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## **Eco-Initiatives Form \$100 to \$500**

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**Club or Group Affiliation:** Sustainable Global Systems

SGS is a volunteer group (founded Jun '12) taking action to learn about and raise public awareness of interconnected global environmental sustainability issues. We are composed mostly of university students but also include members of the public such as myself. (I am a recent UBC Alum, MASc Nov '12.) We have a 4-person executive, and approximately 50 members that are involved via our private Facebook group and [public Facebook page](#).

**Executive Team:**

James Boak UBC Alumni  
Talia Martz-Oberlander Quest B.A./B.Sc. Student  
Nicole Pernat SFU M.A. Student  
Alastair Fraser, UBC Ph.D. Student

**Amount Requested:** \$500

**TREASURER USE ONLY:**

**Approved**

**Modified**

**Denied**

**Submitted as of:**

**Notes:**

## 1. Describe your project and its purpose (approximately 200 words)?

**Name:** "BC's Natural Gas Strategy" Public Panel Discussion

**Purpose:** Take local action to mitigate climate change by disseminating information and offering an opportunity to petition for concrete policy change from the BC Provincial Government.

BC's natural gas exports relates to the larger picture of exporting fossil fuels and its impact on climate change. Our aim is to illustrate to citizens how they can get involved directly and that their local involvement relates to the global community.

**Date:** End of November, 2013

**Event Time:** 3-hour event from 4pm to 7pm

**Location:** CIRS BC Hydro Theatre and Foyer

**Target Audience:** Approximately 80 people. Most advertising will target UBC students, but all are welcome.

### Event Agenda

Hour 1+2: Panel Discussion and Q&A in CIRS BC Hydro Theater. Moderated by James Boak.

Hour 3: Open house in CIRS Foyer

4pm – 4:10 Intro & welcome

4:10 – 4:30 Panellist 1

4:30 – 4:50 Panellist 2

4:50 – 5:10 Panellist 3

5:10 – 5:50 Q&A.

5:50 – 6:00 Closing: Thanks, explanation of Open House, describe SGS petition campaign.

6:00 – 7:00 Open House featuring other environmental groups. People can visit booths/tables and learn about other campaigns. SGS table for signing our petition.

### Event Description

The discussion and Q&A will address the many aspects of the BC Natural Gas Strategy with a particular focus on the environmental impacts:

- Fracking
- LNG exports

- Hydro dam site C (where they'll be building a dam to get hydro energy in order to compress natural gas into liquid).
- Fugitive emissions
- How to calculate climate impacts (pertains to all 4 above points)
- Economic modelling and risks of 20-year forecasting

The discussion and Q&A will feature 3 expert panellists who all bring different perspectives to the issue. Panellists are not yet confirmed. Alternates will be sought out if the following speakers cannot present:

**Dr Kathryn Harrison:** UBC Professor of Political Science.

<http://www.politics.ubc.ca/about-us/faculty-members/bfont-color-blue-full-time-facultyfontb/kathryn-harrison.html>

**Dr Mark Jaccard:** SFU Professor in the School of Resource and Environmental Management.

<http://www.rem.sfu.ca/people/faculty/jaccard>

**Dr Hadi Dowlatabadi:** UBC Professor, IRES and Professor, Liu Institute for Global Issues.

<http://ires.ubc.ca/person/hadi-dowlatabadi>

At the end of the discussion and Q&A, the audience will be introduced to the Sustainable Global Systems Petition. This petition, written in collaboration with the panellists, will ask for concrete policy action by the BC Provincial Government that will reduce the environmental impact of natural gas production in BC. Audience members will be able to sign the petition during the Open House portion of the event.

The Open House will feature approximately 6 environmental groups who each have a table. Audience members will be able to visit the environmental groups and learn about their campaigns. After feeling motivated by the panel discussion, they may wish to get more involved with these groups. Potential groups include:

- UBCC350
- Dogwood Initiative
- Leadnow
- Forest Ethics
- UBC Farm
- Common Energy
- SFU 350
- Green Party
- Sierra Club
- Suzuki Foundation

The Open House table hosted by Sustainable Global Systems will give people the opportunity to sign a petition asking for concrete policy action from the BC government to reduce the environmental impact of natural gas production.

**2. Outline how your project pertains to the environment and sustainability at UBC (approximately 200 words)?**

- Extends UBCC350's discussion of exporting natural gas
- Most advertising will target UBC students
- UBC as host institution means increased awareness on campus of action against climate change
- Some UBC students likely to join an aforementioned environmental group
- Some panellists will (ideally) be UBC professors

**3. Are you pursuing any other sources of funding? If so, what sources, and for what amount? (SEC Treasurers can help you identify other sources of funding.)**

Yes:

- Awesome Foundation<sup>1</sup> (\$1000) (Application in progress)
- AMS Sustainability Fund<sup>2</sup> (\$500) (Application in progress)
- UBC Sustainability Initiative (in kind support: CIRS building resources)

**4. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for? Please outline the specific allocation of funds as much as possible.**

CIRS Room Booking	\$400
Gifts for the three panellists (\$50 each)	\$150
Posters, tacks, and tape (\$1 x 200)	\$200
Flyers (\$0.25 x 100)	\$25
Petition/Letter Writing Stationary (e.g., envelopes, stamps, address labels)	\$200

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.awesomefoundation.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://amssustainability.ca/>

**Signed (Your Name):** James Boak

**SEC Treasurer**

Name:

Signature:

**SEC Chair**

Name:

Signature:

**A note about Eco-Initiatives Grants**

If your project is approved, the SEC will reimburse you for the purchases made. You must provide the SEC with proof-of-purchase. If you have any questions regarding the Eco-Initiatives Funding, please contact SEC Treasurers. Arrangements can be made to provide students with funding before purchasing if they cannot afford to make the purchase for their project and then receive compensation. Reimbursement usually takes about 5 business days. Eco-Initiatives Grants can fund a wide variety of projects; any projects related to the environment or sustainability, and involving members of the UBC student body, will be considered. However, requests for funding for projects undertaken as part of coursework at UBC, or individual volunteer projects, must illustrate a connection to the wider student body at UBC.

Completed forms should be emailed to [enviro@ams.ubc.ca](mailto:enviro@ams.ubc.ca). Alternatively, we welcome you to drop your form off at our office, Room 245B of UBC's Student Union Building. The Treasurers and other active members of the SEC would love to help you formulate your project, and will be glad to assist with the project's development and applications for funding.

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