

**Collaborative on Health and the Environment
Environmental Health Primary Prevention Retreat
“*Ecological Health Across the Lifespan*”
Commonweal Retreat Center
Bolin, California May 6-9, 2013**



You are invited to apply for a transformative retreat program “*Ecological Health Across the Lifespan*” to be held May 7-9 at Commonweal in Bolinas, CA.

This program is part of the Environmental Health Primary Prevention Training Program of the [Collaborative on Health and Environment](#) (CHE). CHE is a project of [Commonweal](#), a 35-year-old nonprofit health and environmental research institute located on the coast of California north of San Francisco. Participants will include policy, program and executive professionals from across sectors.

Major goals of the retreat are to:

- Deepen participants' scientific understanding of environmental links to disease, including the ecological health model of multiple, overlapping factors that influence health across the lifespan;
- Address the major strands of environmental contributors to disease including the food, chemical, built, natural, psychosocial and socioeconomic environments;
- Discuss how the scientific evidence base can help inform community programs;
- Tap participant experience to surface key policy interventions that focus on cross-cutting solutions in order to build community resilience;
- Develop strategies on how to integrate environmental health science into the policy and program work of organizations including those focusing on aging, smart growth, the built environment, health programs and research, specific diseases, the creative arts and others.

CHE staff and advisors who will lead the retreat include Ted Schettler, MD, MPH, Science Director at the Science and Environmental Health Network and also at CHE; Peter Whitehouse, MD, PhD, neuroscientist at Case Western University and co-founder of The Intergenerational School; Maria Valenti, National Coordinator of CHE's Healthy Aging and the Environment Initiative; and Davis Baltz, MS, coordinator of CHE special projects.

The retreat will run full days on May 7 and 8, and conclude with lunch on May 9. It will be necessary for out-of-town participants to arrive in the San Francisco Bay Area on the afternoon/evening of Monday, May 6. Accommodations, food and registration for the retreat will be provided. We ask only that participants pay for their own airfare and ground transportation. **Priority consideration will be given to applications received by March 29, 2013.**

To apply, please download the application from

<http://www.healthandenvironment.org/ehtraining>

Inquiries and applications can be sent to EHTraining@healthandenvironment.org