

Betsey Allister and Andrew Ehrmann Awarded Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund Award

The Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund has awarded a \$1,500 grant to Betsy Allister and Andrew Ehrmann to attend Land Stewardship's Farm Beginnings Course. Through the course, they intend to create a business plan for a community-based educational farm at Spring Wind Farm, just outside of Northfield.



Betsy has worked with youth in many different settings. Some of her experiences include working with Upward Bound and Hawthorn Valley Farm as well as the English Literacy Project.

Andrew's experiences include volunteering with Urban Boat Builders in St. Paul, a project for at-risk youth. He also initiated and led a program called Summer Solutions, staffed by Macalester students working on climate change issues.

Betsy and Andrew plan to apply their skills and the knowledge they acquire from attending this course to see our farm develop a youth program that would serve students from local schools, offer skill-based classes for the community, and be available as a space for community members to host events or hold classes of their own that relate to sustainable living and community development.

The mission of the Ron Griffith Young Leaders Fund is to support and develop the capabilities, talents and motivation of young adults in the Northfield community who are actively involved in providing leadership in areas contributing to long-term sustainability, including local environmental initiatives, healthy food and nutrition, sustainable agriculture and community building.