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**Do I have to live in a certain neighborhood to attend events?** Sustainable NE Seattle is made up of people from several NE Seattle neighborhoods, generally from east of I-5 and north of the ship canal, but we welcome visitors from other parts of the city.

**How do I get involved?** There are many ways. You can start by visiting our website at [sustainableneseattle.ning.com](http://sustainableneseattle.ning.com) to see the calendar of events. Next, come to monthly meetings, held on the third Thursday each month from 6:30-9:00 at the Wedgwood Presbyterian Church. This is a great way to meet people in the community who share your concerns. Joining the website is free, and will allow you to communicate online, join a guild or perhaps even write a blog post.

**How do guilds get started?** Anyone with a passion for a particular topic can start a guild. If you are looking for others who share your interest, you can go to the website and start a group. You need not be an expert to start a guild!

**Does it cost anything?**

Joining our organization is FREE.

**How will involvement in this group benefit me?**

Individuals benefit from knowing others in a trusting and caring local community. Most people belong to many communities, through their work, faiths, and interests. Often missing is the connection to place and people who share the same geography. Getting to know your neighbors is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to build a resilient community.

**How is Sustainable NE Seattle governed?** The steering committee, which meets twice a month, is responsible for building awareness about the group and for supporting our guilds, which are small, issue-based action groups. The committee ensures that the activities and events are in keeping with the mission and goals of the organization. Each guild is responsible for scheduling its own meetings and events.

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**Who decides what events and actions the organization takes?** Drawing creativity and energy from each other, members of our community are inspired to take action. Members of Sustainable NE Seattle join the guilds which relate to their interests and plan activities with others who share their passion. These activities can be one-time events or ongoing meetings. Any guild is welcome to plan the program for a monthly general meeting as a way to build interest about their issue or topic. Guilds propose their events to the Steering Committee for approval and coordination into the overall calendar.

**What can I learn here?** Our goal is to share and learn from each other. Our members include people with varying degrees of expertise in food gardening, home skills, alternative energy, permaculture, community building, and many more. We also invite outside experts to speak, and learn from solutions-focused movies.

**Does Sustainable NE Seattle work with other local organizations?** There are many local organizations working toward a reduced carbon footprint and more sustainable future. Sustainable NE Seattle aims to collaborate with and support these groups by promoting their events, inviting their members to our meetings and coordinating events together.

**Is Sustainable NE Seattle part of the city's Climate Action Plan?** Though not formally linked to the City of Seattle, Sustainable NE Seattle is interested in becoming a group that the city hears from around issues of resource use, food security, transportation and others.

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