

Solstice PROUT Gathering

June 17–18 at Dharmalaya and on Zoom

One year ago, a weekend PROUT gathering was held at Dharmalaya that was so successful that we began holding these programs three times a year. These gatherings have provided opportunities for people to explore PROUT related topics that are selected for their immediate relevance as well as to nurture supportive community and to advance action initiatives. Their value has been immense.

A lot has happened in the past year. Some of the more prominent ones include:

- The regional New Era Convergence was successfully held with much of the organizing energy coming from Proutists.
- Proutists have initiated the Community Driven Response and Transition (CDRT) scenario planning process and have developed significant community contacts.
- Proutists in collaboration with others are exploring approaches to community mapping.
- The second PROUT Design Seminar was held with full attendance by engaged and thoughtful students.
- The PROUT Café and PROUT Bites have posted engaging PROUT related videos.
- The Monday Ad Hoc PROUT Group is into its second year of holding action-oriented meetings and has expanded its participants.
- Organizing initiative for the New Era Forum presentations has come from Proutists.
- Proutists have developed work relationships with the Pachamama Alliance, Transition US, Northwest Permaculture Convergence, The Climate Mobilization, Port Townsend Local 20/20, and other progressive groups.
- Proutists have had a prominent role in laying the groundwork for the New Era Movement, a bioregional movement to transition to a post-capitalist society.

So the next gathering comes at a time when much is happening. Given this building momentum, it's an important time for North American Proutists to come together for conversations and programs to deepen our analysis and vision of how to progress.