Finding New Ways to Protect Our Local Ecosystems: Exploring Community and Nature's Rights

1 Day Workshop, Monday 30th September 2013 - Brisbane (9am - 4.30pm)

Eco-Centre, Building N68, 170 Kessels Road, Griffith University, Nathan Campus



All around the world, communities are fighting to protect their local ecosystems and communities from the destructive impacts of coal seam gas, coal mining, logging and other harmful activities. **This workshop offers a unique opportunity to hear from activists and lawyers, from Australia, the USA and Ecuador who are using new organising frameworks to successfully protect their natural and human communities.** It will include information about new approaches in the USA and other parts of the world, which use organizing frameworks and local legislation to assert community rights and the Rights of Nature. Morning presentations will be followed by time in the afternoon for interactive discussions and break out groups, to assist with the development of new partnerships and collaborative projects.

Speakers and panellists include:

- Mari Margil and Thomas Linzey, from the USA's Community Environmental Legal Defence Fund (CELDF), (www.celdf.org.au)
- Nati Greene, Fundacion Pachamama, Ecuador (<http://pachamama.org.ec/>)
- Drew Hutton and Annie Kia, Lock the Gate Alliance (<http://www.lockthegate.org.au/>)
- Aidan Ricketts, Southern Cross University and author of 'The Activists Handbook' (<http://aidanricketts.com/>)
- Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
- Jo-Ann Bragg, Queensland Environmental Defender's Office (<http://www.edo.org.au/edoqld/>)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This workshop will be of interest to community and environmental groups, legal practitioners, regulators, academics, students and anyone interested in the future of environmental governance.

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website:
www.earthlaws.org.au/events/CELDF-tour

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

A nominal fee of \$20 is being charged, to help with catering costs. Please book via our online booking system:
<http://www.trybooking.com/DLLK>

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit AELA's website:

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Or contact AELA's National Convenor,
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- 9.00 - 9.15 Welcome - Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
- 9.15 - 10.30 Asserting Community Rights and Rights of Nature in Local Level Legislation - Mari Margil and Thomas Linzey, CELDF, USA. For a background document about CELDF's work, please visit: <http://www.earthlaws.org.au/events/CELDF-Tour>
- 10.30 - 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.00 - 11.40 Rights of Nature and Environmental Activism in Ecuador, Nati Greene, Fundacion Pachamama
- 11.40- 12.40 Empowering Communities: the Lock the Gate Alliance Social Movement - Drew Hutton and Annie Kia
- 12.40 - 1.20 Lunch
- 1.20 - 2.00 New Strategies for Community Action - Aidan Ricketts, Southern Cross University
- 2.00 - 2.30 Panel discussion - Reflecting on Different Organising Strategies
Panellists will include speakers from the day, Jo-Ann Bragg, Principal Solicitor Qld EDO and representatives from Local Councils and environmental organisations
- 2.30- 3.30 Discussion groups
- 3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon tea
- 4.00 - 4.30 Next steps and close - Michelle Maloney, AELA

This workshop is part of a series of national lectures and workshops organised by AELA and our partners

- Brisbane - Workshop, 30th September
- Melbourne - Public lecture, 1st October
- Gippsland, Victoria - Workshop, 2nd October
- Margaret River - Public lecture, 3rd October and Workshop, 4th October
- Perth - Public lecture, 4th and Workshop, 5th Oct

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