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# Celebrate the planet with these local Earth Day events

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Every day is a good day to remember our impact on the planet and to take steps toward correcting past mistakes, but Earth Day was born for just that purpose.

April 22 is celebrated across the world as Earth Day, first held in 1970 and growing into the premier calendar day for environmentally focused events. Many celebrations now also spread across the days before and after April 22, commonly called Earth Week.

Below are just some of the upcoming local Earth Day and Earth Week events:

## Earth Day Youth Climate Summit

**Who:** Oregon State Public Interest Research Group Students, Beyond Toxics, Eugene Springfield NAACP, Our Climate and the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

**When:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday

**What:** Virtual rally featuring three speakers including Aimee Okotie-Oyekan, an organizer and activist with NAACP Eugene Springfield; Isaac V, a youth plaintiff in Juliana v. United States; and Eric Richardson the executive director of NAACP Eugene Springfield

**Attend:** RSVP at <https://ospirgstudents.org> for the Zoom link.

## 'We Are In This Together' artist talk

**Who:** Artist Helen Liu will be on hand to talk about the artwork at its location, Main Street and South A Street near South 7th Street in Springfield

**When:** 8 a.m. to noon Thursday

**What:** "We Are In This Together" is a 40-by-20 foot quilt made of discarded plastic bags on display on an east facing wall of the Academy of Arts and Academics in Springfield. The project involved dozens of community members including 3A students and was made possible through a grant from the Springfield Arts Commission.

**Attend:** Stop by the location

## **Earth Day Celebration 2021**

**Who:** Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers, Beyond Toxics

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**What:** A showing of the movie "Kiss The Ground." Followed by discussion with farmers Paul Atkinson from Laughing Stock Farm and Robert Lehn from Deck Family Farm.

**Attend:** Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87168261757#success>

## **Restoration with One Tree Planted**

**Who:** One Tree Planted, Marys River Watershed Council

**When:** 9 .am. to 1 p.m. Thursday

**What:** Removing invasive weeds at Witham Hill Natural Area, a west Corvallis city park

**Attend:** Register at [eventbrite.com/e/earth-month-in-corvallis-oregon-restoration-with-one-tree-planted-tickets-150255794125](https://eventbrite.com/e/earth-month-in-corvallis-oregon-restoration-with-one-tree-planted-tickets-150255794125).

## **Earth Week Community Fair and Annie Mims Community Garden dedication**

**Who:** Eugene Springfield NAACP

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

**What:** Community tables, free gardening supplies and seeds.

**Attend:** RSVP at <https://actionnetwork.org/> for the Zoom link. Annie Mims Community Garden is located at 255 Maxwell Road in Eugene.

## Earth Day of Service 2021

**Who:** University of Oregon

**What:** Virtual and in-person event. At the virtual activity and discussion event, topics will include the climate crisis, fast fashion, mental health, tree equity and sustainable food practices. Starting around 2:30 p.m., there will be an in-person communal planting event at the EMU amphitheater for replanting succulents and herbs with provided materials.

**When:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

**Attend:** RSVP at <https://uoregon.campuslabs.com/engage/event/7020399>

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*Editor's note: This story has been updated to reflect the new time to talk with artist Helen Liu. It's 8a.m. to noon.*