UW Green Team Workshop

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Sustainability Program
An initiative was started by 3 individuals with a focus on promoting sustainable practices at work and at home. Green STEPS (Simple Things, Eco-Positive Solutions) was born. UW Health celebrated Earth Day.
Where are we now?
A quick snapshot
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<th>Sustainability is part of:</th>
<th>Dedicated teams:</th>
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<td>- The UW Health Mission</td>
<td>- 30 member committee</td>
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<td>- New Employee Orientation</td>
<td>- Executive Sponsor</td>
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<td>- Staff training system</td>
<td>- Two Sustainability Leaders</td>
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<td>- Operating budget</td>
<td>- One Sustainability Student</td>
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<td>- Websites</td>
<td>- Four strategic focus groups</td>
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<td>- Administrative policies</td>
<td>- 20+ green teams</td>
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<td>- Event planning</td>
<td>- Countless green champions</td>
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Green Team Program

To ensure that green efforts reach all UW Health staff, faculty and facilities, the UW Health Sustainability Committee supports and encourages Green Teams at the unit, department, clinic and facility levels throughout the organization.
Green Team Purpose

- Provide outlet for change agents
- Inspire new ideas and find synergies
- Develop leaders and green champions
- Build upon the culture of sustainability
- Contribute to overall goals
- Have fun!
Green Team Challenges

- Leadership buy-in?
- Recruitment?
- Responsibilities?
- Finding time?
- Financial barriers?
- Measuring impact?

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

UW Health is committed to our environment

- Recycling saves money
- Recycling helps improve public health
- Recycling reduces landfill waste

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Green Team Tips

- Know your audience
- Commitment → action
- Keep it simple
- Explain the “why”
- Recognize to reinforce
Green Team Tips

• Sustainability work is part of everything we do.

• Everyone contributes to our sustainability initiatives.

• Find your personal connection to sustainability.
Green Team Successes

The Lorax Project~ AFCH Green Team

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
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Questions or suggestions?

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