



**Focus on Sustainability  
Film Festival planning committee**

## Who We Are



**IRIS:** We promote practical sustainable solutions that encompass environmental, social and economic considerations at local, regional and global scales. Operating as a leading edge interdisciplinary university wide research institute, IRIS is a hub for sustainability-related activities at York University. In this role we bridge internal and external interests through a policy of inclusivity, recognizing sustainability as a universal goal.



**Goals:** Some of IRIS' student-oriented goals 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.

**IRIS' office space is available to student volunteers!**

Share your knowledge and opinions at IRIS! Build that résumé by volunteering in programs that help make our campus and world a better place!

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# IRIS

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## WHY GET INVOLVED?

Receive recognition for active involvement with IRIS!

- Attend 5 seminars to receive a Certificate of Participation
- Volunteer 5 hours to earn a Certificate of Engagement
- *Volunteer 20 hours to obtain Junior Fellow Status!*



Harvest table building with Centre for Green Change

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

### Campus Sustainability

*There are lots of ways to get involved in IRIS' campus sustainability activities, including:*



**Survey:** Every year IRIS conducts a participatory action research (PAR) project about some aspect of campus sustainability. Help the team conduct the survey, analyze the results, draw comparisons, and write the report.



**Engagement:** Be part of the team that lets students know about IRIS' events and tables the survey. Work to raise awareness within the York community about sustainability issues!



**Blogging:** Share your ideas about how to live a sustainable lifestyle with the York community, and help lead the campus to a greener future!



**Research:** Conduct campus sustainability research with York staff and professors. Gain volunteer experience, course-credits or even internships!

### Academic Research Projects

*There may be volunteer opportunities with IRIS' many research projects, including:*



**Work in a Warming World (W3):** Looks at the impacts of climate change on work and employment.



**Centre for Green Change Programs:** Community-based environmental education and mobilization in the Jane and Finch community.



**Transnational Business Governance Interactions Project:** Examines the competition and convergence among corporate social responsibility programs.



**Policy Enactments and Sustainability Education (PEASE):** Explores how environmental sustainability policy "gets done" within personal, social, cultural and institutional contexts in the education

To view all of IRIS' projects, visit:  
[www.iris.yorku.ca/projects/](http://www.iris.yorku.ca/projects/)

### 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!



**Climate Justice:** IRIS is actively involved in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change conferences or COPs. Students, staff and faculty can attend the COPs as part of the York University delegation.



**Focus on Sustainability Film Festival:** Help organize IRIS' annual film festival, and bring new perspectives on sustainable thinking through documentaries and panel discussions to the community.



**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 BESSA and Net Impact.



Pop can lanterns created by students for the annual IRIS Earth Hour event.