

JOIN THE BLUE RING SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

HOW TO JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY-TEAM OUR VOLUNTEER PHILOSOPHY

When you volunteer with Sustainable Dawson, you enter a relationship where the entire team learns from the skills and knowledge you bring to each project. Through our training, debrief sessions and activities, we trust volunteers will contribute to, and develop, a sense of community that comes from working towards Dawson's core value of Well-Being for All. We look forward to sharing knowledge and accepting your contribution to helping Dawson be a leader in sustainability.



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WHY NOT ADD TO YOUR RESUME AND JOIN THE BLUE RING SOCIETY TO VOLUNTEER WITH DIFFERENT DEPTS AT DAWSON IF YOU COMPLETE 60 HRS OR MORE DURING A SEMESTER. APPLY TO HAVE IT RECOGNIZED ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT!

GARDENS

Projects you would be involved in:
2,000 m2 Ecological Peace Garden
Theatre Vegetable Garden
4H Rooftop Vegetable Garden / Living Roof
Biodiversity Zones
Dawson Daycare Planters
Conrod's Courtyard
Three Sister's Garden
Monarch Nursery Garden
Rooftop Beehives
Composting



WHAT TO WEAR / BRING

- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots
- A hat with a brim
- Sunscreen
- Reusable Water bottle
- We will provide gardening gloves upon request
- Comfortable and weather-appropriate clothing that you don't mind getting wet or dirty.

GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

- We are in the gardens rain or shine (In the case of severe thunderstorm warnings, we will call / email volunteers to cancel).
- We ask that if you are scheduled and cannot make your shift to please notify the volunteer coordinator or post on the Teams App to the group so we may find a replacement for you.
- Volunteers under the age of 18 yrs old will have to have a parent /guardian sign a photo release form.



PROJECTS / INITIATIVES

COMPOSTING

Started by a Dawson student in 2016! Volunteers will be in charge of daily pick-up of food waste located in kitchenettes and student common areas. We have 4 large compost tumblers on site in which we turn the food waste into soil. The compost is used in our Dawson gardens..



MONARCH NURSERY PROJECT

During the summer and early fall season, our volunteers care for monarch eggs and raise the caterpillars and butterflies in our butterfly enclosure located in the Three Sister's Garden. We then organize monarch butterfly releases with the community every week. For the first time in the Summer of 2018, we found monarch eggs and caterpillars in the Dawson gardens.

BEEHIVES

We have 2 beehives located on the 4H rooftop. Volunteers will be able to learn and participate in several workshops : hive inspections, honey extraction, season opening and closing of the hives.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

We lead Living Campus tours and workshops to external organizations, such as the Dawson Daycare, senior groups, other colleges, and universities. We also do external presentations for summer camps, elementary and high school students.



EARTH WEEK

We organize a weeklong event for Earth Day in April, welcome guest speakers, invite eco-friendly vendors, and engage the entire community!

HARVEST PREP AND MARKET

- We host a harvest market once a week during the summer season (May to August).
- Volunteers will harvest (pick) herbs and vegetables, clean them, bundle them, and prepare a table to sell the fresh harvest to the community.



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS / OUTINGS

- During the Summer season we will participate in educational outings and tour urban gardens of other organizations
Volunteers take part in beehive workshops, monarch butterfly workshops, seed collecting workshops, and more!
- We promise you will learn something NEW every time you volunteer!



SCHEDULING

Once you are registered, we will send you a Doodle poll where you may update your monthly availability. We communicate using the TEAMS app which is available through Sharepoint connected to your Dawson College email address. You will receive an invitation to this app from the Volunteer Coordinator. This platform allows you to view schedules, meeting places, tasks, and send private messages to members or group messages. Any changes to your availability can be done through this app.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT RECOGNITION (SIR)

By Volunteering with our Sustainability-Team you are eligible for the Recognition of Student Involvement if you meet the following criteria.

- If you have 60 or more hours of Volunteer work accumulated in one semester,
- You are a full time student during your time of involvement
- You meet the standard academic success requirements.

A notation will appear on your transcript which is beneficial when applying for loans, bursaries, universities and employment. Forms are available from the Volunteer coordinator.

VOLUNTEER AND BE PART OF OUR SUSTAINABILITY-TEAM!

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