



Join Us for Orcas Island Green Drinks

Tuesday, June 14th

5:30-7:00 pm

Orcas Food Co-Op Commons



Summer Solstice is almost here

We'll celebrate the season as we prepare to TAKE A BREAK in July & August

We provide refreshments & snacks ~ Donations Appreciated

Get Social with Thriving & Resilient Orcas Island Community Builders



Green Drinks is a project of Thrive Orcas Island

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The Green Drinks Code

Green Drinks are Open

Green Drinks is mostly for people working on environmental and community issues, but anyone can come -- people from non-profit groups, business, government, and academia and as individuals. There is no 'us and them'. *It takes "WE" to create Community.*
Organizers and all attendees actively welcome newcomers and introduce them to others in the group.
All attendees commit to meeting new people at every session and not just sticking with people they already know.

Green Drinks are Freeform

There is generally no agenda or theme, Green Drinkers mingle and share insights and provoke and exasperate and inspire and delight each other. There are moments of serendipity and a lot of 'oh, if you are interested in X then I must introduce you to that person over there who knows all about it'...
All kinds of people come to Green Drinks and this is what makes for the interesting interactions.

Green Drinks are regular

Usually monthly. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Upstairs in the Orcas Food Co-op Commons.

Green Drinks are Simple to Organize

Usually held in a convenient, central location that is free. A corner of a pub or bar for example. Put a sign up on the table where you are gathering so that people can find you.

Many Green Drinks start with a dozen people and then grow to be a regular size -- 30 people is the most common size with 70 or 150 as the other common sizes for larger cities.

Green Drinks are Self-replicating

People who come to Green Drinks each invite others along by word of mouth, who in turn themselves invite others, etc.
Email invites mean that people can forward the invite to friends easily. This is the core for exponential growth.
New cities are easy to set up and people moving often set up a Green Drinks in their new location.

Green Drinks are Local and Agenda Free

Green Drinks is an opportunity to circulate announcements and news about community issues, but loosely. Green Drinkers are already deluged with information from thousands of other sources. Green Drinks is a place to go to get away from over-whelm.
It's OK to have speakers for 20-30 mins or so or to have a theme for the evening to help stimulate discussion, but the bulk of the evening should be freeform and random.
The host venue itself creates some slant inevitably but must be gracious and open; independent venues such as bars or restaurants are preferred.
Green Drinks as an entity will never endorse or have a position or stance on an environmental topic.
There will be no non-Green Drinks-related content or messages or appeals or ads circulated to the city organizers or appearing on the greendrinks.org website.

Green Drinks are Decentralized

Each city does its own thing.
There is no central mailing list of attendees.
There is no central logo or branding as each city has its own logo and style to adapt to each location

Green Drinks are Non Profit

Organizers mostly use free resources and volunteers and donate their own time.
Voluntary charge at door if necessary to cover costs; per event only, no membership fee.
Mostly free to attend, each participant pays for their own drinks and food.
Incorporation as LLC or Ltd company is OK for larger groups.
Event sponsors and venue hosts OK as long as freedom of discussion is not compromised.

Green Drinks are Run Responsibly

Organizers and participants work to create a safe, non-threatening environment for all and drink responsibly.
Organizers niche and collaborate with other Green Drinks in their area.
Organizers keep their pages on www.greendrinks.org updated with the date and venue of the next Green Drinks and a contact name and email so first-timers have confidence to travel across town and devote an evening to Green Drinks.
Organizers don't sell their email lists to advertisers.
Some organizers act as mentors to help and advise other groups.

Green Drinks are Fun

There is a very informal vibe and overall light feel.
There are lots of benefits to green drinks; they are hard to quantify, but when you have seen people come and make new links, share ideas, set up new schemes and share opportunities, it is a good feeling!