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# Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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## News & Opportunities

### Book Club Meeting

The OOS Summer Book Club is meeting on:

**August 23, from 12 to 1 pm, in the Office of Sustainability.**

The book to be discussed is [Bottled and Sold: The Story Behind Our Obsession With Bottled](#)

## Office of Sustainability Newsletter August 6, 2010

Dear Tufts Environmental,



Interns Emily and Kavitha

This week the environmental offices at Tufts have undergone some exciting space reconfiguring. We at the Office of Sustainability have swapped places with the [Tufts Institute of the Environment](#), switching offices and intern spaces as well. Also, we've had our kitchen sink moved into the back conference room, which opens up space in the coveted "room with a window" for the many TIE interns. Heather has moved into Tina's old office so now she has her own door, finally! So when you enter the offices at the back of Miller, turn right for OOS and left for TIE.



Of course, all of these

[Water](#), by Peter Gleick.



## Become an Eco-Rep!



Eco-Representatives are residential students who help raise awareness about ecological issues, encourage environmentally responsible behavior in their hall mates and peers, and plan related events and activities.

The time commitment is 2-5 hours a week and Eco-Reps earn \$25 per week.

For the complete job description see: [Eco-Reps Job Description](#).

[Learn more about Eco-Reps.](#)

## What Climate Bill?

The Senate did not pass

renovations were done as greenly as possible, reusing the kitchen cabinets and sink and repainting walls with eco-friendly paint. As they say in the movies "no furniture was purchased in the creation of this space" (or maybe they say something about animals, but...). Come stop by and check it out!

Anyways, amidst all the furniture moving and construction noise going on in our office this week, I've still managed to wrangle together this newsletter. There's a great piece about an Eco-Ambassador's efforts, new dates for the 2010-2011 Eco-Ambassador program (sign up now!), several interesting tidbits in the left sidebar and some neat new educational opportunities.

Enjoy!

*-Jason and Tina*

Header photo: 2009-2010 Eco-Ambassadors at the end-of-year [luncheon with the President](#).

## OOS News

### Eco-Ambassadors at Work: Advanced Technologies Lab

In addition to making [adorable robot inch-worms](#), Eco-Ambassador **Michael Doire** and his colleagues at the [Advanced Technologies Lab](#) at 200 Boston Avenue, have accomplished quite a lot this past year in an effort to make their workspace more environmentally friendly.

Here are some of their efforts:

- Made sure [Tufts Recycling signs](#) were in place at all trash and recycling areas to better inform students of all the items that could be recycled via the Tufts program.
- Started a collection bin for used batteries, ink cartridges, etc.
- Replaced the Poland Springs bottled water delivery (~20 bottles / month) with a filtered water system.
- Replaced disposable cups, plates, or utensils with a mug rack, dish soap, and a drying rack for reusable dishes.
- All paper ordered by the office now contains at least 30% recycled content
- Cummings Properties (the owner/landlord) has installed additional bike racks to accommodate students who prefer to travel to our location via bicycle rather than automobile (they are about a half

a comprehensive climate bill before the August recess.

In light of this, Repower America, Al Gore's climate activism organization, is hosting a Virtual Town Hall on **August 10th at 8:30 pm**, in which anyone can participate and discuss what comes next in the fight against climate change. For more information, click [here](#).

## Help with the Encyclopedia of Life



Encyclopedia of Life

The creators of the [Encyclopedia of Life](#) are asking for feedback to help improve their tools and resources. The encyclopedia is an online resource that, when completed, will have information on all 1.9 million known species. Currently they are asking for ideas for their [field guides](#), as well as ways to make the encyclopedia more user friendly for "citizen scientists." By taking these two surveys you would be helping this project out immensely. [Field Guide Survey](#)  
[Citizen-Scientist Survey](#)

## Job

mile from the edge of the main campus).

This is a fantastic list of accomplishments, and we have been told there are even more good changes coming this year.



The labs at 200 Boston Ave

## Sign-up to become an Eco-Ambassador!

The Office of Sustainability is now accepting applications for the 2010-2011 Eco-Ambassador Program.

Eco-Ambassadors are a group of staff (and faculty) members who work to make their offices more sustainable and act as sustainability resources within their departments.

Eco-Ambassadors meet once per month throughout the entire academic year. Individuals who attend 8 sessions are eligible to receive a grant for a office greening initiative. All interested staff from any Tufts campus are invited to become Eco-Ambassadors and assist in the greening of a campus office.

For more information go to our [Eco-Ambassador page](#).

Or just [sign up now!](#)



## Opportunities

[Executive Director](#), The New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), U California Riverside

[Campus Progress Internship](#), Washington DC

[TGIF Grant Manager/ Campus Sustainability Coordinator](#), UC Santa Barbara

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Sun Devil Dining, Arizona State University

[Director of Sustainability Studies](#), Hofstra University

[Sustainability Instructor](#), EcoTech Institute

[Housing and Sustainability Manager](#), Stanford University

[Campus Sustainability Coordinator](#), Skidmore College

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

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Green Restaurant Association presentation

## Upcoming Events

### Northeast Organic Farming Assoc. Summer Conference

**August 13-15, 2010**  
**U Mass Amherst Campus**

Over 200 workshops, dozens of exhibitors, a Teen Conference, Children's Program, an Afternoon Fair with farm animals, live music, auction, and an ALL-LOCAL dinner. Stay on campus in the dorms or camp in a tent under the stars.



Keynote speakers Sally Fallon Morell of the Weston A. Price Foundation, and Dr. Fernando Funes, of the Cuban Association of Agronomists and Foresters. For more information contact: NOFA/Mass, 411 Sheldon Road, Barre, MA 01005, 978-355-2853, [info@nofasummerconference.org](mailto:info@nofasummerconference.org). [More information](#)

[Calendar of NOFA/ Farm-Based Events in Massachusetts](#)

### Medford Wind Turbine Tour

**August 17, 2010 - 1:00 PM**  
**McGlynn School, Medford**



Don't forget to sign up to come tour the Medford wind turbine!



Got this via a friend?  
Then  
**Join Our Mailing List!**



Join the Eco-Ambassadors as they tour a wind turbine [right here in Medford](#).

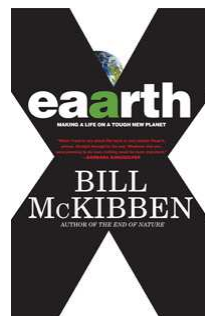
The tour will begin at the McGlynn school, where we will first listen to a short presentation about the permitting and installation of the turbine, and then we will visit the turbine up close.

You can either meet us at the McGlynn school (3002 Mystic Valley Pkwy Medford, MA 02155) at **12:55 pm**, or if you would prefer to carpool, **meet at the Office Of Sustainability at 12:45 pm**.

RSVP to [Emily Parker](#), OOS intern

## Bill McKibben Book Talk

**August 29, 2010 7:30pm**  
**Cary Hall, Lexington MA**



Bill McKibben is visiting Lexington to talk about his newest book [Eaarth](#), a book about the changes we will have to make in the face of global climate change. Bill McKibben is a well respected and outspoken climate change activist, as well as the founder of [350.org](#). This is an excellent opportunity to hear him speak and hear his views on climate change and the environmental movement.

## Massachusetts Green Career Conference

**October 1, 2010**  
**Marlborough, MA**

Green Workforce Training and Associates are hosting the second Massachusetts Green Career Conference on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the Marlborough Holiday Inn conference center. This exciting conference offers green career guidance and resources to ~400 green job seekers, career/workforce professionals, academic, business and government staff. Everyone wanting to know about the greening economy and careers will find

this conference timely, practical and valuable. Register for the event [here](#).

## Boston Local Food Festival

**October 2, 2010**

**Wharf on Fort Point Channel in Boston**

This is a celebration of local food from the Boston-Massachusetts-New England area. Festival-goers can engage with farmers, chefs and entrepreneurs, learn from workshops and demonstrations, and enjoy activities and local music. Boston Local Food Festival is an entertaining and fun way to increase the availability of healthy local food, encourage regional agriculture, which builds our local economy, and protect our environment by reducing transportation pollution. [More information](#)

## Global Work Party

**October 10, 2010**

Tufts University

*Do you like the environment? Do you hate climate change? Do you want to do something about it?*

**Here's your chance!** On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Tufts Institute of the Environment will host A Day to Celebrate Climate Solutions, in conjunction with [thousands of other events around the world](#).

**Imagine:** bike repair workshoppers in San Francisco, school insulating teams in London, waste-land-to-veggies-gardeners in New Zealand, and solar panel installers in Kenya. And most importantly, YOU at TUFTS!

For one of the Global Work Party projects, Tufts is partnering with [HEET](#) (Home Energy Efficiency Team) to weatherize a building on or near the Tufts campus using student, staff and faculty volunteers. It could be a frat house, a local non-profit's headquarters, or maybe even the building you live or work in!



**With your help**, 10/10/10 is going to be the biggest day of practical action to cut carbon that the world has ever seen! There are lots of ways to get involved with Tufts' projects: we need volunteers, team leaders, and enthusiastic energy efficiency advocates; there are different levels of involvement too - from leading an energy efficiency team to just showing up and getting trained on the day of the project.

Please e-mail [Get.to.work.Tufts\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:Get.to.work.Tufts@gmail.com) for more information.

October is a few months away still, but in order to make this an awesome work party, we've got to start planning now. **Will you help?**

## Educational Opportunities

### Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom Workshops

**June 30-August 17**

Seekonk, MA

*Teachers:* Join us for one of more of our summer workshops and try out some hands-on activities for the classroom while you explore local farms. Each workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers classroom-ready educational activities and focuses on a different area of agriculture with exploration of the work that takes place at that farm. The \$30 fee for each workshop includes the educational program and tour, all educational materials and activities, and ten professional development points with a related classroom activity. Lunch is also included with ten of the twelve workshops. All Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Website](#) and [workshop schedules](#)

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### Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop

**September 13-14, 2010**

University of Toronto; Ontario Canada

This two-day workshop provides a comprehensive

introduction to community-based social marketing and how it is being applied throughout the world to foster sustainable behavior. Those who attend the workshop will learn the five steps of community-based social marketing (selecting behaviors, identifying barriers, developing strategies, conducting pilots, and broad scale implementation) and be exposed to numerous case studies illustrating its use. [More information and registration](#)

## Groundwork Somerville's Garden Workshop Series

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### ¡Salsa!

**August 18th, 2010**

Edgerly Center garden, 8 Bonair St, Somerville

Want to enjoy making and eating Salsa from garden veggies while getting a free basic salsa dance lesson? Beginner and experienced Salsa dancers are invited to join us and enjoy a fun evening with friends!

## NABCEP solar installation training and certification

**Solar Thermal (Hot Water) Installer Boot Camp**  
([More info](#))

August 17-19, 2010

**Boston, MA**

## Business Transportation Workshop

**August 25, 8:30-10am**

**Cambridge City Hall Annex; Cambridge, MA**

Join The Sustainable Business Leader Program and the Cambridge Energy Alliance for a free morning workshop on green transportation alternatives for businesses in Cambridge and Somerville.

Presenting will be representatives from: MASSRides, Charles River TMA, MASSBike, Zip Car and Metro Pedal Power. Learn about creative transportation alternatives for your



employees, customers and products. RSVP [here](#) or contact [Emily](#) for more information.

## Sustainable Design Courses

**Starts August 30**

The Boston Architectural College is hosting online Sustainable Design Courses starting this fall. The BAC offers over thirty graduate level sustainable design classes. Find out more about these courses [here](#), or register for these courses [here](#).

## Lunch and LEED: Become a LEED Green Associate

**September 1, 2010 12:30-1:30pm**

38 Chauncy St. - 7th Floor  
Boston, MA

What is the LEED Green Associate credential? How will it help me professionally? Am I eligible to take the exam? How hard is it? What resources are there to help me pass the exam? How do I register for the exam? What are the requirements for maintaining the Green Associate credential?

Come to NEXUS for a 1-hr presentation on the new LEED Green Associate credential and how to pass the exam. Get answers to the above questions and bring questions of your own.

One (1.0) AIA Sustainable Design CEU will be offered for attending this seminar.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, click [here](#).

## How to Plan for a Sustainable Community: Eco-municipality Planning and Leadership Training

**September 29-Oct 2, 2010  
Harvard Square; Cambridge, MA**

A 3 ½ -day national training session to increase planner

and citizen leadership capacity in communities and their local governments to initiate and lead a change process to become a sustainable community. The objective of the training is to prepare planners and potential local leaders to lead a planning process that involves community sustainability education, bottom-up participatory planning, a comprehensive and systematic approach, and a strategic implementation process to transition to becoming a sustainable community. [20 AICP CM credits will be available]. [More info](#)

## UMass Amherst's New University Without Walls Green Programs

**Apply by October 1, 2010**

UMass Amherst's online education opportunity UWW has several new green, sustainability-focused programs featuring everything from green entrepreneurship to sustainable food and farming. Apply for the Spring by October 1st or attend an online information presentation to learn more. Application and additional information can be found on the [UWW website](#).

## Campus Ecology Costa Rica

**January 4-13, 2011**

The National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology program is hosting a ten day expedition to Costa Rica this January. There on the program, students will learn about global warming, sustainable travel and leadership. They will search for all kinds of wildlife and learn about the successful sustainable development strategies that have made Costa Rica famous for conservation and ecotourism. Also, students will interact with rural community members and give back through service projects. Traveling by foot, boat, canopy walkway and zip-line, they truly experience this wonderful country up close and personal. Along the way, students will engage in discussions about carbon footprints, eco-friendly tourism and Costa Rica's Certification for Sustainable Tourism program.



Follow this [link](#) to the Campus Ecology website for more information regarding the program, as well as application information.

## Educational Opportunities- Webinars

### AASHE Webinar: Retrofitting Existing Buildings for Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

**August 19, 2010 2:00pm - 2:45pm**

This is an educational webinar presented by Harry Sim, CEO of Cypress Envirosystems (AASHE Business Leader) and Kirk Dillery, Energy Systems Specialist at Western Michigan University. They will cover campus case studies and savings data related to HVAC, lighting, steam, and compressed air retrofits. This event is designed for building managers, sustainability officers, and those who work with buildings that are 10 years or older. The webinar is free, but attendees must [register](#).

### Additional Webinars

August 11: [What is Transparency, Anyway? Webinar](#), hosted by Nexus

September 2: [Primer on LEED & Green Project Management](#), hosted by Nexus

See you next week. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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