The Human Impacts Institute was created in 2010 in New York City to reassess the common misconception of environment as separate from society. Our organization is founded on the belief that humans are dependent upon, and responsible for, our natural environment.

We believe healthy communities, stable economies, and social equity cannot exist without environmental sustainability. The Human Impacts Institute inspires individuals, institutions, and communities to challenge the environmental status quo and to use innovation and collaboration to build and maintain a healthy environment and healthy communities.

Our mission is to inspire action for healthy communities and a strong environment through creative engagement, experiential education, and collaboration. We promote environmental sustainability by educating our community, providing consulting services to schools and businesses, raising awareness through local and global campaigns, and coordinating hands-on projects and workshops for a greener New York City. Using NYC as a laboratory, the Human Impacts Institute connects global communities in resource sharing and environmental awareness.

We approach social change through a systems-based approach, combining research, education, community-building, policy-making, networking, and grassroots action. Always an advocate for open-source knowledge sharing, we serve as a facilitator between community members, scientists, business, media, and policy makers to “translate” information between sectors for effective collaboration. Our goal is to sponsor innovative thinking, while encouraging risk-taking, and maintaining space for the evolution of ideas within the changing needs of communities.
PROGRAMS

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Fostering leadership skills that will contribute to improving communities’ relationship with the environment, inspiring people to push for change, and educating people about their human impacts.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORATION
Offering environmental and community education opportunities through environment impact assessments, field investigations, clean-ups, stewardship, and action campaigning.

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL
Training people on the ground to communicate local environmental issues to a wider policy arena and to translate environmental policy jargon for the public.

CLIMATE CREW
Partnering with the Climate Reality Project to organize free climate change education workshops in environmental science and policy.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Using blogs, workshops, forums, and social media tools to report on current environmental issues.

GROWING OUR ROOTS
Partnering with Green Points Education for NYC’s Million Trees program, a local tree stewardship initiative.

YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE
Connecting youth to career opportunities related to environmental issues.

WOMEN’S SUSTAINABILITY & LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Foster the leadership of women and girls within the environmental community.

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NYC CLIMATE COALITION
Fostering partnerships for a Carbon Neutral NYC through resource exchanges, networking, partnerships, and joint advocacy.

COLLABORATION
Engaging individuals, community groups, NGOs, small businesses, corporations, educational institutions, as well as the government.

HUMAN IMPACTS SALONS
Bringing together community leaders, environmental experts and visual artists, musicians, writers, and performers in a public space to share ideas, culture, inspiration, and to explore potential partnerships.

MOBILIZEUS!
Engaging Americans in supporting healthy communities, good governance, sustainable economies, and the environment nationwide through grassroots action, advocacy, and coalition building.

ECOPRENEURS
Providing individualized professional development opportunities to incorporate environmental sustainability into professional practices.

TEN DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION
Inspiring community members through public art installations to examine roles in climate change, while providing resources for action.

CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS
Partnering with individual artists and arts organizations to inspire environmental action through arts and culture and using the language of the visual arts, dance, music and theatre to begin dialogues on community-based needs and solutions and to engage the public in environmental awareness and positive action.

INTERNSHIPS
Offering an active learning environment for college students and mid-career professionals.
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING
Providing Healthy Home/Office packages to individuals and businesses that wish to receive personalized environmental consulting on energy saving (heating/AC, water consumption), food (eating organic, local, and healthy), green cleaning (living chemical-free, reducing toxins), and/or overall sustainability (assessment of home and individual impacts).

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
Offering environmental education workshops on water and air quality testing, sustainability training in homes, schools, and at work, and opportunities for employees to participate in hands-on volunteer programs including tree stewardship, community beautification, and co-mentoring with local youth.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

From April through September, HII hosted 16 sessions of Tree Care Tuesday with 199 individual participation in the sessions. Volunteers got involved in mulching, aerating, and debris removal. Up to 300 bulbs and 60 native plants were planted, and 6 tree guards were installed and painted in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Up to 199 individual participation in the sessions Participants include volunteers from the Brooklyn Day Habilitation Center, the Forest Hills High School Key Club, the American Jewish Society for Service, Chess-in-the-Schools, the Brooklyn Arbor School, and the John V. Lindsay Wildcat Charter School among others.

Partnering with the Transatlantic Climate Bridge Program of Germany, HII started the Human Impacts Salons series to make climate change personal to our communities and re-communicate climate issues to the American public in creative and engaging ways. Speakers at the salons included Green Tea Coalition and Atlanta Tea Party founder Debbie Dooley, 350.org Co-Founder Phil Aroneau, First Secretary of Climate and Energy Policy at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Georg Maue, and many artists, scientists and professionals. The salons attracted a total of nearly 400 community members including representatives from Coca Cola and the City of Boston. The series continues in 2014 with events in San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, Houston and NYC.
The Ecopreneurs program presented over 15 Cool Biz Thursday outreach sessions geared toward engaging businesses in greening and facilitating business sign-on to the cool biz pledge (e.g. keeping the door shut while the AC is running). The ecopreneurs included Guttman Community College students in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, Grace Church High School students in Manhattan and many more.

HII provided over 200 educational hours by hosting 83 educational events including hands-on education workshops and classes. We brought positive impacts to the East River Waterfront, Governors Island, East Harlem and beyond. Our education programs reached a wide range of participants with the average age being 28 years old.

Ten Days of Climate Action went global in 2013 with international artists and audiences in NYC, London and Sydney with nearly 1,000 participants. From September 21st to September 29th, HII organized and filmed one public art exhibit on each day with on-site educational activities, and published the videos with artist interviews. The panel of judges included filmmaker John Fiege, PEN America’s Paul Morris, Environmental Lawyer Evan Van Hook, and No-Impact Man Colin Beavan.

Community volunteers and interns showed their support for HII by donating their time to HII programs and activities. The value created almost reached $40,000. Our interns and volunteers have joined us from higher education institutions such as Columbia University, McGill University, and University of la Sorbonne. We provided them with leadership opportunities in program planning, implementation and organizational development.
FINANCIALS

**INCOME**
- Corporate contributions
- Foundation grants
- Contracted services

**EXPENSES**
- Programs/activities
- Travel
- Equipment/supplies
- Payments to affiliates
- Food/entertainment
- Outside professional services
- Other professional services
- Space rental/utilities
- Advertising
- Events

**INCOME VS. IN-KIND SUPPORT**
- Income: $35,315
- In-kind support: $296,467

**GROWTH**
- 2011: $99,636
- 2012: $169,264
- 2013: $331,821
- 2014 projected: $425,900

IN THE PRESS

- How Climate Change Might Make Some Cities ‘Uninhabitable’
- New Legislation to Dramatically Reduce Plastic Bag Use in NYC
- Environmental and water groups prepare for new administration
- Interview with the Founder of the Ten Days of Climate Action
- Climate intersects with art at new fest
- Dancing in Times Square to Raise Awareness of Our Environment
- HII’s ED talks about “Human Impacts Miami”
- An Interview with Tara DePorte
- All the Feral Quotes—Revisiting Tara’s interview
- HII highlighted at Geraldo Rivera Tree Planting
- HII stands with the movement to reduce plastic bag waste
- HII’s Energizing a Clean Climate Salon
- Spotlight on HII Volunteers
THE CREW

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- Tara DePorte: Executive Director & Founder
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- Melissa Mitchell: Program Coordinator

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INTERNS (26 interns since 2010)

- Nadia Akbar: Environmental Services Intern
- Nora Ankrum: Environmental Leadership Intern
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