

Biography (short)

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Andrés Edwards is an educator, award-winning author, media designer and sustainability consultant. He is founder and president 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 sustainability plans as well as training and awareness programs for municipalities, colleges and businesses. He has worked as producer, exhibit developer, and consultant for projects in natural history, biodiversity and sustainable community for companies and towns throughout the US and abroad. He is the author of *The Heart of Sustainability: Restoring Ecological Balance from the Inside Out* (2015, Silver Award: Nautilus Book Awards), *Thriving Beyond Sustainability: Pathways to a Resilient Society* (2010, Gold Medal: Living Now Book Awards) and *The Sustainability Revolution: Portrait of a Paradigm Shift* (2005), which was selected by Apple to demonstrate the educational potential of ebooks used in conjunction with the iPad platform in academic settings. He is co-author with Robert Z. Apte of *Tibet: Enduring Spirit, Exploited Land* (2004). Andrés has given radio and television interviews and lectured and presented seminars about his work at conferences, universities, and for business and community organizations. He lives in northern California. For further information visit: andresedwards.com

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Andres is author of *The Heart of Sustainability: Restoring Ecological Balance from the Inside Out* (New Society Publishers, 2015) which delves into the human dimension of the sustainability movement. The book explains how self-development is a key driver for planetary change and the role of the consciousness revolution and concrete initiatives are creating a world that works for all.

In *Thriving Beyond Sustainability: Pathways to a Resilient Society* (Gold Medal, Living Now Books Awards; New Society Publishers, 2010) Andres 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. *The Sustainability Revolution* was selected by Apple to demonstrate the educational potential of ebooks used in conjunction with the iPad platform in academic settings.

Andrés is co-author with Robert Z. 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 English and 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® 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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