

TONI AULD YARDLEY

Nani I Na Maka Hou

Co-Founded with Ninia Parks Elsey

1998 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Pursue cultural preservation and environmental justice by protecting a historically significant valley on the island of O’ahu, Hawaii.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

“Nana I Na Maka Hou”—in English, “To See Again Through The Eyes of Our Ancestors”—is an organization dedicated to encouraging a reconnection with Hawaiian culture and ecology with a specific focus on preservation and environmental justice. A partnership between a cultural practitioner elder and younger environmental lawyer, this project in Cultural Resource Management and Environmental Justice set out purposefully seek environmental justice through a cultural lens. To save culturally relevant and ecologically unique areas “Nana I Na Maka Hou” used environmental law to battle the destructive behavior of tour companies when cultural legal complaints were more difficult to file. With the help of protestors, media attention, and the community they convinced the Native Hawaiian state agency and five public and private groups to contribute money to buy the valley now serving as a Native Hawaiian Cultural Center.

PERSONAL BIO

Toni Auld Yardley is the Kahu at Kanakamaoli Religious Institute

Organization/Fellow Location

Honolulu, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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