

Climate Action and Awareness at Loyola's Watertower Campus

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Justification

As students, we have observed sustainability and climate-related initiatives to be most visible on the Lakeshore campus. We believe that the Water Tower Campus needs more climate-related initiatives, and also needs students to be more aware of sustainability initiatives in order for Loyola to reach their goal. We seek to gain insights into ways that students, staff, and/or faculty at WTC prefer to participate in actions to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change. To do this, we are constructing a survey and giving out free pizza to students that fill out the survey.

In addition we are working closely with staff at Arrupe college to construct an art installation that aims to inform students of the schools' climate goals. We hope that working with Arrupe students to create an art installation will increase awareness and send a message to Loyola that Arrupe wishes to be more sustainable.

Methods

- Perform a **survey** of WTC students and staff and what they know/would like to see on campus concerning sustainability.
- Address concerns of Arrupe and WTC students by working with Arrupe environmental students to create an on-campus **art installation (TBD)**.

Survey

Using the definition of *environmental sustainability*: "A state in which the demands placed on the **environment** can be met without reducing its capacity to allow all people to live well, now and in the future", please answer the following questions:

- 1) What current sustainability efforts are you aware of at Loyola University Chicago?
- 2) What current sustainability efforts are you aware of at Loyola's Water Tower Campus?
- 3) What personal behavior sustainability efforts do you participate in?
- 4) Which three sustainability efforts would you most like to see initiated at Water Tower in the future?



<http://www.scb.com/project/water-tower-campus-planning/>



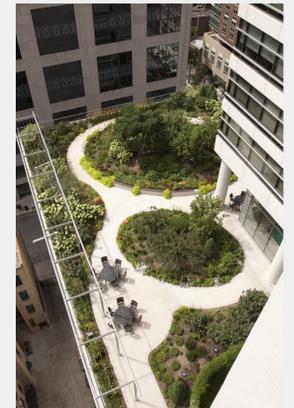
<https://www.luc.edu/campus/transportation/services/intercampusshuttle/>



https://www.luc.edu/sustainability/campus/focus_areas/greenrooftops/

Current Efforts at WTC

- Green roofs
- Transit rich
- Sustainable food courts
- Academics



Roof of the Clare. Source: PBS

Objectives

- Information collected will help future climate change efforts be more effective and cater to the specific wants/needs of students at WTC.
- Survey itself will get students thinking about their role in practicing sustainability as a student of Loyola.
- The art installation will work similarly to the survey and encourage students at Arrupe College of Loyola University at the Water Tower Campus to expand on behavioral changes that will allow for further adaptation and mitigation of climate change.
- Future student projects at LUC can use our survey information so as to better evaluate the connection between climate change efforts at Water Tower Campus and improve what is already being done

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