Best Practices in Community Composting Workshop
Monday, January 23rd, 2016 • Los Angeles
The Westin Bonaventure Los Angeles, 404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA

AGENDA

8:30 – 9 AM
Overview and Who’s Here?
Nora Goldstein, BioCycle, @BioCycleMag
Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR @PlattBrenda

9 – 10 AM
Part 1: Key Ingredients of Community Composting
Moderator: Jeffrey Neal, Howard University Compost Manager, @Loopclosing, DC
Presenters:
David Paull, Compost Wheels, @compostwheels, Atlanta
Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin
Guy Schaffer, BK ROT, @BKROT, Brooklyn

10 – 11 AM
Part 2: Small-Scale Composting Systems / Processing BMPs
Moderator: Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, @ILSR @PlattBrenda, DC
Presenters:
Composting in an Urban Setting at Howard University Garden, Jeffrey Neal, Howard University Compost Manager, @Loopclosing, Washington, DC
Small-Scale Systems & Technologies, Jean Bonhotal, Cornell Waste Management Institute, Ithaca, NY
Establishing Best Management Practices for Community Compost Sites, Renee Crowley, Project Manager, NYC Compost Project hosted by Lower East Side Ecology Center, @NYCzerowaste @lesecologyctr, New York City

11 – 11:15 AM – Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Part 3: Hauling, Bike, & Other Logistics
Moderator: Dan Matsch, Eco-Cycle, @ecocycle, Boulder, CO
Presenters:
Composting Logistics: Material, Information, and Money, Michael Robinson, Rust Belt Riders, @RustBeltRiders, Cleveland
Hauling Logistics & Service Design, Justin Senkbeil, Co-founder, CompostNow, @compostnow, Raleigh, NC
The Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Bike Hauling, Kathryn Nigro, Tilthy Rich, @TilthyRichCmpst, Raleigh, NC

Sponsors:
12:15 – 1:45 PM
**Lunch & Informal Breakouts**
(at restaurants outside of hotel – on your own)

Breakout Topics:
- Topic 1: BMPs at compost sites
- Topic 2: Bike powered operators
- Topic 3: Outreach & marketing
- Topic 4: Business & financing

1:45 – 2:45 PM
**Part 4: The Business of Community Composting**

Moderator: Kyle Isacksen, Reno Rot Riders, Nevada

Presenters:
- Dustin Fedako, Compost Pedallers, @compedallers, Austin
- Jennifer Mastalerz, Philly Compost, @TheCompostCoop, Philadelphia
- Mary Ryther, Compost With Me, @compostwithme, Falmouth, MA

2:45 – 3:30 PM
**Part 5: Panel Discussion: Community Engagement & Building Community Power via Community Composting**

Moderator: Linda Bilsens, Neighborhood Soil Rebuilders, ILSR, @ILSR, DC

Panelists:
- Michael Martinez, LA Compost, @LACompost, Los Angeles
- Corinne Coe, Terra Nova Compost, @wemakecompost, Atlanta
- Renee Wallace, Food Plus Detroit, @FoodPlusDetroit, Detroit
- Sophia Hosain, Real Food Farm-Civic Works, @realfoodfarm, Baltimore
- Valerie Onifade, Howard Univ. compost site volunteer mgr, Washington, DC
- Amy Freeman, edible flint & Flint Women in Ag Farm Development Ctr., @edibleflint, Flint
- Lor Holmes, CERO, @CEROcoop, Boston area

3:30 – 4:15 PM
**Part 6: Breakout Discussions (suggested)**

1. Best management practices (BMPs) at compost sites
2. Hauling logistics
3. Business plans/financial viability
4. Outreach & marketing
5. Volunteer management
6. Community engagement/community empowerment
7. School composting
8. Composting systems/technologies
9. Policy agenda
10. Coalition structure & membership / next steps

4:15 – 4:30 PM
**Report Back from Breakouts, Closing & Next Steps**