



## **EARTH DAY TEXAS CONTINUES TO EMBRACE EARTH DAY EVERY DAY WITH KICK-OFF OF 2016 MONTHLY COMMUNITY EVENT SERIES**

*Partnerships with The Westwood School and TEDxSMU resume with two January programs featuring environmental initiatives in North Texas*

DALLAS (January 19, 2016) – [Earth Day Texas](#) (EDTx) today announced the first two community events of the year scheduled as part of its ongoing Earth Day Monthlies (EDMo) partnership with The Westwood School and its film series partnership with TEDxSMU. Both January events will be open to the community and will feature environmental initiatives relevant to North Texas.

This year's first EDMo event entitled "Dallas Debates Waste" is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff (one of only 18 bars that recycle glass in the city of Dallas). As a nod to the 2016 election year, the event will feature a high-profile panel of experts examining a number of important political topics. The dynamic and outspoken panelists will discuss Dallas's Zero Waste by 2040 Plan, as well as debate the merits of reviving the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance – an issue that has grabbed headlines and caused debate among civic leaders, environmental pundits, local legislators and businesses throughout the region.

Aaron Greenall, a charismatic Brit and teacher at The Westwood School, will moderate the panel. Panelists include Corey Troiani from Texas Campaign for the Environment, Dallas City Councilman Scott Griggs, City of Dallas Zero Waste Manager Murray Myers and Dallas County Commissioner Candidate Dwaine Caraway.

The following week, EDTx in partnership with TEDxSMU will proudly present its first documentary film screening and discussion event of the year. On Monday, Jan. 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Angelika Film Center in Dallas, EDTx and TEDxSMU will host a screening of bcWORKSHOP's film *Out of Deepwood*. This beautiful, inspirational film chronicles the transformation of the area now encompassing the Trinity River Audubon Center – from the largest illegal dump in Texas history to a place of discovery, education, and tranquility.

The Jan. 25 event will begin with a reception and cash bar in the downstairs café at the theatre, where guests may see exclusive photos and historical background from the making of the film. The short film begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a community discussion with filmmakers and residents featured in the film from neighborhoods surrounding the Trinity River Audubon Center. Tickets are \$6.27.

"Ongoing community involvement is an essential and integral part of achieving a world of sustainable balance," said Danielle Hargett, event planning and programming coordinator for EDTx. "We established these monthly event series to provide a forum

where everyone from the eco-curious newcomer to the sustainability-conscious advocate can come together to share ideas, inspiration and best practices throughout the entire year.”

According to Hargett, this month’s events provide an ideal venue to take stock of what is happening in EDTx’s home community. “We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments Dallas has made in the area of environmental progress,” she said. “At the same time, these forums will not shy away from taking a candid look at where there remains opportunity to accelerate the momentum toward improving our community.”

For more information about EDMo and the “Dallas Debates Waste” event, follow Earth Day Texas on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/earthdaytx>) and read about the upcoming events (<https://www.facebook.com/events/892625577478092/>).

For tickets to the screening of *Out of Deepwood*, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/environmental-documentary-series-january-screening-discussion-tickets-19999815988>.

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### **About Earth Day Monthlies**

EDMo, short for “Earth Day Monthlies,” is a monthly event series and collaborative effort of Earth Day Texas and The Westwood School, an eco-focused K-12 school in North Dallas. Designed to promote environmental education in North Texas, EDMo brings interesting ideas and fascinating people together 365 days a year. Some of the most innovative individuals in north Texas gather throughout Dallas/Fort Worth each month to swap stories and share ideas about compelling themes, from sustainable food and smart energy to higher education and eco-focused careers.

### **About the Earth Day Texas-TEDxSMU Partnership**

Earth Day Texas and TEDxSMU, the TED events arm of Southern Methodist University, have joined forces to co-produce a monthly film screening and discussion series highlighting environmental documentary films. The goal is to continue and enhance the climate conversation in North Texas by bringing thought-provoking documentaries to the community year-round.

### **About Earth Day Texas**

Each April, Earth Day Texas hosts the world’s largest public exhibition devoted to environmental stewardship, where attendees come together for breakthrough hope and discovery about how best to achieve a world of sustainable balance. The event is a platform that brings businesses, environmental organizations, academic institutions and government agencies together to positively inspire people to think, live and work sustainably. By providing enlightening talks, unique exhibits and interactive workshops, EDTx catalyzes meaningful conversations that will shape a sustainable future.

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