

## **Biography (short)**

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Andrés Edwards is an educator, award-winning author, media designer and sustainability consultant. He is founder and principal of EduTracks a firm specializing in developing education programs and consulting services on sustainable practices for green building and business initiatives. His work includes developing energy management and sustainability plans as well as training and awareness programs for municipalities, colleges and property managers. Andrés is author of *Thriving Beyond Sustainability: Pathways to a Resilient Society*, which received a gold medal from the Living Now Book Awards, *The Sustainability Revolution: Portrait of a Paradigm Shift* and co-author with Robert Apte of *Tibet: Enduring Spirit, Exploited Land*. Andrés holds a BA degree in Geography from the University of Colorado; an MPS in Media Studies from NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program and an MA in Humanities and Leadership/Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Community from New College of California.

## **Biography (long)**

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Andrés is author of *Thriving Beyond Sustainability: Pathways to a Resilient Society* (New Society Publishers, 2010; Gold medal: Living Now Book Awards) which draws a collective map of individuals, organizations and communities from around the world that are committed to building an alternative future — one that strives to restore ecological health, reinvent outmoded institutions and rejuvenate our environmental, social and economic systems. The projects and initiatives profiled are meeting the challenges of the day with optimism, hope and results, leading the way in: relocalization, green commerce, ecological design, environmental conservation and social transformation.

Andrés is author of *The Sustainability Revolution: Portrait of a Paradigm Shift* (New Society Publishers, 2005), which has sold over 25,000 copies, and analyzes sustainability as defined by five key sectors of society: Community (government and international institutions); Commerce (business); Natural Resources (forestry, farming, fisheries, etc.) Ecological Design (architecture, technology) and the Biosphere (conservation, biodiversity, etc.) in terms of the principles, declarations and intentions that have emerged from conferences and publications, and which serve as guidelines for policy

decisions and future activities.

Andrés is co-author with Robert Apte of *Tibet: Enduring Spirit, Exploited Land*, about the traditional livelihood of nomads and farmers on the Tibetan Plateau. Andrés has specialized in sustainability topics for the last 15 years. He has given radio and television interviews and lectured and presented seminars about his work at conferences, colleges and universities, and for businesses and community organizations.

Andrés holds a BA degree in Geography from the University of Colorado; an MPS in Media Studies from NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program and an MA in Humanities and Leadership/Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Community from New College of California. He is a LEED<sup>®</sup> Accredited Professional, Permaculture certified, graduate of Angeles Arrien's Four Fold Way leadership program, and a member of the US Partnership, United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development program.

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