

CARIBBEAN-CLIMATE-One-On-One With Stina Herberg

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KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Oct. 06, 2014 – Stina Herberg is the present principal at the Richmond Vale Academy. She was born in Norway and from the age of 20 she embarked on extensive world travels, touching many continents and gaining invaluable knowledge in areas such as poverty, sustainable development and environmental issues. She has done environment work in several countries including Angola, Mozambique, Denmark and USA. Currently she is working with the local populations from around St. Vincent and the Grenadines to make the islands more climate compliant.

1. What do you love most about the Caribbean? Everything! I love the nature, which is robust and diverse, the beaches and home to so many species of birds and insects. I also love the warm people, who are so welcoming.

2. What brings you the greatest joy? The 2012 – 2021 Climate Compliance Conference was a turning point where climate change does not impact the country in a drastic way. We have local and international organizations that educate the population on climate change and how it affects us; and participate in all of the action plans. My greatest joy comes from seeing students change and grow after having studied at the academy.

3. What is the best advice you've been given? 'Follow your heart' and 'Don't accept injustice'.

4. What is on your bookshelf? This Changes Everything by Naomi Klein. The Long Walk to Freedom by Vandana Shiva.

5. What charity do you support? Richmond Vale Academy; and the Inivershall Rastafari Movement.

6. What is on your bucket list? I would really like to save the planet from global warming and combat poverty. From one of inequality to one where we can eliminate the words impoverished and malnourished. I would like to make St. Vincent and the Grenadines climate compliant. I would also like to complete the Caribbean Climate Compliance Project.

7. What is on your perennial to-do list? I would like to visit Dominica, the nature island. I would like to have a conversation with St. Lucia's Minister for Public Service, Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology, Dr. Fletcher to hear more of his dynamic ideas and actions on climate change and how to implement projects in all Caribbean countries climate compliant. It would be a dream come true to have Richmond Vale Academy become a model for accepting students from all over the world, but particularly educating Caribbean peoples of each island's unique culture, renewable energy, and all sustainable practices for both their personal life and the greater good of the region.

9. Who are your Caribbean heroes? Empress Modupe Olfunmi Jacob who heads the Inivershall side by side some of the most disadvantaged people in St. Vincent; Luke, who is our permaculture teacher and who made the Happy SVG video which inspired people all around the world.

10. Who is on the guest list for your ideal dinner party? My ideal dinner party guest list would include students and teachers, the late Maurice Bishop, who if you do not know you should look up, Naomi Herberg.

Academy, my partner, Jesper Friis, Gunter Pauli, and various farmers from around SVG. At the dinner we produced meats, dairy, fruit and vegetables.

11. What quote do you live by? "It always seems impossible until it's done" – Nelson Mandela

12. What is one thing people would be surprised to know about you? How I came to appreciate I was working in Mozambique, a country in Africa, teaching 60 women in the Maputo slums, at AD day. Mozambique was at war and at the time statistically considered one of the poorest countries my students came up to me and told me she had a problem. Everyone has problems, so I listened roof off of her already meager house to pay for her child's funeral and rainy season was approaching richest country at the time, I realised the difference between what people constituted as problems problems I wanted to deal with and where I wanted to put my focus. From that point on I could not do nothing about it. I also started to study deeper to understand the connection between why sor

13. What is one thing you wish you knew when you were younger? I wish I knew that I was things that are not important and that do not promote a healthy or sustainable life or world. I wish theory, the idea and reality that we are all connected and that what one person, community or nation just the people in it, but all species: plants, animals, coral and marine life; everything. I wish I knew life that's destructive to the planet so I could have changed earlier and perhaps have made more c

14. What would you want to say to the Caribbean about any one of these: Agriculture, A HIV/AIDS, Tourism? Climate Change is serious! It is not a myth. It is real, it affects everybody involved!

15. Any final words? Join us! Come see us: dive and kayak with us through our diving center, help plant with us, work with us, volunteer with us, change the world with us. Come to Richmond Vale website www.richmondvale.org and add me on Facebook StinaHerberg and let's talk!
