



SAGE Legacy Fellow Projects for 2018-2019

On June 22, 2020, SAGE honored the nine graduates of our sixth Legacy Fellowship Program. Each fellow defined a community challenge or area of need and carried out a solution.

Below is a summary of each fellow's project. Some projects are complete, and others are ongoing. To learn more or to get involved, call SAGE at 971-717-6570 or email hello@wearesage.org.



Tahira Abbas

Project: Education for Sustainability

The United Nations maintains 17 Sustainable Development Goals that address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, peace and justice. As a fellow, Tahira is working with the Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network to explore new models to integrate Education for Sustainable Development and learning about these goals in our region's schools.



Charlie Abrams

Project: Plastic Planet

In the past 50 years over 9.2 billion tons of plastic has not been recycled. As a fellow, Charlie is working to raise awareness and change how plastics circumnavigate the globe. Working across over 57 countries, Charlie and his partner are releasing plastic trackers to see where plastics are disposed, where they end up, and to identify locations where policy solutions are needed.



Rime Elatlassi

Project: Women's Empowerment

Around the world, women consistently trail men in access to jobs, credit, and ownership rights. As a fellow, Rime is developing a program to support economic empowerment for women, particularly recent immigrants. Her program focusses on education in three areas: financial literacy, micro loans, and business coaching.



Bethany Shetterly Thomas

Project: Earth Day Oregon

50 years ago, 20 million Americans took to the streets in coast-to-coast rallies to celebrate the first Earth Day. As a fellow, Bethany and her team at Earth Day Oregon inspired over 50 nonprofits to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day together, and to increase business and individual support for organizations working to create a better world. Through her leadership, 200 businesses made gifts to organizations in honor of Earth Day.



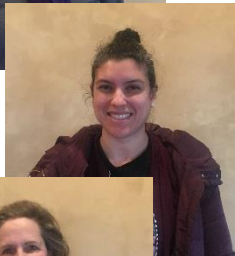
Neal Naigus
Project: Bridging Divides

There is no doubt that much in the news shocks you and makes you feel like our communities are more polarized, and less able to solve long-term challenges. As a fellow, Neal is bringing people together from diverse backgrounds to listen and learn from one another. Working with the SAGE Citizen Project, Neal is facilitating deliberative forums that help people discuss various options to bridge the intense political divides that are tearing our country apart.



Jaden Winn
Project: Tiny Homes

Homelessness persists due to many factors, including the lack of affordable and stable housing. As a fellow, Jaden is working with Youth Igniting Change to develop the Tiny Home Project to engage high school students to produce tiny homes that can later be donated to programs that help youth who have graduated out of the foster care program. The project offers a win-win – students produce homes and become more aware of how they can help people who are homeless.



Michele Bertaux, Tiffany Chapman, Lorna Lyons
Project: How Shall We Live: An Ecovillage Initiative

How shall we live? This question animates the three-person Ecovillage team. The vision began as an intentional community that would be multi-generational, sustainable, have land to incorporate permaculture and be radically affordable. Michele began with a focus on how to make ecovillages radically affordable, looking at land use, costs, and co-ownership structures. Lorna is focused on hemp construction methods that offer sustainable, regenerative benefits and the promise of more-affordable construction. Tiffany's passion is in education and the development of outdoor schooling - a natural fit for communities with land held in common.