

# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

## NEWSLETTER

### GEARING UP FOR SUSTAINABILITY WEEK



You've seen the posters, you've heard the in-class announcements, you've watched the Instagram stories, and now Sustainability Week is finally here! We've included the schedule of the EC-sponsored events with registration links below. Sign up for as many as you can (and don't forget to stop by our no-registration-necessary events, like the Insect Tasting and Global Climate Strike)! [Find the full program here.](#)

- 23.3 | 12:15-1:30 PM    [Between Glasgow and Sharm el-Sheikh: The Impacts of COP26 Five Months On](#)
- 23.3 | 6:00-7:45 PM    [Face au désert, cultiver la résilience](#)
- 24.3 | 9:15-6:00 PM    [Sustainability Career Fair](#)
- 24.3 | 12:30-1:30 PM    [Private Climate Action - Adequacy & Compliance](#)
- 24.3 | 2:00-4:00 PM    [Bee-Friendly Gardening Workshop](#)
- 24.3 | 4:15-6:00 PM    [Degrowth: The Answer for a Sustainable Future?](#)
- 25.3 | 10:15-11:30 AM    [Moving Money to Impact: The Role of Finance in Achieving the SDGs](#)
- 25.3 | 12:30-2:00 PM    [Wrapping Up Sustainability Week on a Positive Note: The Path Forward](#)
- 25.3 | 1:30-2:30 PM    [Emergency Break](#)

**Submit an entry for the Photo Contest! This year's theme is "What's at Stake?"**

Email your photo and caption to [gisa.ec@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:gisa.ec@graduateinstitute.ch)

# TEAM UPDATES

A big thanks to all who joined our general meeting this week! If you weren't able to make it, here's a link to [view the meeting minutes](#).

## EVENTS

Coffee Chats are starting on March 28th from 6-7pm in the cafeteria, featuring Cynthia, a representative of the Green Party in Lausanne. For Indigenous Month, we collected 388 CHF from the handicraft sale! 50 CHF will be sent to the guide of the chat and the rest to the handicraft producers. On April 1, we will do another outdoor event in collaboration with the Outdoor Initiative: A trip to Neuchâtel.

**Who to contact to get involved: José Daniel Reyes Silva**

## SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Register for the events next week! It would be incredibly helpful if we could have as big a turn-out from EC members as possible! Sign up to volunteer for the EC/UNICE party on Saturday by [clicking here](#). As next week's Social Inquiry class has been cancelled, we encourage you all to attend our opening event on COP26 and stop by our Insect Tasting outside the cafeteria! **Who to contact to get involved: Yannic Bucher**

## SCOOP

We need volunteers to help out with reviving SCOOP - [sign up here](#)! We partner with small local farmers and producers to deliver seasonal products to IHEID students at wholesale prices to ensure access to nutritious, affordable, and healthy food. We plan to sell these products once per week at MDP, beginning next week! **Who to contact to get involved: Jeanne Cordy**

## PODCAST

We are officially reintroducing The Ecologist Podcast! The first recording is this Friday, an interview with Arno Ratzinger. We plan to put out four episodes by end of semester. Each episode will be 30 minutes long, with the majority being an interview and a short, 5-minute segment on good news. If you have an idea for an upcoming episode topic or a potential guest speaker, get in touch! **Who to contact to get involved: Juan Diego Prado**

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

On April 1st, we will be constructing planter boxes, filling them with mulch, and cleaning the existing boxes to get them ready for the planting season. We need your help! We are looking for 15 volunteers to start at 13h00 and finish at 17:00 at the latest. [Click here to register your interest](#) and we will get back to you soon with more details. **Who to contact to get involved: Zoë Spence**

## SAVE THE FOOD

We now have a collection of tupperware containers to make Save the Food zero waste! The tupperware is stored in our PCR cupboards in varying sizes. Save the Food volunteers will need to bring the food to PCR in our tupperware, but we are asking others to bring it home in their own containers. **Who to contact to get involved: Pierre Canet**

# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

## LOCAL

News: [Countries to resume talks in Geneva for a new biodiversity agreement.](#)

Event: [Festival Du Film Vert Genève, March 29 - April 10.](#)

The latest articles from IHEID's Center for International Environmental Studies: [Lithium Mining in the Atacama Salt Flats and its Impacts](#) and [How environmental concerns \(re\)shape reproductive intentions.](#)

Spring is officially here! The Geneva Canton announces its arrival each year after the first leaf emerges on a particular chestnut tree near Parc des Bastions. [Learn more about the tradition here.](#)

Sign up to receive updates from the Geneva Environment Network by [clicking here.](#)

## NATIONAL

News: [Swiss skies turn orange](#) - did you notice the strange sunrise on Tuesday? Learn more about where it came from.

News: ['Mining secrets': Swiss minerals company accused of environmental coverup](#): "Two subsidiaries of Swiss mining company Solway Investment Group hid reports of pollution in an indigenous area of northeastern Guatemala."

News: [Oxo-degradable plastics banned in Switzerland from April 2022.](#)

Event: [Applying a Human Rights-based Approach in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#) - March 19, Online, organized as a side-event of the ongoing Convention on Biological Diversity Conference.

## GLOBAL

Event: [World Water Day](#) - March 22, established in 1993 to raise awareness of the global population living without access to clean water.

News: [Tree Planting Is Booming. Here's How That Could Help, or Harm, the Planet.](#)

News: [Is Remote Work Actually Better for the Environment?](#)

News: [What the Russian attack on Ukraine means for sustainability.](#)

Event: [Earth Hour 2022](#) - on March 26th at 8:30pm local time, turn off your lights for one hour to save energy and raise awareness for the ongoing climate crisis.

If you're looking for something new to listen to, take a look at this list of [Environmental Podcasts.](#)

**Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27th.**

On April 13th, meet us for beer and a picnic at the lake before Easter Break!

Until then:

May the forest be with you.

