

# Susan Elizabeth Comfort

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## **NonprofitWellness.org, Co-Founder** (*Takoma Park, MD, 2018-present*)

- ❖ Co-founded nonprofit to create cultures of well-being at nonprofits and schools
- ❖ Manage projects for clients like: StoryCorps, Schott Fdn, ALSAC, Nonprofits LEAD, U.S. Digital Service
- ❖ Supervise practicums to ongoing cohorts of GWU Master of Public Health students (28 total, so far)
- ❖ Chosen for CityBridge “Innovators for Equity” to develop bilingual wellness services for teachers

## **American University, Adjunct Professor** (*Washington, DC, January 2024-present*)

- ❖ “Strategies in Stress Management” “Yoga” and “Cross Training” course leader

## **Alvéole, Manager of Mid-Atlantic** (*Fairfax, VA, 2022-2023*)

- ❖ Managed team of beekeepers serving 90 clients with rooftop hives in DC, MD, VA, PA
- ❖ Earned coverage in national and local TV/print media featuring urban beekeeping

## **BoardSource, Vice President of Strategic Development & Partnerships** (*Washington, DC, 2016-2017*)

- ❖ Led development of new global corporate funding stream, while managing team focused on core revenues
- ❖ Served on senior team; shaped efforts related to diversity, inclusion and equity

## **Playworks DC, Executive Director** (*Washington, DC, 2012-2016*)

- ❖ Led DMV region for national \$34M group that served elementary schools with AmeriCorps members
- ❖ Exceeded fundraising goals with schools, foundations, government, companies, and individuals
- ❖ Re-built local board, expanded partnerships, earned media coverage, advised national leadership team

## **KaBOOM!, Vice President of Philanthropy** (*Washington, DC, 2010-2012*)

- ❖ Led fundraising efforts with foundations, major donors and grassroots gifts, yielding \$3M in 2011
- ❖ Managed a 5-person philanthropy team; served on 7-person senior management team

## **Environmental Working Group, Vice President of Finance & Development** (*Washington, DC, 2002-2009*)

- ❖ Raised \$25M+ for Toxics & Agriculture programs, tripling the budget (\$2M-6M), doubling staff (18-35)
- ❖ Launch and directed the advocacy-oriented 501(c)4 EWG Action Fund
- ❖ Managed grantwriter and 45 foundations (research, solicitations, updates, reporting) annually
- ❖ Launched major donor program, resulting in \$1M+ per year
- ❖ Coordinated strategic planning efforts, improved HR & management systems, oversaw all finances
- ❖ Supervised launch and cultivation of email list (grew to 480K in 4 yrs), resulting in \$500K raised in 2008

## **Center for Environmental Citizenship, Executive Director** (*Washington, DC, 1997-2001*)

- ❖ Raised over \$3M from private foundations and individuals to train college environmentalists
- ❖ Grew organization from 2 to 18 staff (1 to 4 offices) in four regions. Pioneered web/email strategies
- ❖ Developed curricula for 16 five-day trainings on politics, environmental justice and journalism
- ❖ Led organization to expand its focus, including Board building and anti-oppression trainings

## **Political Campaigns** (*San Francisco and Denver, 1995-1996*)

- ❖ **Diana DeGette for Congress, Field Director:** Decisively won precinct caucuses, primary election and general election for current U.S. Rep in her 1st election. (*Denver, 1996*)
- ❖ **Roberta Achtenberg for Mayor, Deputy Field Director** Recruited + managed 600 volunteers, before email/cellphones, who delivered 450,000 doorhangers in targeted LGBTQ+ precincts. (*San Francisco, 1995*)

**Neighborhood Green Corps, West Coast Director** (*Sacramento, San Francisco, Cambridge MA, 1993-1995*)

- ❖ Managed five teams (25 AmeriCorps members) leading urban environmental service projects in five cities
- ❖ Directed organizational development and training during nascent AmeriCorps years
- ❖ Served as Green Corps organizer in Sacramento and Cambridge, running five campaigns for national clients

**EDUCATION/LANGUAGES:**

**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts, Communications (1993)

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma (academic honor societies)

**Activities:** Student Environmental Action Coalition (3 yrs), Men's basketball statistician (3 yrs),

**Georgetown University, Institute for Transformational Leadership**

Certificate on Organizational Consulting and Change Leadership (2018)

**Other Trainings:** Midwest Academy (organizing) and Yoga Teacher Training (400 hours)

**Languages:** English (native) and Spanish (fluent)

**SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Vienna, Austria 1999:** International Political Consultants Association (IPCA) conference: Presented results of 1998 "Campus Green Vote" campaign. Named "Rising Star of Politics 2000" by *Campaigns & Elections*.

**Tokyo, Japan 2008:** Presented (simultaneous translation) for Environmental Working Group at the 10th anniversary of "People's Association on Countermeasures to Dioxin & Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals"

**Pentagon, VA 2015:** Led "Developing a Personal Recess for Stress Reduction & Boosting your Brain"

**Los Angeles 2016 and San Francisco 2017, 2018:** UCLA Health Med/Ped Residents Conference and UCSF Children's Hospital Staff Care Days: delivered "Take 5: How 5-min brain breaks improve productivity & joy"

**Seattle 2017:** Gravity Payments: "Take Five: Brain Breaks for Productivity & Joy" and Nat'l Conf on Volunteering & Service: "Optimizing nonprofit board service: What companies need to know"

**Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2018:** TechSoup Europe MEGAPHONE conference workshop for Eastern European activists: "Self-Care within Community: Strategies to Survive in an Era of Burnout" + podcast

**National Technology Conferences 2020, 2021, 2022:** Repeat presenter on Wellness Equity & Team-Care