



IRIS

INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION IN SUSTAINABILITY

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES





Above: Part of the COP15 delegation in Copenhagen.

IRIS: hub for sustainability research at York University.

Our mission is to promote sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic problems. IRIS is involved with everything sustainable from the local level (campus sustainability), to the international level (COP17).

Goals

IRIS has several goals. Those that are particularly geared towards students include increasing student and faculty engagement in campus sustainability and innovation; engaging the community outside York for positive environmental change; and providing leadership for interdisciplinary innovations on sustainability.

Share your knowledge and opinions at IRIS!

Build that résumé by volunteering in programs that help make our campus and world a better place!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

There are many ways that you can help. This guide will fill you in on all the great volunteer opportunities available at IRIS.

Campus Sustainability

- ✎ **Survey:** Every year IRIS conducts a survey about some aspect of campus sustainability. Be part of the team that surveys students, staff and faculty. You can help to analyze the results, and write the report. Past reports have looked at Food, Waste and Engagement. This year's topic is Accessibility.
- ✎ **Engagement:** Be part of the team that lets students know about IRIS' events and tables the survey. The team also works to raise awareness within the York community about sustainability issues.

Below: Students making lanterns at the first annual Earth Hour Symposium.



Above: Climate Justice Ribbons handed out at COP15.

Academic Research Projects

Volunteer opportunities include research for IRIS' many research projects including:

- ✎ Work in a Warming World (W3), which looks at the impacts of climate change on work and employment.
- ✎ Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (CCAA) Project, which addresses civil society involvement in water sector governance in three African cities.
- ✎ Transnational Business Governance Interactions Project, which examines competition and convergence among corporate social responsibility programs.

To view all of IRIS' projects, visit:
<http://www.iris.yorku.ca/projects/>

IRIS' office space is available to IRIS student volunteers!

Let your voice be heard! Blog with IRIS

There are plenty of sustainability topics for you to blog about. These include sharing your ideas about how to live a sustainable lifestyle. Blogging about these ideas for the York community and beyond, will help lead us to a more sustainable future.

Events

IRIS hosts many events that encourage sustainability on and off campus. These require help with organization, from finding speakers, to logistics, and marketing the event!

- ✎ **IRIS Speaker Series:** Help organize monthly lectures, book launches, panels, & film screenings!
- ✎ **Earth Hour Symposium:** IRIS' largest student organized annual event includes a variety of climate change related talks and activities. Co-organized with York student clubs like ECO and Net Impact.
- ✎ **Climate Justice Workshop and COP 17:** IRIS is actively involved in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change conferences or COPs. Our first was COP 15 in 2009. This year we'll be hosting a virtual workshop leading up to COP, bringing together Canadian and international voices on climate justice. A delegation will bring the conclusions of the workshop to COP, along with York student voices.

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