

## Julia Cavicchi Member Spotlight



After graduating from the University of Glasgow in Scotland with a Master's degree in Human Geography, Julia Cavicchi (she/her) moved to Vermont to serve at the [Rich Earth Institute](#) in Brattleboro, Vermont. The Rich Earth Institute is pioneering research in reclaiming human urine to use as fertilizer; and manages the first urine recycling community program in North America. The Institute collects and stores the urine at their location in Brattleboro, and since 2012 has been conducting tests and trials in an on-site research garden and lab. Julia helps in all aspects of organization, including helping plan and set up for events in the area in which they collect voluntary participant's urine. This is done using their portable urine diverting toilets or collection cubes. Recently, she has been focused on collecting and transcribing the stories of local farmers that are part of their research trials. These stories are used to compile yearly reports to promote community outreach and communication surrounding their goals and mission. She also helps in communication efforts and public outreach goals through community tabling events, newsletters, and social media. Julia has also become involved in her community in Brattleboro, including events with Vermont350 and local writing circles. She never fails to bring forth the best puns, and if you're ever in Brattleboro consider reaching out and contributing a donation!