

Guide to Environmental Groups

Brown Organizations working on campus:



Brown Climate Action Funding's (BCAF) mission is to reduce the carbon footprint of Brown University and the surrounding community by helping students to develop and fund carbon reduction projects both on- and off-campus. Current projects include creating an electric vehicle charging station at Brown, making Brown Athletics more environmentally minded, increasing the number of solar trash compactors on campus, and increasing the efficiency of vending machines on campus. Past projects include EcoFlow, which installed low-flow showerheads on-campus, saving over 6,000 gallons of water per day, as well as Project 20/20, which installed over 70,000 CFLs in Rhode Island, reducing over 4,000 tons of CO₂ and saving over \$1,000,000 in reduced electricity costs. Come to our meetings in Wilson 101, Sundays at 9pm to get involved in a project or start your own! Contact spencerblawrence@gmail.com or tim.dingman.11@gmail.com for more information.

Brown Market Shares Program is based off a Community Supported Agriculture model, and brings fresh, delicious, local produce to Brown students and staff. BMSPP operates in conjunction with the farmers market in the fall, and through Farm Fresh Rhode Island in the spring. Shareholders pick up a generous amount of fruits, vegetables, bread, and dairy each week, as well as the occasional treat such as local granola or honey. Volunteers help to make the pick-up process go smoothly by unloading produce, checking off shareholder names, cleaning up, and nibbling on leftover produce! Contact sufi.market.shares@gmail.com for more information.



Beyond the Bottle is an organization working to eliminate the supply and demand of bottled water on Brown's campus. Our work involves coordinating with staff and faculty to find and implement new strategies for providing drinking water on a daily basis and at special events. We also focus heavily on personal outreach to students, faculty, and staff in an effort to foster a community of educated individuals who choose tapped water over bottled water. Contact Paige_Kirstein@brown.edu or Armide_Storey@brown.edu for more information.



EcoReps are passionate, environmentally minded individuals who work with Facilities Management to help raise environmental awareness and foster green living habits among all Brown students. EcoReps develop and implement creative projects that inspire the Brown community to protect the planet in their everyday actions. We operate on the philosophy that we can improve the environment by making simple changes in our lifestyles. Past projects include: collecting recyclables at football games, coordinating Brown's participation in a national dorm energy reduction competition, and hosting waste-free dinners at campus eateries. We also coordinate annual events such as RecycleMania and CleanBreak. Check out the EcoReps blog (www.browncoreps.com) or email browncoreps@gmail.com for more.



emPOWER is an umbrella organization of environmental groups on campus. We facilitate a space and time for groups to meet, pool resources, and give updates. Our weekly e-mail digest provides information about environmental opportunities at Brown and in the community. Not sure what to get involved in? Want to start something entirely new? Join us Sunday in Wilson 101 at 8:00 PM and we'll hook you in to a great network of environmentalists. Contact empowerbrown@gmail.com for more information.



Environmental Events organizes campus-wide activities like lectures and public demonstrations, green product fairs, panel discussions, movie screenings and other fun interactive events that promote environmental awareness. This semester, our priority is planning and running an awesome, fun and engaging Earth Week that will inspire your fellow classmates to love and appreciate the earth and practice environmental sustainability and stewardship. So if you're looking to join an energetic team of environmental organizers, look no further! Contact Sylvia_Stone@brown.edu for more information.

Esperanza International, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to serving indigenous communities affected by toxic contamination and deforestation in the Ecuadorian Amazon. We are an entirely student-run organization founded by members of the Brown community and we work to educate future leaders in the United States and worldwide about the social and environmental consequences of resource extraction. Through educational service-trips, direct aid to affected communities and collaboration between students, indigenous leaders, international NGO's and policymakers, we aim to address injustices on a global scale while making change on a local level. Contact lauren_schleimer@brown.edu for more information.

The Institute for Climate + Energy will bring together faculty, classes and research opportunities from the life sciences, the physical sciences, and the social sciences in a truly interdisciplinary manner. We believe that the path to global sustainability is an interdisciplinary one, and that dialogue and collaboration between these fields of study is imperative; no person, department, or center can hope to forge this path alone. We hope to facilitate this alliance by creating an intellectual and physical space where students and faculty can meet and discuss solutions to climate change and alternative energy. This semester, ICE will host meetings, workshops, and seminars in order to further refine our draft, due for presentation to the APC in late March. Contact Armide_Storey@brown.edu for more information.



SCRAP - Student Composting to Rejuvenate Agriculture in Providence - is Brown's composting group geared towards increasing composting education, awareness, and practice throughout the Brown and Rhode Island communities. Our work focuses on providing students with a means to compost by working with the administration to build composting bins around the Brown campus. We also raise composting awareness by participating in composting education at the Farm Fresh RI weekly Farmers' Market. Contact compost.with.scrap@gmail.com for more information.



The Sustainable Food Initiative is a student group working on promoting local, sustainable food options and awareness at Brown. SuFI manages the on-campus student-run garden, a community-supported agriculture Market Shares program, film screenings, and events on campus. Contact jonathan_leibovic@brown.edu for more information.

Watershed: Journal of Environment & Culture is a Brown-RISD publication that explores how we relate to the environment through prose, poetry, art, science, photo essays, journalism, or whatever other creative means are at an artist's disposal. Our guiding question: "What is the natural?" is one means to investigate this relationship. We're a tight knit publication where you can learn the ropes of the publication process as you go along. We're looking to add some editors and designers this semester so if you're looking to help get the word out on environmental issues by exploring the relationship between nature-culture come join us! Contact Veronica_Clarkson@brown.edu or molly_cousins@brown.edu for more information.

West House, on the corner of Brown and Meeting St, is home to Brown's Environmental Program House. Although only 14 people live in the house, our community includes a total of 32 individuals who are a part of the West House Food Co-op. And every Friday we open up West House to the entire community for Open Dinner. All our food is vegetarian or vegan, and we try to get as much local, seasonal produce as we can. By sharing costs and responsibilities of cooking and cleaning, we keep food affordable as well as sustainable. Each of us also has a House Job, with responsibilities ranging from coordinating environmental initiatives to managing the garden and compost in our backyard. Applications for housing go out at the end of the month. Contact westhouse.brown@gmail.com for more information.

Brown Organizations working in Providence:

OLEEP (Outdoor Leadership Environmental Education Project) The Outdoor Leadership Environmental Education Program (OLEEP) is a program run out of the Swearer Center in partnership with the MET, an alternative high school in downtown Providence. The program facilitates the development of student leadership and

environmental stewardship by exploring connections between the natural environment and the city of Providence. Through one-on-one mentoring, weekly environmental science workshops, and weekend outdoors trips, the program builds a close community in which Brown and MET students learn with each other. Contact BrownOLEEP@gmail.com for a detailed program description and application. We accept applications in the beginning of the fall semester.

A Better World by Design is a completely student-run, internationally acclaimed conference jointly held at Brown and RISD. Now in its third year, our conference connects students, professionals, and individuals from a variety of disciplines in order to build a global community of socially conscious and passionate innovators. This October over 500 guests from around the world will discuss innovative approaches and solutions to extreme poverty, environmental degradation, and societal design. A Better World by Design will invigorate and inspire you, challenging old notions and making new connections. Contact lillian.h.mathews@gmail.com for more information.

The Sustainability Consulting Partnership (SCP) is a student organization committed to helping businesses and organizations in the greater Providence area achieve sustainability goals and reduce environmental impact while driving the economic bottom line. The impact of a business on the environment is deeply multi-dimensional, and includes its carbon footprint as well as resource use, waste outputs, site planning, and more. The SCP team works with businesses to develop and implement innovative approaches to their everyday operations. SCP hopes to contribute to the long-term success of our economy, our society, and our planet. Contact michelle_flagg@brown.edu for more information.



RI Student Climate Coalition (RISCC) is a coalition of students from all over RI working towards a just, clean energy future. Over the past 3 years RISCC has been active both on a state-wide and national level working towards legislation to halt carbon emissions. RISCC is also a crucial place for students from all over RI to share ideas and perspectives on what climate and environmental organizing can look like. Contact gregory_cohan@brown.edu for more information.