



Martha's Vineyard Museum

Preserving the history of Martha's Vineyard

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Martha's Vineyard Museum is pleased to be a member of the Advisory Council for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 2010 Youth Summit for Sustainable Development on Martha's Vineyard. We look forward to being involved in the planning for the Youth Summit that will engage and empower the young people of Martha's Vineyard to become community leaders helping to chart our Island's future.

The purpose of the Martha's Vineyard Museum is to encourage and promote interest and understanding of the Island's unique cultural, physical and historical characteristics by collecting, preserving and presenting relevant materials. We believe that an understanding and appreciation of our history will enable the community to be better stewards of this special place.

The Education Department at the Museum has been involved with several other community organizations to develop Quest MV, a network of Quests across the island that introduce people to special places, teaching them about the natural and cultural history and more. We have trained educators and community members in process of creating quests. We look forward to providing help and support for the Advisory Council as they create a sustainability-in-action Quest for the Youth Summit delegates to discover and learn about projects on Martha's Vineyard.

Over the past 15 years, I have worked with Island children and youth. I am always struck by their perspective, ideas and energy when presented with a problem to solve. The Youth Summit for Sustainable Development comes at a perfect time, with the Martha's Vineyard Commission's Island Plan just recently released. The Delegates to the Summit will undoubtedly provide the community with a fresh vision to enable a sustainable future. The Martha's Vineyard Museum pledges its support for the Stone Ship Leadership Institute and I personally look forward to being a part of this exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy Cole'.

Nancy Cole
Education Director