

Friday, March 26, 7:00 - 10:00 P.m. at the Boyce Market

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"Heal the Planet - A Vision for Change" was born out of a need to increase awareness of the current political, economic, social and environmental situation. A situation that affects us all on a personal as well as global level.

"The Earth's in serious trouble. Many of our ills are self-inflicted - the sins of selfishness, of greed. We can curb our seemingly endless desire for things, or there may be a day when Earth will be no more." (Omni Magazine - Sept. 1989).

"The world's citizens wonder how they can contribute to the goal of a healthy Earth. Only a fraction of the population has the power to legislate change that will determine the ultimate fate of the planet."

"Everyone can join in to determine the earth's future."

As existing conditions perpetuate and contribute to the various issues and problems we are currently facing, Students from a fourth year Social work class at St. Thomas believe that one of the vehicles to promote a healthier worldview is through education and awareness. The "Heal the Planet Social Action

Committee", hopes to raise consciousness through the use of verbal, musical, poetic, and artistic presentations. These presentations will be conveyed through various media and local community resources. This awareness, according to committee members, is the beginning phase of transformation. The second phase entails individuals' reflecting on the information and knowledge gained through

awareness; and understanding the potential for translating awareness into social action. Action designed to bring about a new worldview.

The theme and focus of this presentation will be directed towards consciousness-raising and imparting information to the community.

Students of the "Heal the Planet - Social Action Committee" have welcomed various community groups and artists to come together as part of this presentation - to give their views of the current situation, as well as offering alternative visions. Groups who have been asked to contribute include:

local artists,
students,
musicians,
representatives
from

various community organizations, and other concerned individuals.

The local Boyce Farmer's Market has been selected as the location for the "Heal the Planet Presentation", as committee members feel the market has historically been symbolic of an open, sharing, community-oriented atmosphere.

Among presenters who have indicated an interest in participating on Friday evening, March 26 between 7:00 - 10:00 pm are:

Carlos Gomez of the Atlantic Human Rights Centre; Charles Solomon a Native Medicine man; local musician and poet Becky McGinn; poet and writer Nela Rio. Other guest will represent various groups either from a gender, political or cultural perspective.

Door prizes have been gratefully contributed by:

Aura Food; The Wellness Shop; Island Beach Company; Nature and You; The Body Shop; and Catherine's Aesthetics.

Admission for Adults is \$2.00 and \$1.00 for students. Non-perishable donations to the local food bank will be accepted in lieu of admission cost. Proceeds will be forwarded to Fredericton Food Bank and the Conservation Council.



We simply have to stop taking the Earth for granted. It is, after all, the only home we've got. It's already late in the day, and the need is more urgent than ever for all of us who live together on this planet to work together seriously in order to repair the damage we've done, and to deepen our understanding of what went wrong and why.

Richard Branson

