

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

AASHE 2018

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education puts on a yearly conference to create comprehensive sustainability reform and awareness within higher education. This year it took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Sophomore Samantha Svendson comments "AASHE was an incredibly inspirational and enriching conference. Each day started at 8am and would go until the late afternoon and the days would be filled with educated and dedicated speakers about the environment and sustainability. I could write an essay of all of the things that I

things that I learned during the conference but instead I will sum up a few things that were impactful for me during the week. One of the things being that our feelings are valid when we feel despaired and worried about the future of the planet but we need to use that energy in a productive way to influence others and the environment around us. Another thing that I will write about is that, yes, we need to look at events and situations with a sustainability lens but we need to also look at things with a Social Activism lens, sustainability needs to be accessible and inclusive!!"



Students Requested by President Craft

The President's Sustainability Council is searching for students to sit on various Climate Commitment working groups. The four groups are Air Travel Emissions, Carbon Reductions: Systems and Behavior Change, Re-energizing Liberal Education as the Climate Changes, and Funding. If you or anyone you know is interested in being apart of the development of the Climate Action Plan sign up by October 19th using the link in the email sent to your Concordia email by October 19th.

Sustainable Clothing Swap Success

On Saturday, October 6th, the EcoHouse hosted their very first Sustainable Clothing Swap! With around 40 people having stopped in throughout the day to participate, the EcoHouse residents consider this event a huge success! Resident Julia Kohler says "This was a great reminder to shop at thrift stores instead of purchasing new clothes, reducing the environmental instead of purchasing new clothes, reducing the environmental impact of throwing clothes away."

To keep up with sustainability-related events, follow @cordsustainability on instagram and Concordia Sustainability on Facebook.



SGA Sustainability Fund

Do you have a passion for sustainability? Do you see a specific need on campus for sustainability that could be fixed with some hard work and a little bit of money? Do you have an off-campus sustainability-related unpaid internship? If so, you should check out the Student Government Association Sustainability Fund! This fund allows for students to obtain money for sustainability-related events, activities, and programs. The next deadline is November 30th 2018. The application can be found [here](#).

Taste Not Waste Plate Scraping



The Taste Not Waste Campaign is still working hard to meet Concordia's goal to reduce plate waste by 50% by the year 2020. On Wednesday, October 10th, students, staff, and faculty gathered in DS to host a plate-scraping demonstration to help DS goers visualise their waste.

Sustainability Student Leader of the Month: Julia Kohler



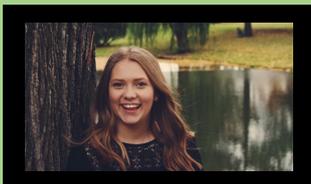
"I am the treasurer for SEA, an environmental advocacy group on campus, and a second-year resident of the EcoHouse, where we practice sustainable household behaviors and educate the campus community about how they can do the same. Sustainability means more than just recycling and using a reusable straw. Being sustainable means advocating for environmental justice, fair and ethical business practices, the right for all humans to have access to resources. That is why it is so important to me -- it encompasses and affects every single thing we do."

This Month's Events

- **Monday, October 15h** - Garden Clean Up event @5pm
- **Friday, October 19th** - PSC Working Group interest form due
- **Wednesday, October 24th** - International Day of Climate Action

Have an idea for a future newsletter feature? Want to update the campus on your sustainability efforts?

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