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Do-gooders fight climate disaster with art

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Let's hear it for the Human Impacts Institute, a Williamsburg based nonprofit that is fighting the global climate crisis — with art!

The Human Impacts Institute seeks to foster the systematic changes needed for humanity to avert disaster by using art to educate and inspire. The nonprofit will host events on Governors Island called House of Solutions, where locals are invited to explore solutions to staving off apocalypse, including an Aug. 2 dance party to honor plants and trees.

Founder and director Tara DePorte started The Human Impacts Institute in 2010 after working for nine years as director of environmental education and as program director for the Lower East Side Ecology Center, where she helped develop opportunities for inner-city youth to learn about their local environment. She has also served as a global representative of The Climate Reality Project since 2006, presenting to thousands of people worldwide about climate change

DePorte has a bachelors in Human Impacts on Ecosystems from the University of Virginia and a masters in Climate and Society from Columbia University. DePorte's passion for climate goes beyond her extensive education in developing sustainable environments for societies. She has also had climate experience in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe.



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Tara DePorte the founder and director for the Human Impacts Institute