

Good Green Death Project Newsletter April 2019

Oh, where to begin! Lots of great news!



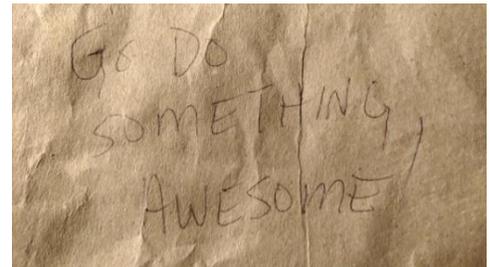
Photo courtesy of Recompose

Recompose, Washington State, Update

Fantastic news comes from Washington State where the legislature passed Bill SB5001 this month to legalize “the conversion of human remains to soil.” Katrina Spade and Recompose have led the world in developing this alternative method of human disposition. They have calculated that this method saves 1.4 metric tonnes of CO2 per body! This is just one great reason why we need this alternative in Ontario.

First Prize for the GGDP!

Second time’s the charm as Susan pitched to [KW Awesome](#) on January 30, 2019 at the Working Centre in Kitchener and took a bag full of money to the credit union for the GGDP! Literally. The GGDP received \$1,000 to “go do something awesome!” We are so grateful to have this kind of community support!



THE EcoMarket KW

Eco Market Pitch Competition

We cannot thank Jen Novakovich and The Eco Market KW, enough for their boundless support of the GGDP, and the great work they do to support and promote local green businesses and social enterprises. We are delighted to report that the GGDP again took first prize at the first ever Eco Market pitch night on February 27, 2019. The cash prize was \$1000, along with in-kind support from multiple area businesses including [Him & Her](#) that provided marketing assistance.

Eco Market Conference & Marketplace

The expertise of Him & Her was used to upgrade our presentation, which will premiere at the second annual Eco Market on Saturday April 27, 2019. Susan will be presenting from 2 – 2:30 pm and will also be there as an exhibitor, sharing her table with Jen Davis and [Exit Matters](#) (who will also be presenting!). The event will be held at the [Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum](#) from 11 am to 5 pm, 10 Huron Rd at Homer Watson Blvd in Kitchener.

We are also excited to be starting the production of a short video about the GGDP at this event! Stay tuned for the world premiere!

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Thinking outside of the casket...

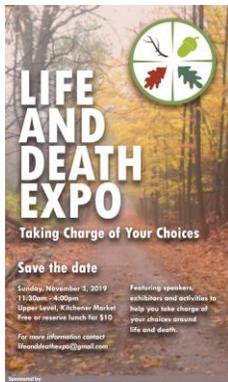
Website Upgrade

Although we loved the [GGDP website](#), we are completely wowed by the makeover, thanks to Lisa Gillett, the talent behind the scenes! If you haven't seen it yet, make sure you check it out! We've also added info about team members Lisa, Jen Turnbull, and Ellen Newman, who had to step back as co-instigator, but happily has agreed to continue to advise on the project.

Regional Council Presentation

The GGDP was given a 5 minute time slot to make a presentation to Region of Waterloo Council. Although the Region does not manage cemeteries, it was important to make all 8 local governments aware of our plans, and hopefully engage a municipality. As a result, we have since met with two Kitchener City Councillors to explore how to move forward on the goals of the GGDP. Thanks to all of you who wrote with your supportive words saying why you want to see "the conversion of human remains to soil" in our area! These have all been shared with Regional Councillors as well as the two Kitchener Councillors.

The Good Green Death Project continues to work towards this goal and welcomes speaking engagements, opportunities to collaborate, and offers to engage with both provincial and municipal politicians who can help us achieve our goals. Just drop us a line.



Life and Death Expo: Taking Charge of Your Choices

The GGDP is collaborating with several emerging small businesses that specialize in services for seniors, making it easier to have those uncomfortable talks with family about end of life and beyond, and, of course talking about composting as an alternative to cremation and burial. Keep the afternoon of Sunday November 3, 2019 open to join us at the Kitchener Market for this informative event. We will have speakers, hand-picked exhibitors and activities. The event will be free with the option of pre-registering for a paid lunch. The event website and Facebook page are still in the works, but you can reach us at lifeanddeathexpo@gmail.com. A very special thanks to Hayley Rutherford at Waterloo Global Science Initiative for creating our awesome flyer and event logo! And, if you are the first person to guess where the photo was taken, Susan will buy you lunch.

Funding and Membership

The Good Green Death Project is entirely volunteer-run with minimal funding, driven by passion and personal interest. Our current expenses include website hosting and domain name fees, building a resource base for future events, and incorporation costs.

Donations are gratefully received to help us cover these expenses, and deposited into a dedicated account at a local credit union. Email money transfers are preferred using info@goodgreendeadproject.ca

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