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# Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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## Eco-Ambassadors take on pens

**The Tisch Sustainability Team** is now offering a location to **recycle dead pencils, pens, and markers.**

**If you work in the library check out** the box next to the battery recycling box (next to the water bubbler). The writing implements will be "upcycled" into cool stuff

## April 1, 2011

**Dear Tufts Environmental,**

So today is April 1st. Normally that means I'm immersed in elaborate plans to prank my friends in the spirit of April Fools. However, this week has been so busy and productive and awesome, environmentally speaking, that there's very little time for the usual extensive kidding around. For instance, this past Tuesday, the Tufts Sustainability Collective hosted an enormously successful Sustainability Roundtable, which can be read about below. Also, today is the long awaited Opening Celebration of the Tufts Bikes bike share. Feel free to stop by the Campus Center from 4-6 pm today to join in on the festivities. Additionally, feel free to swing by the library this weekend to check out a bike! You can read more about how it works on the [Tufts Bikes Blog](#). We also have some other great events on the horizon, including the much awaited Tufts Energy Conference, and the Research Day on Sustainability, both of which can be found in On Campus Events.

Even though we at OOS may not be out to prank you this week, be sure to stay on your toes! And I greatly encourage you to engage in some tomfoolery of your own, [especially of the environmental-sort!](#)

Stay Green!

-Jason

like park benches.

### Way to go TST!

## The Grab Bag

Today being April Fools Day and all, I thought I would highlight a few clever "eco-pranks" throughout the years.

Check out [this list from US News' Fresh Greens column](#) for pranks ranging from news articles about remorseful oil executives to Al Gore's new line of vegan frozen foods.



the fight to save  
the planet,  
starts at the  
dinner table.

## Job Opportunities

[Assoc. Director](#), Center for Environmental Action, Earlham College

[Assistant Director](#), Sustainability Education, Dickinson College

[Program Director](#), Health & Nutrition, U Minnesota  
[Program Coord](#), Center for Sustainable Resource Development, UCB  
[Program Leader](#), Summer of

*Header photo: Students, faculty-members, and staff discuss the future of campus sustainability at the first ever Sustainability Roundtable, hosted by the Tufts Sustainability Collective last Tuesday.*

## News from OOS

### First Sustainability Roundtable a Huge Success

**The Tufts Sustainability Collective-hosted event results in great progress**

Last Tuesday, the Tufts Sustainability Collective hosted the first ever Sustainability Roundtable, which brought together representatives from 17 different groups on campus to discuss the future of campus sustainability. This marks the first time in recent history that sustainability-oriented groups have gotten together to communicate and figure out how best to work together in the future to achieve their collective goals.

In addition to the productive discussions on the future of campus sustainability, the representatives drafted a TCU Senate Resolution to promote campus sustainability, as well as drafted a letter to President-Elect Dr. Monaco in order to urge him to include sustainability in his platform as the Tufts University President.

#### **The organizations that were represented at the Roundtable included:**

- Eco Reps
- Engineers Without Borders
- Fletcher Green
- Jumbo Janitor Alliance
- Office of Sustainability
- REZquad Cafe
- Students for a Just and Stable Future (SJSF)
- Students at Tufts for Investment Responsibility (STIR)
- Tom Thumb's Garden
- Tufts Community Agriculture Project (TCAP)
- Tufts Against Plastic (TAP)
- Tufts Bikes
- Tufts Dining
- Tufts Energy Conference
- Tufts Energy Forum
- UEP/AFE
- TCU Senate

Solutions, Grand Aspirations

[Market Manager](#), Medford  
Farmer's Market, Medford

[Bicycle Jobs](#) (various),  
UrbanAdventours, Boston

[Nexamp Efficiency Jobs and Internships](#), Nexamp, North  
Andover, MA

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

## Interesting Links:

### Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

### Blogs:

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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To learn more about the Roundtable, check out this [Daily article](#). To learn more about the Tufts Sustainability Collective and its partners, please email [TuftsSustainabilityCollective@gmail.com](mailto:TuftsSustainabilityCollective@gmail.com).

# On-Campus Events

New:

## Tufts Bikes Opening Celebration (TODAY)

**April 1, 2011, 4-6 pm**

**Hotung Cafe, Campus Center, Medford Campus**

Come celebrate the launch of Tufts Bikes, bike share program with a celebration from 4 to 6pm on Friday, April 1st on the upper Campus Center patio on the Tufts Campus in Medford. The opening celebration will feature free food, entertainment, raffles, local bike companies, bike advocacy organizations, rides around campus for all ages and abilities, and a speech by University President Lawrence Bacow.



For up-to-date information on the happenings of the bike share and Tufts Bikes, check out their [blog](#), [facebook](#), or (brand new) [twitter page](#)!

## Panel Discussion on the EPA

**April 4, 2011, 12-1:30 pm**

**Eaton 202, Medford Campus**

The Tufts Energy Forum, Tufts Democrats and the Roosevelt institute are co-hosting a panel regarding current EPA regulation of greenhouse gases and exploring perspectives on the bill passed by the House Energy and Power Subcommittee that would take away the EPA's power to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. It will feature a representative from the EPA, Rusty

Russell from UEP and Ekaterina Gnedenko, professor of environmental economics.

This will be a brown-bag lunch event, with short presentations from each contributor and time for questions.

## Tufts Energy Conference

**April 15-16, 2011**

**Cabot Intercultural Center, Tufts University  
Medford Campus**

Learn from and engage with key energy industry experts, policymakers, and the rising generation of energy leaders in a thought-provoking discussion on the pertinent challenges and opportunities facing today's energy sector. Sign-up today to get your discount!

This year's theme is "**Exploring Energy's Great Debates: Moving Past Posturing to Arrive at Achievable Energy Solutions,**" our goal is to create constructive debate on how incremental policy changes and business model innovations can make a meaningful impact on global energy challenges in the next 10 years. In addition to learning from our diverse expert panelists, you'll have the opportunity to network with energy-industry professionals and learn about career and internship opportunities in a variety of fields at our showcase.

The Tufts Energy Conference (TEC) is organized by a diverse mix of Tufts undergraduates and graduate students from the Fletcher School for Law & Diplomacy, the Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning program and the School for Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

Registration includes access to the full two-day conference, Friday hors d'oeuvres, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. For more information, visit the [TEC website](#).

*Sponsors for the 2011 Tufts Energy Conference include: CB&I, BP, Shell, Institute for Global Leadership, Center for International Environmental and Resource Policy & Energy, Climate and Innovation Program, Enel, Strook, and Tufts Institute for the Environment.*

## Research Day on Sustainability

**May 3, 2011**  
**Medford Campus, TBA**

The Office of the Vice Provost at Tufts University is hosting a series of Research Days to showcase current work on Tufts' three campuses and at its affiliated hospitals. The next event, "Research Day on Sustainability," will feature four panel discussions on Sustainable Technology, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Policy, as well as poster presentations. Please RSVP by April 15, 2011. Updates will continue to be posted as more details of the event become available. Visit <http://www.tufts.edu/central/research/researchdays/> for more information.

## Previously Mentioned:

### [Environmental Summer Research Scholarships for Tufts Students](#)

The Summer Scholars Program is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students to begin or continue faculty-mentored research on campus, and for faculty to have funded research assistants.

[Information for mentors](#)  
[Information for students](#)

### [Tufts Energy Challenge:\\$1000 Award](#)

### [Tufts Water Conference](#)

**Conference Date: April 1**  
**Fletcher School**

### [2011 Friedman School Graduate Student Research Conference](#)

**April 2, 2011**  
**Tufts University, Medford Campus**

### [ENVS Lunch & Learn: Michael R. Davis, FAIA,](#)

### [LEED-Architecture, Energy, and Climate Change](#)

**April 14, 2011, 12:00-1:00pm**

**Rabb Room, Tisch College Lincoln Filene Center,  
Medford Campus**

### [A Research Day on Sustainability](#)

**May 3, 2011- [Poster Abstracts due April 1](#)**

**Aidekman Arts Center**

**40 Talbot Avenue, Medford, MA 02155**

## Off-Campus events

**New:**

### **Do Something REEL Film Festival**

**Throughout April**

**Coolidge Corner Theatre, Cambridge**

Throughout the month of April the Coolidge Corner Theatre will be screening six documentaries.

From the Coal River Valley of West Virginia to the inner city of Detroit, from vanishing bee populations to the evolution of the National School Lunch Program, from farmers and active everyday citizens to doctors and scientists, the Do Something Reel line-up provides a moving, eye-opening look at how the choices we make can have a huge impact on our bodies, our economy, and our environment.

Dates and Times:

**VANISHING OF THE BEES**

Sunday, April 3rd: 3pm 1hr28mins

**LUNCH LINE**

Monday, April 4th: 7:30pm 1hr3mins

**ON COAL RIVER**

Wednesday, April 6th: 7:30pm 1hr21mins

**PLANEAT**

Monday, April 25th: 7:30pm

**BAG IT**

Tuesday, April 26th: 7:30am

## URBAN ROOTS

Wednesday, April 27th: 7:30pm 1hr30mins

Tickets: \$9.75 Adult / \$7.75 Members. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.coolidge.org/showtimes](http://www.coolidge.org/showtimes)

## 2011 Student Sustainability Film Festival: Now Accepting Submissions May 14, 2011

The **2011 Student Sustainability Film Festival** is now encouraging and accepting entries from high school and college students across North America. Students create short films about programs, projects or "things" that their campus or community is doing to create sustainable solutions to environmental concerns.

To find out more about the submission process, film guidelines, and the festival itself, visit [this website](#).

## Earth Night

**April 9, 6-10 pm**  
**Sheraton Boston Hotel**

The Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) will host its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Night, Boston's landmark environmental gala. This year's Earth Night will feature a musical presentation by "Women of the World" an ensemble of Berklee College of Music graduates representing five continents. Earth Night will also feature live and silent auctions and the Earth Fair, which showcases products and services of local businesses and non-profits working to protect the Massachusetts environment. With innovative displays, Earth Fair gives Earth Night guests access to new environmental services and products. For more information about the event, [click here](#).

## Proxy Apparel's 2011 Earth Day Gala & Fashion Show

**April 21, 5 pm**  
**MassChallenge headquarters**  
**55 Northern Ave**  
**14th Floor**  
**Boston, MA 02210**

The 2011 Earth Day Gala will include a sustainable

marketplace featuring local vendors, Proxy's pop-up retail space, fair trade birthday cake, and the debut of [Proxy Apparel](#)'s Spring Collection! Mark your calendars and come celebrate an Earth Day you won't forget!

For more information on the event, [click here](#).

## The Greening Grace Team Lecture Series

**Every Wednesday from March 23 - April 13,  
6:45pm  
Grace Church, Medford**

The Greening Grace Team of Grace Church is hosting a series of environmental and sustainability lectures.

Speakers will include:

Joseph Asaya from Greener Earth, who will speak about their campaign to bring opportunities to people in third world countries by increasing their access to solar energy.

- Deborah Brown from the EPA, who speak about environmental justice issues here in Massachusetts and some of the things that are being done to address these issues.
- Alicia and Jonathan Hunt of Medford will speak about cost effective ways of reducing energy use in your home or apartment. Alicia has presented home energy savings seminars around Massachusetts and together they have cut their electricity and gas bills in half in recent years.
- Bishop Bud Cederholm, known as the "green bishop", is a thought-provoking and entertaining speaker who will lead a discussion about "the most important ethical and moral challenge the world faces today."

For more information on the lecture series, follow [this link](#).

## Previously Mentioned:

### [Help Plan Medford's Climate Summer Week](#)

**March 16, 6:30 pm  
Medford City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
Medford, MA 02155**



**[Sustainable Environmentalism in the 21st Century](#)**

**March 17, 1-4 pm  
Wheaton College, Norton, MA**

**[Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#)**

**Opening Night Reception:  
Robin Young leads expert panel on energy's future  
Friday Mar 25, 2011 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

**Afternoon FilmFest:  
View shorts MC'd by NPR's Bruce Gellerman  
Saturday Mar 26, 2011 1:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

**The Finale:  
See Carbon Nation plus locavore tasting and silent auction  
Saturday Mar 26, 2011 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**[Jewish Food Justice! An Organic Farm Retreat](#)**

**April 1-3, 2011  
Adamah Farm at Isabella Freedman**

**[Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop](#)**

**April 7-8, 2011  
Toronto, Canada**

**["Organic Lawns for Homeowners" Workshops](#)**

**April 7 and 9, 2011  
Various Locations around Massachusetts**

**[MA Sustainable Communities Conference: Best Practices in Local Sustainability](#)**

**April 15,  
8 am-4 pm  
Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA**

**[MIT Sustainability Summit](#)**

**April 22, 2011  
Microsoft NERD Center, MIT, Cambridge**

# Educational Opportunities

**New:**

## 4th Annual Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute

**May 23-27, 2011**

**Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts University  
Medford Campus**

TELI is a week-long faculty development workshop offered immediately following Commencement each year. The workshop is intended to enhance faculty environmental literacy and assist participants in incorporating environmental themes into existing or new courses. The ultimate goal of the TELI program is to expose all Tufts students to environmental issues, to enable them to effectively engage with the issues that will shape their generation. For further information, please visit <http://environment.tufts.edu/?pid=82&c=112>.

## Metta Earth Leadership Training: Generation Now

**July 11- August 7, 2011**

**Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT**

**Credits:** You may be able to earn up to six credits through your university.

**Cost:** \$1600 (Program tuition, meals, housing, and materials are included.)

\*Alternative financial arrangements and fundraising assistance may be available.

The Metta Earth Leadership Training is a 4-week training for college aged students that takes a holistic approach to combating the rampant environmental and social justice issues facing society today by providing young people with the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be effective leaders back in their communities. Participants will build their inner and outer leadership abilities through experiential learning opportunities in topics such as: organic farming & permaculture, ecovillage planning, wilderness quests, yoga meditation, and social change

organizing. The training will be held at the Metta Earth Institute- a learning community actively committed to balancing the contemplative lifestyle with activism in Lincoln, Vermont.

For more information [click here](#).

## **Previously Mentioned:** (Click the links for more information)

**[Seventh Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications](#)**  
**Week of July 10, 2011**  
**Emerson College, Boston**

**[The Bard Center for Environmental Policy Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy](#)**

See you next week!

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