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ABOUT KAUAI COMMUNITY SCIENCE CENTER

Kauai Community Science Center, KCSC, is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 2019 that focuses on connecting science and community by increasing access to science, growing science literacy, promoting climate change awareness, while creating a safe and respectful place. KCSC puts students in the lead when developing programs, content and activities through project-based learning experiences that model and promote the 21st Century Learning Skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity. These are highly regarded by the US Department of Education as being specific skills that students need to fully participate in today's global community. KCSC has an office at the West Kauai Technology & Visitor Center in Waimea.

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Kauai Community Science Center is looking for Kauai students aged 12 and older to participate in an international program to help envision the future.

KCSC is one of 30 partner organizations from 23 countries around the world participating in the Constructive Visions Project that was developed and is being led by a group of National Geographic Explorers.

As described on the Constructive Vision Project website, <https://constructivevisions.org/about/>, in April 2020 a global group of National Geographic Explorers united to begin reflecting on how behavioral changes under COVID-19 were positively and negatively affecting our society's relationship with nature. They wondered: how would the world look a few years from now if our positive changes in behavior were maintained in the long run?

They compiled a book of stories to paint a vision of realistic hope for a future where we can do better. Each chapter includes stories, mixed media (photos, drawings, video, sound and narration) and a set of educational challenges that can be used by teachers to discuss and amplify social-environmental connections.

Constructive Visions Partners are schools and organizations around the globe who have formally partnered with the Constructive Visions Project and have signed a copy of the Constructive Visions Collective Manifesto. Partners play a key role in this project, as they will enable us to engage learners in different geographies and expand our project each by:

- sharing the stories far and wide throughout their local networks, encouraging communities to engage and to participate in the knowledge challenges.

- working with small groups of students to explore the book chapters and challenges, creating new resources, and adding their own ideas and creativity to spark new pathways for positive change.

KCSC is currently seeking students ages 12 and older to participate in this program, which will run through May of next year. This student team will review chapters of the Constructive Visions Book that they select as a team and then think of ways that they can share what they learn from the book back with our community.

KCSC is also interested in collaborating with teachers and any other organizations that are interested in learning more about this project. It is a great opportunity for students on Kauai to be part of a global project, share their perspective with the rest of the world and also learn from others around the world.

“We are thrilled to be part of this global project that gives Kauai students a chance to share their perspective with the rest of the world and also learn from other students and partner organizations all around the world. Not to mention the opportunity to meet some National Geographic Explorers who are all involved with amazing work around the globe.” said Sarah Styan, founder of Kauai Community Science Center.

If you are interested in this project you can sign up on the KCSC website, <https://kauaicsc.org>, email, info@kauaicsc.org or call 808-431-4332. This project is open to all Kauai students ages 12 and older. We hope to have students involved from middle school, high school and college as part of our team.

IN SUMMARY

- ***Open to all Kauai students 12 and older.***
- ***December 2021 - May 2022***
- ***30 organizations in 23 countries***
- ***A project developed and led by National Geographic Explorers.***
- ***Co-create a more sustainable future.***
- The student team will choose parts of the Constructive Visions book to make the focus of their work.
- With inspiration from the Constructive Visions book the team will collaborate to set up to three primary objectives to work on for the rest of the school year.
- The team also has the opportunity to collaborate with any of the other 29 Constructive Visions Partner Organizations around the world. Perhaps one of the primary objectives will be a partnership with one or more of the organizations for example.
- Like everything at KCSC this will be a student led project that is supported by KCSC staff and other relevant stakeholders, and professionals as needed.

If you have any questions, suggestions or just want to know more you can email, info@kauaicsc.org or call 808-431-4332