

Emerging Leaders Board of Oregon Environmental Council



Alumni Program Overview

A new generation of leaders

The Emerging Leaders Board of Oregon Environmental Council engages millennials in Oregon to protect the things we love and share: healthy air, clean and plentiful water, safe climate and toxic-free environments.

This diverse, powerful network of young professionals in the Portland Metro region, first established in 2010, includes more than 50 past or present volunteer members.

ELB members support Oregon Environmental Council's work, serve as a resource for each other to build their leadership experience, and collectively elevate the voices of the next generation of environmental stewards and leaders in Oregon.

About the ELB

Service to Oregon's environment

Emerging Leaders Board (ELB) members mobilize their generation to advance innovative, collaborative, and socially just solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges.

- Members are recruited annually by the current board to serve 18-month terms, after which they can choose to renew for one additional term for a total of 3 years.
- Members typically dedicate six to ten hours a month, including monthly meetings.
- Members collectively develop their strategic direction and annual priorities from supporting Oregon Environmental Council campaigns, organizing engagement and fundraising events and/or special initiatives.
- Some members interact more regularly, volunteering to collaborate on projects based on Oregon Environmental Council initiatives such as:
 - Supporting communications campaigns (writing "in my opinion" columns or blog posts, social media campaigns, and influencer posts and sharing);
 - Targeted support and learning opportunities (serving on an organizational committee, testifying, participating in a lobby day);
 - In-person outreach, support of organizational events or serving as a community ambassador

Members bring a wide array of skills, perspectives and areas of expertise to the table, contributing greatly to Oregon Environmental Council's mission and work.



Staying Connected

Engaging with Alumni

Oregon Environmental Council's foundational story is rooted in the fact that together, we are powerful. We value maintaining the connections between past and present Emerging Leaders Board members, Oregon Environmental Council staff and Oregon Environmental Council Board of Directors.

One of the goals of the Emerging Leaders program is to support the next generation of leaders in Oregon's environmental movement. Staying connected and continuing relationships with ELB alumni is important.

As this group, affectionately called "the ELB," evolves, members have the opportunity to tap into this active community. The Alumni Program will encourage stronger relationships with each other, across cohorts, and more closely with staff and others. The Alumni Program will support past and present members to connect with and benefit from professional leadership opportunities and ways individuals can assist in amplifying Oregon Environmental Council's efforts or by serving as ambassadors for the organization.

Moving forward, each board cohort will have a "class agent" who will encourage communication among colleagues and will share opportunities to attend events. There will also be an updated directory of all past and present members for group communications. Additionally, staying connected means creating fun ways to get together, such as happy hours and other ways to meet up. Members are encouraged to keep their contact information updated with Oregon Environmental Council.

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