

Members of the *Touching the Earth* Working Group:

Leila Bruno founded a non-profit environmental group in Wyoming in 1988, which is still working to protect roadless areas and endangered species. She lived at Karmê Chöling and Shambhala Mountain Center from 1999-2006, working as a coordinator, shrine-keeper, and meditation instructor. She has an undergraduate degree in Ecology and a Masters in English. During a break from retreat center work in 2004-05, she coordinated a statewide history project and published the book, [Ahead of Their Time: Wyoming Voices for Wilderness](#). In 2007, she traveled to the Amazon as part of her training to present “Awakening the Dreamer,” an initiative designed to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually fulfilling human presence on the planet. Currently working out of Boulder CO, she is collaborating on efforts to merge the traditional knowledge of rainforest indigenous peoples with our Shambhala Buddhist wisdom teachings as a path for living properly on earth.

JoAnn Carmin is an Associate Professor of Environmental Policy and Planning in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research and teaching focus on civic engagement in environmental governance, particularly with respect to issues of environmental injustice and inequality. JoAnn has received multiple national research grants and scholarly awards and is author of numerous academic publications. She draws on her research findings to advise government officials and assist local communities and NGOs around the world.

David Delcourt is the co-founder and COO of [MakeMeSustainable.com](#), a Web site dedicated to helping people connect their desire to help the environment with their ability to do so. From his high school days in Asheville, NC to the present, he has been an active environmentalist and advocate for ecological consciousness on the political level. David has been quoted in various periodicals including the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, the Weekly Dig and numerous blogs, and his writing has been featured in the Huffington post and FoundRead.com. He was featured in BusinessWeek’s January 2008 special “[Switching to Green Jobs](#)” alongside long time hero Al Gore. David is a Boston Sangha member, and weather permitting you can generally find him in the bike lane.

Sue Gilman is the Director of Development for Karmê Chöling and is a former Director of Sky Lake Lodge. In between those posts she was the Marketing Director for Sustainable Business Partners in Atlanta, Georgia. In that role she worked in sustainable architecture, erosion and sediment control, solar energy, rainwater harvesting and electronics recycling. She has written newspaper and magazine articles on Florida’s coral reef and on The Sustainable Food Lab, an international initiative studying worldwide food production and distribution

Jessyca Goldstein has been living and working at Karmê Chöling since August of 2005. She stepped out of city life and into the rolling hills and beautiful forests of rural Vermont and found the luscious trees, birds and even black flies has brought a tremendous amount of energy to her life. She went to the Shambhala Congress in 2007 as a representative of Karmê Chöling and soon became the Chair of the newly formed working group, *Touching the Earth*.

Marty Janowitz has been deeply engaged in the environmental sphere for nearly twenty years as both a volunteer and professional. He served as Executive Director of Clean Nova Scotia, is past-President of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust and is currently a member of the Nova Scotia's Round Table on Sustainable Environment and Prosperity, an advisory group to the government. He's currently Vice President Sustainability for Jacques Whitford Ltd., Canada's largest dedicated environmental consulting firm where he leads the 'walk the talk' department and supports the sustainability objectives of communities, businesses and governments. He has a Masters in Environmental Studies from Dalhousie University. In his Shambhala manifestation he is currently Warrior General, dedicated to accelerating the emergence of enlightened society- truly sustainable by virtue of its core allegiance to basic goodness.

Adam Pattantyus has worked on environmental issues since the early 1990s, first starting in industry and then in the built environment implementing renewable energy projects. Adam presently works on commercializing clean technologies. Adam was a founding board member of New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility where he led the sustainability and climate change track for several conferences

David Wimberly knew from a rural childhood his great aspiration to help the animals and plants of our world, particularly hawks and falcons. In 1974 he helped establish a research center in Costa Rica on sustainable agriculture and aquaculture that stimulated a cooperative movement there. His work as Co-Coordinator of *The It's Not Garbage Coalition* (and numerous other groups) was pivotal in Nova Scotia's use of clean composting as core to its Waste/Resource management system, often hailed as best in the world. David played core roles in stopping garbage, PCB and sewage sludge incinerators, yet always promoted sustainable alternatives. He aspires to helping find expressions of the Shambhala teachings to benefit all sentient beings, particularly in ways to help all people see their world as fully alive and to make decisions from a sane and awakened mind.

Courtney Greenawalt moved to Karmê Chöling in the Spring of 2008 where she apprenticed with Master Gardner, Jan Enthoven, in the resident organic garden. Prior to her move to Karmê Cöling, she studied History and Sociology at University of Vermont and during that time she worked on local farms throughout the state. Also participating in Fresh Network Vermont, Farm to Family, and many other co-operative efforts to make available local products to local people.

Olivia Kirby grew up in the eco-village of New York City and began engaging in earth loving action in high school and continued to run environmental organizations through college. After college she moved to Shambhala Mountain Center to work with the gardens and farm. After seeing all of the possibility there she created the ever present and changing position of Sustainability and Resource Management. Presently she apprentices at Stone Barns Farm in New York, learning how to support a hardy and bio-diverse food system for four season growing.

