

SSMU Environment Committee Report to Council
November 1, 2018

Membership:

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September

- First meeting introduced members to historical projects
- Brainstorming sessions for events, campaigns, and initiatives the Committee could take on this year

October

- Apple Picking Trip to Verger du Flanc Nord
 - Purpose was to promote local food, awareness of where our food comes from, and the environmental impact of our food
 - Apple picking trip took place on Saturday October 20 from 9am-2pm
- Paperless Essays Campaign: Members emailed Professors of classes with papers or assignments to encourage electronic submissions
- Electronic Recycling: We researched feasibility of installing electronic recycling stations at McGill. This is currently not feasible and therefore we are now holding an electronic recycling education tabling week in residence cafeterias Nov. 5-9
- Waste Education Video: created outline for a video about waste sorting; committee members have volunteered to be in the video; planning to hire a videographer on board to film, and to have it be wrapped into a mandatory academic tutorial (Dean of Students)
- Environmental education workshops
 - Coordinators have started brainstorming ideas for workshops that could be created for local Montreal schools, in both English and French
 - Have compiled a list of volunteers who would like to facilitate workshops
- Bike racks: We have mapped current locations of bike racks on campus to assess where there is need for more. We will be applying for grants to purchase more bike racks.
- Collaborations and consultations with MOOS regarding waste sorting education
- Planning for No Waste November

- Planned workshops: zero waste starter kit, upcycling, DIY toothpaste and deodorant
- Will be hosting events at ECOLE
- Will be collaborating with the Herbivore Society to run a vegan baking workshop