



[Ken Leinbach](#) is a nationally recognized science educator and leader in community-based environmental education. From a trailer in a high-crime city park, Ken has had fun facilitating the grassroots effort to create and grow the Urban Ecology Center which is the topic of his first book. Known for its creative approach to education and social innovation, the Center provides consistent contact to nature for tens of thousands of central city students and residents across Milwaukee each year. In this formula environmental education becomes a tool for inspiring urban revitalization. It's capturing the attention of urban planners and educators across the globe.

With contagious energy, Ken speaks on a number of topics including: sustainable design, urban environmental education, community organizing, nine planetary conditions of concern, finding abundance, the power of story, the need for "near-by" nature, leadership, fundraising, green living, and the meaning of life based on the letter "P" – ask him about it! Check out his recent book *Urban Ecology: A Natural way to Transform Kids, Parks, Cities and the World*. He tells the story of the Urban Ecology Center to inspire others to have hope for their own cities, take action in their neighborhoods, and maybe even get an Urban Ecology Center up and running. It all starts from the simplicity of getting a city kid exploring their neighborhood park.

Striving to live with as little environmental impact as possible, Ken lives in the community in which he works and, not owning a car, commutes by bike, unicycle, roller blades, and occasionally even by kayak on the Milwaukee River.