



**The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's
Global Blue Job Shadow Day
January 19 – 30, 2026**



Monday: Launch GLOBAL BLUE JOB SHADOW DAY

The Institute's Global Blue Job Shadow Day is a one-hour in-person event featuring Blue Economy leaders in Portugal and the United States.

Business, government, education and youth leaders will explore Blue Career Pathways shaping our oceans and coastal communities.

By connecting pioneering communities Lisbon, Peniche, Newport, RI and Marin, CA we will create a collective Call to Action for building the Blue Workforce.

The success of the Blue Economy depends on the next generation. Let's build the Blue Workforce together!

📍 Registration for in-person events in Lisbon, Peniche, Newport, RI, Marin, CA
Those in other locations may request recording and report after the event.

📝 Register: <https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>



Tuesday: LISBON GUEST SPEAKER

We are honored to welcome Secretary Salvador Malheiro to the Institute's Global Blue Job Shadow Day.

His Excellency Malheiro led Portugal's delegation to the #UNOC3 in Nice, France in June 2025 with 175 countries and 100,000 people who delivered a unified call to action and strong commitments including The High Seas Treaty officially entered into force on January 17, 2026. This global event emphasized that the Blue Economy decision-making must recognize the connections between human wellbeing, ecosystems and economic sustainability with investments and funding. Secretary Malheiro champions the Blue Economy Ecosystem by advancing the fisheries sector, maritime innovation, and the sustainable growth of Portugal's blue economy – blending scientific expertise, strategic vision, and a deep commitment to the ocean's future.

📍 Register for in-person Lisbon event: <https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>



Wednesday: LISBON GUEST SPEAKER

LISBON: We're honored to welcome Marisa Lameiras da Silva, Director General for Maritime Policy – Portugal to the Institute's Global Blue Job Shadow Day 2026. As Ambassador of the SDG Alliance Portugal, she drives collaboration on SDG 14, building partnerships.

Ms. da Silva is a leading advocate for Portugal's Blue Economy, driving strategic Blue Economy funding initiatives that accelerate sustainable growth while strengthening ocean literacy nationwide. Representing the Blue Finance pathway, Ms. da Silva oversees the EEA Grants - Blue Growth to finance Portugal's leadership in the Blue Economy. She will highlight how the EEA Grants Blue Growth Programme nurtures Blue Skills, unlocking young people's potential to shape a sustainable and inclusive Blue Economy. 📍 Register for in-person **Lisbon** event required: <https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>

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February 2, 2026

Lisbon



Thursday: Ciencia Viva, Partner Organization

"Ciência Viva supports Stone Soup Leadership Institute's aim to bring the Global Blue Job Shadow Day to Portugal. The Portuguese have a vast maritime culture, rooted in their history and traditional economy. A new Blue Economy is thriving, from offshore renewables to aquaculture and to blue biotech.

However, young generations do not yet perceive blue jobs as an opportunity for qualified and successful careers. This produces a bottleneck in the development of the blue sector. We believe the Global Blue Job Shadow Day can contribute to bridge this gap between students and blue career opportunities. This initiative will also contribute to enhance the visibility of the Blue Economy in the Portuguese society."

Read Ciencia Viva's Letter here:

<https://sl1nk.com/wmv0P>

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"FLAD's mission is to contribute to Portugal's development through its relationship with the United States. Since its creation in 1985, FLAD has been a bridge between the two countries, taking Portuguese people further through scholarships and research grants, awards, support, programs, conferences, and other events."

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Thursday: 2nd Post FLAD

The Institute is pleased to announce a grant award from FLAD for the Global Blue Job Shadow Day. This event will feature a global exchange between business, education, government, and youth leaders from Portugal and the United States showcasing best practices in Blue Economy workforce development.

We are grateful to FLAD for its support for this high-impact initiative, which strengthens Portugal-U.S. collaboration and bridges the gap between its sector silos and its vision with strategic investments. At a time when international collaboration matters more than ever, this event demonstrates how our countries can work together to empower young people to help build Blue Economy and a more sustainable world.

<https://tinyurl.com/fladpr>



Friday: BLUEBIO ALLIANCE: Partner Organization

The Institute's Blue Economy Youth Ambassador Miguel Roque joined in the celebration of the BLUEBIO ALLIANCE'S 10th Anniversary. "The most important and resonant message of the event was the central role of people, education, and talent. Scaling startups and projects does not depend solely on technological maturity or access to capital. It depends on having skilled, adaptable, and multidisciplinary professionals who can navigate science, business, and public policy."

Read Miguel's report: <https://www.blueeconomygeneration.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/institute-joins-bluebioalliance.pdf>

BLUEBIO ALLIANCE: <https://www.bluebioalliance.pt/>

Register for in-person Lisbon or Peniche event: <https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>



Kassandra Castillo
*How the Institute's
Job Shadow Day Changed My Life*

Saturday: The Institute's Job Shadow Day VIDEO WATCH Kassandra Castillo share how the Institute's Job Shadow Day changed her life. Born on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, Kassandra had few opportunities and little hope for her future. Then when she was 14 years old, she joined the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative, the Institute's four-year bi-lingual demonstration project to

empower young people to become leaders of their island's future.

For the Institute's Job Shadow Day, Kassandra aspired to become a top model in Puerto Rico – and to use her star power to help other young girls envision their own dreams for their island community. She was matched with the Vice President of L'Oreal Puerto Rico. "I got to spend a whole day with this person that does exactly what I wanted to do, and I get to see what I need to do to make that happen."

<https://youtu.be/sd-Wba16dZg>

Learn more: Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative: www.VYLI.org

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Stephanie Moulton-Peters
Marin County Supervisor
Blue Economy Pathway
Water Management
Laura Combs & Bay Work Intern

February 2, 2026
Ross Valley Sanitary District



Sunday: MARIN COUNTY, CA Guest Speaker

We're honored to welcome **Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Supervisor**, The Institute's first Blue Job Shadow Day 2025 in partnership with the College of Marin led to a year-long Blue Economy initiative with Stephanie's support.

"I am so glad you are "connecting all the dots" - you are so wise to cultivate partnerships with our local communities in Sausalito, Tiburon and the Romberg Center to explore the opportunities for a Blue Economy initiative. These communities are in the best position to identify specific current and new opportunities for the Blue Economy to manifest in Southern Marin."

Stephanie hopes to develop partnerships that lead to Blue Economy jobs for her constituents through the **Water Management Pathway**. Research by College of Marin student Alexandra Loucks

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Learn more: <https://www.blueeconomygeneration.org/showcase/>



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João Rito, SEAentia
Polytechnic of Leiria
Blue Economy Pathway
Aquaculture
Sergio Leandro

February 2, 2026
Peniche



Tuesday: GUEST SPEAKER: PENICHE, Portugal

We're proud to feature **João Rito**, Co-Founder of SEAentia an innovative Portuguese startup founded in 2017 dedicated to sustainable aquaculture. They received €24 Million Euro to build state-of-the-art Center to be an international leader in aquaculture, exploring new species with high commercial potential and help realize Portugal's goal of producing 25,000 tonnes by 2030.

Representing the **Aquaculture Pathway**, João will share the importance of training young people *now* for jobs in aquaculture. He invites everyone to join on this journey towards a responsible and innovative future in aquaculture!

 Register: Business, government, organizations and students in **Peniche, Portugal**

<https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>



Tuesday: GUEST SPEAKER, PENICHE, Portugal

We are grateful to Sergio Leandro for speaking at the Institute's Global Blue Job Shadow Day. As director of ESTM-Polytechnic of Leiria and the scientific coordinator of the Peniche Marine Science and Technology Park (Smart Ocean), Sergio has been developing a diverse set of projects and activities in the area of SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES: R&D Activities, Science Literacy and Communication, Education and Advanced Training, and Relationship with Society.

Sergio will announce a **Call to Action: Blue Learning Labs** to engage companies to identify specific challenges and invite his students to research and develop solutions. He envisions that this hands-on applied learning experience will help prepare the next generation for Blue careers.

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Wednesday: Miguel Roque Video

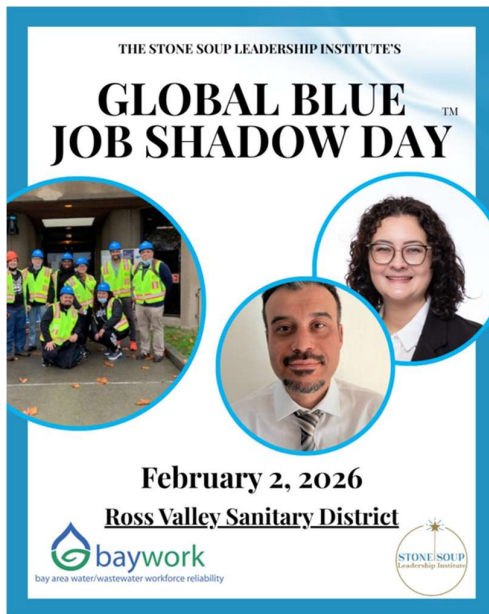
Miguel Roque is the Institute's Blue Economy Youth Ambassador in Portugal. "In the past few months, I've had the opportunity to experience great conferences and events on the Blue Economy. I've discovered that there is very little connection between this knowledge... and real jobs, real careers, and clear pathways for young people in the Blue Economy. If we want a strong and prosperous blue economy, we must prepare our young people for the blue workforce so that our country will grow and we can

realize our dream of being a leader in the Blue Economy.

Up until now, we lack a shared, coordinated vision that brings all sectors together to close the gap between our youth and opportunity. The Blue Economy offers something deeply valuable to our generation: decent jobs, meaningful work, long-term careers, and the possibility to live close to our families and communities, so we can contribute positively to the places we care about. Open this blue economy to the youth. Show us where the opportunities are. Create clear bridges between education, training, and work. Let us see what you do – and be a part of building it. We are eager to learn. We want to stay in the country we love. We want to contribute. If we work together, we can turn potential into people, and ambition into careers. The future of the blue economy depends on the youth. And our youth are ready!

Thank you!"

<https://youtu.be/Ha0MSSaYylE>



Thursday: Baywork Intern

The Institute welcomes BAYWORK's Laura Coombs to the Global Blue Job Shadow Day™ on February 2, 2026. Ms. Coombs will share BAYWORK's comprehensive workforce development programs with its network of water and wastewater agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area focused on workforce reliability through regional collaboration. Baywork's intern Shamim Golshani will share his life-changing experience with their program.

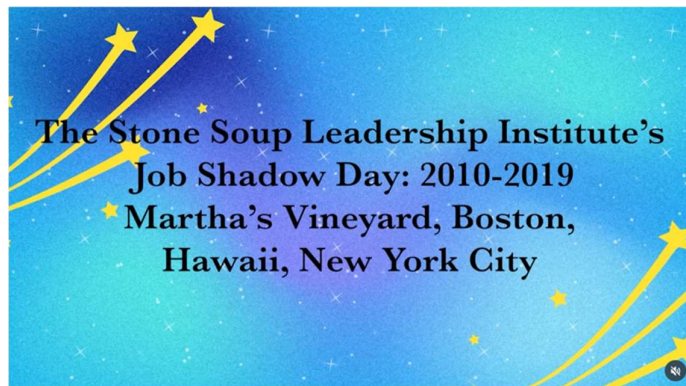
"As a Baywork intern at Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, I grew both professionally and personally. I gained hands-on exposure to wastewater operations and developed a better understanding of how essential this work is to public health and environmental protection. I grew in terms of professionalism, learning the importance of responsibility, safety awareness, teamwork, and communication in a real work environment. Most importantly, the internship helped me gain confidence, clarity about career paths in the water sector, and a stronger sense of

direction for my future." Shamim Golshani, Baywork Intern

Learn more: <https://www.baywork.org/>

📍 Registration: business, government, educators, and students in Bay Area/Marin, CA
<https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/>

Press: <https://www.globalbluejobshadowday.org/.../pr-baywork...>



Saturday: The Institute's Job Shadow Global Blue Job Shadow Day is a strategic way to engage the business community to collaborate with the education community to develop customized workforce development initiatives. It is the signature event of our programs with communities around the world - from Martha's Vineyard and Boston to Hawaii, Newport Rhode Island, Vieques, Puerto Rico and New York City. First developed with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in the early 1990s, the Job Shadow Day has reached

millions of students. In 2021, with the launch of our book, Stone Soup for A Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes, the Institute reenvisioned the Job Shadow Day to support the need for Blue & Green workforce development.

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