

# December

## SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

### Editor's Note

#### The Office of Sustainability celebrates a year of progress

This is the Office of Sustainability's last newsletter of 2023, and it also happens to be the twelfth since we relaunched at the end of last year. Happy one year anniversary!

In that time, our readership for this newsletter has nearly tripled, surpassing four thousand subscribers. We've increased Princeton Sustainability Committee membership, expanded the Eco Rep team, and quadrupled the impact of the Greening Move Out and Resale programs. More than 250 students attended our Sustainable Fashion Expo



earlier this month, the most ever.

To succeed in this work takes continuous effort and engagement from every corner of our campus. As the saying goes, "It takes a village."

In short, this has been a banner year for sustainability engagement at Princeton University, and none of it would be possible without you, our readers and collaborators.

In this newsletter you'll learn about even more opportunities to engage in sustainability, with applications open for students to join our Eco Rep program, an open call for staff to sign up for the newly launched Sustainability Staff Ambassador project (no sustainability experience necessary), and multiple wintersession offerings in the weeks ahead.

The Office of Sustainability team thanks you for all of your support. We hope that you have a restful and restorative break, and we look forward to working with all of you in the new year!

Best wishes,

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**Get Involved**

THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY IS

# HIRING ECOREPS

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APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 22ND





Office of  
**Sustainability**  
Princeton University

# WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH SUSTAINABILITY AT PRINCETON?

Join the **Sustainability Staff Ambassador** Program!



## Wintersession

### Make more diverse and sustainable purchasing decisions at Princeton

Are you a student club officer or office manager at Princeton making purchasing decisions for your department or student organization? In this workshop, you will learn how to 1) increase collaboration through conversation and partnership, 2) understand the scale of impact of your purchasing decisions, 3) utilize available resources through supplier diversity and the Office of Sustainability, and 3) feel empowered and excited to make more diverse and sustainable purchasing decisions within your departments and organizations.

[Register](#)

### **Black Gold: Behind the Scenes Tour of Composting at Princeton**

Ever wonder where your food scraps go after you scrape your plate at one of the dining venues on campus? Get an insider's look into food scraps recycling at Princeton's own campus composting facility, the Sustainable Composting Research at Princeton (S.C.R.A.P.) Lab. You'll tour the facility where Princeton students and staff work together to make "black gold" out of Princeton's wasted food from "SCRAPPY" the composter, while we engage in conversations about what it means to sustainably manage resources.

[Register](#)

### **Climate Activism: Catalyzing Change in Your Community and Beyond**

Passionate about the climate movement but unsure how to get involved? Come learn how you can be an agent for change in a way that is effective and plays to your own personal strengths. This workshop will help you find your "climate niche" and learn skills for effective activism, such as coalition building and stakeholder engagement. The workshop will be highly interactive, and a large portion will focus on defining local climate and sustainability issues and strategizing actionable steps towards solving them. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with fellow climate-minded peers and take action towards promoting large-scale change.

[Register](#)

### **Racism and the American City**

This environmental justice workshop led by landscape Architect John D.S. Hatch uses Trenton, NJ to trace how racism negatively impacted the development and progress of American cities/towns, and shaped our environment.

[Register](#)

### **Sustainable Sewing: Make Stylish and Eco-Friendly Period Underwear**

Please join us for a Sustainable Sewing Workshop, where creativity meets sustainability! In this beginner-friendly sewing workshop, you will sew your own period underwear, an eco-conscious alternative to disposable menstrual products. Traditional disposable menstrual products, such as pads and tampons, generate a significant amount of waste. In contrast, period underwear is reusable and can last for several years if cared for properly, reducing the amount of single-use items that end up in landfills or incinerators. In this workshop you will learn essential sewing techniques and gain a deeper understanding of eco-friendly fabric choices.

[Register](#)

Say hello to  
**Italee**

**Italee Phillips Russell**  
Residential Food Service  
Worker with University  
Services since 2007

**I connect with people over food & I always ask them about the dishes from their culture.**

I'm from Jamaica and enjoy learning about the cuisine from different countries. So far, I've learned about Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Greek, and African dishes.

**I'm a missionary, cook & member of the planning committee for my Church.**

**I'm here to help students & make sure everyone is fed and healthy.**

**To me, respect means**

treating a person the way you want to be treated. If you don't want it for yourself, don't act in that way toward others.



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