

SOLAR PUNK FUTURE!



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Solarpunk Future is Coming to Pittsburgh!

Pittsburgh, Pa. – An exciting, cool event that reimagines a future in SWPA that embraces clean energy and green jobs will take place in May called Solarpunk Future!, hosted by Reimagine Jobs and Geek Art Green Innovators.

Part interactive art show, part career and workforce training fair, the event will be an interactive art show and job fair packed with performances, exhibits and art installations from across our region that will depict a vision for a healthier region, giving all ages the opportunity to be inspired by a sustainable future that we can collectively create.

Energy Innovation Center
Thursday, May 11, 2023
5-9 p.m.
1435 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh

Among the highlights is a keynote with **Ecotone Renewables**, a project focused on building the tools necessary to empower communities to redevelop and grow through sustainable food practices. Ecotone's fertilizer, for example, helps to divert 90 pounds of waste with each gallon of carbon-negative organic fertilizer produced.

Other highlights will include Singing Plants with Passport Academy Students, an Interactive light sculpture with We All Eat Initiative, Make & Takes with Assemble, Painted Bikes with Jason Sauer and Camo Nesbit, Art Installation by D.S Kinsel of BOOM Concepts, Hot Wheels with Pittsburgh Glass Center, Sculptures by Cory Bonnet, EcoFuture Demonstrations as well as speakers, and panel discussions.

An art exhibit featuring green/geek art and raffle supporting the rebuild of New Sun Rising after their fire.

Employment opportunities and resources will be on hand including representatives from Landforce, Catalyst Connection, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Solar United Neighbors, Pittsburgh Regional Transit, Tech 25, BRITE Energy Innovators, and Green Mountain Energy.

[Register today](#) and your name will be entered to win a hand painted bike. Media is invited to attend!

[Register at tinyurl.com/solarpunkpgh](http://tinyurl.com/solarpunkpgh)

About Solarpunk

Solarpunk is an art, literature and political movement juxtaposed in to counter a "cyberpunk" concept of the future. While cyberpunk often depicts a postapocalyptic, dystopian and disconnected future, Solarpunk imagines a community-led, sustainable future that offers a hopeful alternative to a message of climate-doomism often seen circulating on social media. Solarpunk offers a vision and goal to work together for a cleaner, greener future.

About Reimagine Jobs

ReImagine Jobs aims to shift the narrative around sustainable jobs in the Appalachian region as well as the availability of those jobs. It provides a forum for sustainable businesses to network, share ideas and connect job seekers with skills building programs and employers. These goals are achieved by continuing to provide educational programming, building our database resources for each job sector, hosting community-led green jobs events and further expanding our exhibitor network.

This event is organized by:

GA/GI and ReImagine Jobs, a coalition of nonprofits that includes The Climate Reality Project, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Citizen Education Fund, ReImagine Beaver County, Breathe Project, InvolveMINT We All Eat, ReImagine the Turtle Creek Watershed and Airshed and Global Shapers Pittsburgh.

About GA/GI

Geek Art/Green Innovators (GA/GI) was a ground-breaking, wildly successful and award winning celebration of Art, Tech, and Sustainability in Pittsburgh. Created by artist and creative strategist Christine Bethea, GA/GI was held on Penn Ave. annually for ten years. The event showed off hundreds of artists, inventors and scientists and dozens of university eco & tech programs from Southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond.

Sponsored By

Pittsburgh Regional Transit, Catalyst Connection, Green Mountain, Move PGH, New Sun Rising, BRITE Energy Innovators, BOOM Concepts, Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation, Passport Academy, PA Women's Work, POGO, Pittsburgh Glass Center, Chatham University, 1 Hood Media and Tech 25.

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