



# Kingston Sustainability Centre

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## Summer Newsletter 2010!

**Happy Birthday Kingston Sustainability Centre – We will be celebrating 1 year this July! It has been a very successful year and the KSC is very pleased to announce 6000 visitors to the centre since January 4, 2010! We are well on our way to reaching our goal of 12000 this calendar year. Our total visitors since opening day: 9140.**

The KSC would like to thank our current partners for their support thus far, as well as introduce our new partners:

- Kingston Field Naturalists
- R. Wagner Consulting Canada Inc.

## Community Classroom

**Xerox Presentation:** On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the VP of Sustainability of Xerox Canada, Mr. Eme Onuoha, presented to a group of 17 people of various organizations and businesses interested in hearing the steps Xerox is taking on it's journey to sustainability. The importance of design, research and development was highlighted throughout the presentation.

**School Visits:** We are very proud to have hosted the following schools at the KSC with a short education program on sustainability. We look forward to continuing this program into the 2010/2011 school year:

- First Avenue Public School
- Sandhurst Public School
- Winston Churchill Public School
- Loughborough Public School
- Centennial Public School

**Food Film Fridays:** Miguel Hahn, the New Farm Project's coordinator has designated the last Friday of every month "Food Film Fridays". On these nights a selected film on agriculture and farming will be shown at the KSC, following the film there will be a discussion with some local goodies to munch on. Check out the KSC website as well as [www.newfarmproject.ca](http://www.newfarmproject.ca) for more details and information.

**B. Ed's coffee night:** We would like to thank our wonderful Bachelor of Education Students for their hard work in getting the Sustainability Education Program up and running. The three students who completed an alternative placement here also held an Earth Day Coffee night where they shared their learning journey with friends, faculty and other budding teachers.

## Community Outreach

**Offsite to Schools:** Over the past couple of months we have visited several schools in Kingston to present ideas on sustainability. Thanks to Holy Cross, LCVI and Rideau Public School for hosting us!

**Join the Journey:** The KSC, in conjunction with St Lawrence College, received a grant from the Ontario

Ministry of Environment's Community Go Green Fund. This grant is funding a youth-led summer community-based social-marketing campaign. Our 3 team leaders, Melanie Fortune, Debbie Bennett and Jean Blair are post secondary students with a flair for sustainability and working with the Kingston community. They will be responsible for planning the campaign as well as hiring and directing 8 high school students to execute a door to door campaign aiming to engage with Kingstonians and make a pledge to reduce waste output, water usage, and electricity use. Not only will these folks be on your door step, but also collecting pledges at various events around the city through July and August. There will also be a permanent pledging station at the KSC. Upon successful collection of 2000 pledges during the summer, students from St. Lawrence College will analyze the effectiveness of the pledged actions in lowering greenhouse gas emissions. The pledging station will continue to function at the KSC with the plan to receive 1000 more pledges by year end. For more information and details about Join the Journey, check out our website [www.kingstonsustainabilitycentre.com](http://www.kingstonsustainabilitycentre.com)

**Cogeco TV:** Cogeco's K-Town Source is producing several segments on the Kingston Sustainability Centre and tips for living a more sustainable life style. Please visit: <http://www.tvcogeco.com/kingston/home> to view the segments and KSC in action!

## Odds and Ends

**Website:** The Kingston Sustainability Centre would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to CDyWeb for developing and setting up a new and improved website for us. Please check it out [www.kingstonsustainabilitycentre.com](http://www.kingstonsustainabilitycentre.com) CDYWeb is a web development company founded in the Netherlands in 2003. After several years of serving the Dutch Internet market, CDYWeb has moved and expanded to Kingston Ontario, Canada. Check out [www.cdyweb.com](http://www.cdyweb.com) for an easy to use website management system.

**Bye Bye, Katie and Dan:** Our Youth Eco Internships are coming to an end this month. We would both like to thank the KSC and the Kingston Community for making our placements so enriching.

Again and always, we here at the Centre would like to thank the Kingston community for helping us get this far!

Cheers,  
Katie & Dan