



# The Student Environment Centre

Student Resource Group  
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## **Eco-Initiatives Form: Above \$500**

**Name(s):** Angela Willock

**Club or Group Affiliation (if applicable):** Common Energy UBC

**Name of Project (if applicable):** Sustainable Campuses NOW! Conference

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

The Sustainable Campuses NOW! Conference is a continuation of the No Other World (NOW!) Climate Action conference hosted at UBC last year. This year, on March 3-6, 2011, NOW! is going to be bigger and better. Through partnerships with the Sierra Youth Coalition and goBEYOND campus climate network, NOW! will grow in its influence by hosting over 200 students, faculty, staff and administrators of post-secondary institutions in Western Canada and will provide an opportunity for the many players to come together and explore campus sustainability in the context of the past, the present and the future.

Through workshops, interactive dialogues, invaluable networking opportunities and inspirational keynote speakers this conference aims to:

- Explore the campus sustainability movement and reflect on the applications that have given rise to its past success.
- Provide participants with the skills, resources and support needed to bring about sustainability on their campuses today.
- Allow participants the space to inspire within each other a future vision for campus sustainability that proves to be transformational!

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

Sustainable Campuses NOW! is a conference that focuses on environmental and social sustainability and how it relates to post-secondary education, both on campus and in the classroom.

The conference will showcase many of the great sustainability initiatives taking place on UBC campus as well as other campuses, how UBC students have played a significant role and how UBC students now have the opportunity to share their successes, provide case studies and best practices to other sustainability minded students across western Canada.

**3. How will you document the successes and difficulties of your project? In what ways do you foresee this documentation aiding other SEC Eco-Initiatives (approximately 200 words)?**

Documentation of the successes and difficulties will take place through a written report. Considering that the NOW! conference report from 2010 has proved to be incredibly useful, I anticipate that the report produced from this year's conference will aid future conference organizers.

One of many ways this report can assist other SEC Eco-Initiatives is through providing inspiration and valuable contacts. A conference is a very large scale event involving well known and regarded research and speakers. As a result there are a lot of valuable contacts and opportunities that future events can take from the successes of reported in the NOW! conference report.

**4. For most requests of funding of this amount, the SEC would like to see other funding sources contributing to the financing of your project. 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.)**

Absolutely! This event is currently being sponsored by the Sauder School of Business which is helping to cover our marketing expenses and the UBC Reads Sustainability initiative that is helping fund our keynote speaker. We have also applied for funding through the UBC Sustainability Office and are currently awaiting a reply.

**5. What aspects of your project (purchases, bookings) will SEC funding be used for?**

This funding will go towards expenses pertaining to workshops such as gifts for our presenters as well as helping subsidize the cost of food so that we can make this conference as affordable as possible for the students attending NOW!. Funds will also help other budgetary deficiencies including additional marketing expenses that the Sauder School of Business funding fails to cover.

**6. What is the dollar amount you are requesting from the SEC?**

Based on the contribution of the SEC last year we are requesting funds up to \$1500.

**Signed (Your Name):**

Angela Willock



**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. You may also mail us the form, though this may result in delays in processing. 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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The SEC's Treasurers are Nicole Lee and Jeff Sung. Email them at [nicviclee@hotmail.com](mailto:nicviclee@hotmail.com) and [jeffsung19@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffsung19@hotmail.com).