

Let's start taking action NOW for Earth Day (22 April 2016)

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In two weeks' time, it will be Earth Day 2016. Earth Day started as a grassroots movement and was first celebrated in 1970. It is now celebrated worldwide by people to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

This year, we bring to you some ideas which you can rally your colleagues to adapt on campus to help ensure the sustainability of the one and only planet we call home.



Ideas for action to celebrate Earth Day 2016

1. Post signage near green spaces on campus to educate the community on the importance of these spaces and their role in supporting wildlife in a warming climate.
2. Design and build a community garden and highlight the benefits of providing habitats for birds, butterflies and bees.

3. Organize a restoration project, choosing an existing landscaped area that could be restored with native species or an unused developed area that could be restored back to green space to support campus plants and animals.
4. Organize a visit to a bioswale on campus to learn how plants are chosen and planted to cleanse and regulate surface runoff from rains.
5. Partner with grassroots organizations, and provide free LED lights to lower-income households to help them save energy.
6. Host a week-long or month-long campaign in your office to educate your colleagues about turning off the lights, unplugging electronics when not in use, and other energy conservation tips.
7. Do a daily trash audit of your office and identify items that could have been recycled or reused and share this news with your colleagues.
8. Host a bicycle week during Earth week or anytime during April and provide incentives to students, faculty and staff that bike the most miles.

(Adapted from: National Wildlife Federation)

If you require assistance/ advice to help carry out Earth Day activities, please email sustainability@nus.edu.sg.