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# Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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## Do you like Green Eggs and Ham?

Tufts Eco-Reps is holding a vegetarian cook-off **this Sunday, April 10 at 1PM** in Carmichael Lounge. Make a vegetarian Meal for Guest Judges for fabulous prizes, or simply drop by to sample the dishes and vote for your favorites!

Sign up by today (April 8, Friday) [via this link](#) to try that recipe you've been waiting to share or [email Jessie Pearl](#) for more details.

## April 8, 2011

**Dear Tufts Environmental,**

It seems that the weather is finally turning towards Spring, although every time I say that, I feel like we get another three inches of snow... Hopefully this time the sun and the 50+ degrees are here to stay so that we can all enjoy the outdoors a little more (have a picnic, do some gardening, go for a bike ride, etc.).

We have some great events coming up, including the [Tufts Energy Conference](#) on the 15-16th, which will include tons of interesting and meaningful discussions on the future of energy policy. Be sure not to miss it! Additionally, the Eco-Reps are hosting a [clothing swap](#) on Earthfest, April 22nd. Up until then, they will be accepting clothing for the swap (more information on this in the sidebar.)

Of course, there are plenty more events and opportunities so be sure to read on below!

Stay Green!

-Jason

## Eco-Reps Clothing Swap!

On April 22, as part of our Earthday celebrations, the Eco-Reps will be hosting a clothing swap. We are accepting clothing donations at the following 8 locations in the time leading up to the event:

**Dewick**  
**Carmichael**  
**Campus center**  
**Lewis**  
**Hodgdon**  
**Miller**  
**Wren**  
**Carpenter House**

Shoes and accessories also accepted. Please make sure that you only donate clean clothes without holes or stains. All extras will be donated.

So donate your clothes now, and come to the swap on April 22 from 11-4 on the academic quad.

## The Grab Bag

When you think "Local Food" you normally think about the food that grown and produced around Boston. Have you ever stopped to think what the Local Food means to places that are not the Boston-Metro Area?

This short film gives a brief glimpse into the life of a man who produces honey in Hong Kong- and also gives a small insight into what Local Food means in a place that is very far away.

*Header photo: Sally Sharrow, President of Tufts Bikes, cuts the ribbon with the help of President Bacow last Friday, signifying the start of the Bike Share. Photo by [Ian Maclellan](#).*

## OOS News

### The Communications and Outreach Specialist is Here!

This week, the Office of Sustainability welcomed Fannie Koa to the team. Originally from the Philippines, Fannie moved to Boston 10 years ago to pursue her MBA at Babson College. She brings to Tufts a strong background in marketing, freelance writing and editing, and project management, including a stint as the Research Director for a non-profit organization. (She also once wrote an essay about the environment that won her a summer semester in Japan...) Fannie is currently pursuing a Masters of Oriental Medicine at the New England School of Acupuncture. She says, "I'm really excited to be here and look forward to working with all of you to promote the fantastic sustainability initiatives here at Tufts." Please feel free to drop by or email her and say hello. She can be reached at [fannie.koa@tufts.edu](mailto:fannie.koa@tufts.edu).

## Yesterday's Technology, Today's Solution

### Power Plant's surplus heat to warm Boston buildings

For years, the GenOn Kendall Cogeneration Power Station has been discharging heated water into the Charles River, raising concerns of the potential damage to ecosystem. Recently, however, Veolia Energy North America agreed to buy the excess heat from the power plant to use to heat buildings in downtown Boston. Since the power plant supplies steam to heat the **Tufts campus** in Boston, the use of waste heat will reduce Tufts greenhouse gas emissions.

This solution has been widely heralded as an environmental solution to two different problems- limiting the damage to the Charles, as well as using an alternative - and normally wasted - energy source to heat buildings. Veolia is upgrading 19 buildings to be incorporated into a district energy system, which will heat the buildings through steam



Nokia - HK Honey

## Job Opportunities

[Summer Intern- ESG Research Analyst](#), Boston Common Asset Management, Boston

[Executive Director](#), Sustainability, Washington U St. Louis

[Regional Field Organizers](#), Real Food Challenge, Various Locations

[Summer Project Assistant](#), Real Food Alliance

[UNC Climate Specialist and Raleigh Sustainability Communications Officer](#), UNC Chapel Hill, NC

[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](#)

generated by the power plant.

This technology is nowhere near new, as there has been a district energy steam system in place for the last 80 years. What is new is the innovative source of heat that Veolia is using in this particular system. [Click here](#) to read the Boston Globe article on this solution.

## On-Campus Events

### Highlighted:

### 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.**" The 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, attendees will 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,*

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

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## 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.

New:

## Green Corps Info Session

**April 12, 2011, 5:30-6:30PM**

**Dowling Hall, Room 745A**

Green Corps' year-long paid program provides intensive training in the skills you'll need to make a difference in the world. Finding out more by attending a 1 hour organizing skills workshop at Green Corp's info session. The second half of the info session will be an organizing workshop on planning an environmental campaign. [RSVP here](#) or visit the [Green Corps website](#).

## TAP Survey needs student respondents

Tufts Against Plastic (TAP) is a student organization investigating students' attitudes towards bottled water. If you are a Tufts undergraduate, please complete their 2 minute survey by clicking on this [link](#). Then, help spread the survey to all Tufts students so that the results can reflect opinions across the whole campus.



"Tap water?! As if."

### Previously Mentioned:

[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

## Off-Campus events

### New:

**Business & Bullets: Litigating Human Rights  
Claims against Transnational Corporations**  
April 14, 2011  
Austin West, Harvard University



**Carlos Zorrilla**, an environmental activist from Ecuador who is fighting transnational mining companies, will be having a film screening at Harvard University this

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-6:45pm.

Both Carlos and the director will be panelists at the after screening discussion. Here is the link for further information:

<http://www.law.harvard.edu/calendar/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D93981169>

## **Wellesley College Communicating Science Symposium: Technological Solutions to Climate Change**

**April 9, 2011 8am-5pm  
PNE Atrium, Wellesley College**

The Communicating Science Symposium will bring together students, educators, scientists, and journalists in a day of dialogue and idea-generation intended to promote future understanding and collaboration. Through panel discussions and interactive workshops, we will tease out the real-life challenges of communicating scientific research to politicians, media, and the public.

This year, our discussion will focus on green technology as a solution to climate change. Specifically, we will target carbon capture, solar, wind, and nuclear power. Our speakers will discuss the science behind each technology as well as address the advantages and disadvantages. We will also explore how these solutions are communicated throughout the world. For more information, follow [this link](#).

## **3rd Annual Vermont Food Summit**

**April 11-14, 2011  
UVM, Burlington, VT**

Come celebrate a love for food and agriculture -- through workshops, events, dancing, and eating! This 4-day event is created was created to bring the UVM Community together through a love for food and agriculture. Come celebrate this passion by taking part in a number of workshops, events, and delicious meals.

For more information, visit the [UVM event page](#).

## 5th Annual SomerGreen Festival

**April 30, 2011, 12nn-2pm**

**Blessing of the Bay Boathouse, Somerville, MA**

Groups and businesses in the area working on sustainable communities will showcase sustainability initiatives in the City of Somerville and surrounding areas. Groundwork Somerville will be hosting a festive event at the boathouse, including a bike drive, walk to the river day, garden raising, river clean-up and tree planting event.

## The 22nd SBN Conference on Sustainable Business

**May 7, 2011, 8am-4pm**

**UMass, Boston**

Engage with inspiring pioneers and learn about breakthrough programs and practices that will help us grow our businesses and organizations as we together build strong local economies that are green and fair. Additionally, come see a keynote address by Bill McKibben!

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

## Something in the Air: Climate Change, Science and Policy

**April 15, 2011**

**Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study**

**10 garden Street, Cambridge, MA**

This year's science symposium will take a cross-disciplinary approach to the topic of climate and policy. Atmospheric and environmental scientists, engineers, archaeologists, and scholars of public health, economics, and government will come together to address and debate topics fundamental to our understanding of the science of climate change and the policies that result. These issues will be considered in relation to the recent UN Climate Change Conferences and the worldwide economic downturn.

The registration deadline is April 11. It is open to the public and free. [Register here](#).

Previously Mentioned:

**[The Greening Grace Team Lecture Series](#)**

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

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

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

**[Earth Night](#)**

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

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

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

**[Proxy Apparel's 2011 Earth Day Gala & Fashion Show](#)**

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

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

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

**[Do Something REEL Film Festival](#)**

**Throughout April  
Coolidge Corner Theatre, Cambridge**

**[2011 Student Sustainability Film Festival: Now Accepting Submissions](#)**

**May 14, 2011**

# **Educational Opportunities**



See you next week!

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