

# KE OLA *"The Life"*

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*Celebrating the arts, culture and sustainability of Hawai'i Island*

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Aloha,

I am writing to encourage you and everyone to support Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative (SHYLI) in whatever way we can. The first time I came across this program, I felt a deep sense of relief that someone (and since then I've gotten to know who) has taken the time and made the investment and effort to train our youth in sustainable practices so that we can look forward to a hopeful future where our youth will be prepared for the challenges they face, whether they remain on Hawaii Island or take these skills to other places in the world.

Marianne Larned, the founder, is the most determined woman I have ever met. Her inexhaustible pursuit of creating awareness to applicants and sponsors has been incredibly impressive. I admire her passion for making sure that any eligible candidates have been contacted and provided informational materials.

SHYLI programs are offering our island youth a healthy direction, which will help keep them out of harms way. With so many at-risk youth on Hawaii Island, there is no better program to support than one that will train future leaders, who will in turn teach their peers and other youth.

I am a huge advocate of SHYLI. I hope you will join me in supporting this organization.

Mahalo nui loa,



Barbara Garcia, Publisher