

Sustainability Literacy Assessment – Western University

At Western, we pride ourselves on our sustainability performance, whether it is through our operations, our classes or our world-class research activities. In order to enhance our sustainability offering, we would like to ask for your support by completing this survey. You will help us measure both a baseline understanding of sustainability in general, and about Western's programming in particular. At the end of the survey, you will have an opportunity to provide us with your email address to be entered into the draw of a Fitbit Charge 2.

Your feedback is very important for us. We will not share your information with anyone, and all responses will be kept confidential.

1. Please select the option that best describes your role at Western.
 - a. Faculty member
 - b. Staff member
 - c. Undergraduate student
 - d. Graduate student
2. Please indicate the Faculty you are affiliated to:
 - a. Arts & Humanities
 - b. Education
 - c. Engineering
 - d. Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
 - e. Health Sciences
 - f. Information and Media Studies
 - g. Ivey Business School
 - h. Law
 - i. Music
 - j. Schulich Medicine & Dentistry
 - k. Science
 - l. Social Science

General Sustainability Knowledge

3. What is the name of the most recent international climate change agreement that was signed by over 50 countries worldwide?
 - a. The Paris Pledge
 - b. The Kyoto Protocol
 - c. The Montreal Protocol
 - d. The UN Sustainable Development Goals
4. What are the three pillars of sustainability?
 - a. Society, Politics, Economy
 - b. Environment, Economy, Politics
 - c. Society, Economy, Environment

- d. There are only 2, the economy and the environment
- 5. The Millenium Development Goals, envisioned in 2002 and approved by more than 170 heads of state and government in 2005, are arguably one of the most known frameworks for sustainable development worldwide. In 2015, a new set of goals – The Sustainable Development Goals – was adopted as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Which international organization was responsible for developing and monitoring these very important goals?
 - a. World Health Organization (WHO)
 - b. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - c. United Nations (UN)
 - d. Amnesty International (AI)
 - e. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Sustainability at Western University

- 6. In 2016, Western became the 11th campus in Canada to be certified Fairtrade. The Concept of Fair Trade is (please select only one answer):
 - a. Synonymous with free trade
 - b. It requires market clearing or equilibrium price set by market forces
 - c. A dynamic of the law of comparative advantage in which countries produce with their strengths
 - d. The result of lowering barriers to trade and eliminate tariffs
 - e. An approach to global trade aiming to ensure that producers in developing countries receive a fair price for their products
- 7. PACES (President's Advisory Committee on Environment & Sustainability) is a group of students, staff and faculty that are helping foster sustainability at Western through the implementation of programs and initiatives that engage the community. One of the most recent accomplishments from PACES was the creation of the WISE (Western's Ideas for Sustainability and the Environment) competition, where graduate and undergraduate students can pitch an idea that can tackle a sustainability issue at a local, national or international level. How many years has the WISE competition been active?
 - a. 1 year (this academic year is the first time we have had this competition)
 - b. 3 years
 - c. 5 years
 - d. 8 years
- 8. Which of the following are recyclable at Western? Choose all that apply.
 - a. Coffee cups
 - b. Sandwich wrappers
 - c. Plastic water bottles
 - d. Newspaper
 - e. Magazines
 - f. Candy wrappers
 - g. Beverage containers (i.e., milk and juice cartons)

- h. Glass jars
 - i. Plastic straws
 - j. Styrofoam
 - k. Pop cans
- 9. Western wants to become a Zero Waste-certified campus by 2022, which means we would divert 90% or more of our waste from landfill. What is Western's current diversion rate? (choose the correct answer)
 - a. 15%
 - b. 25%
 - c. 50%
 - d. 90% (we are already at Zero Waste levels)
 - e. I don't know
- 10. What environmental issue do you see as more prevalent on campus? (short answer)
- 11. Western is always looking to provide more opportunities for students, staff and faculty to learn more about sustainability-related issues. From the following list, please select all topics you would like to learn more about.
 - a. Principles and frameworks of sustainability
 - b. Green Buildings at Western
 - c. Waste (waste management, waste audits)
 - d. Water
 - e. Energy
 - f. Food (local food sourcing, food preparation, food security)
 - g. Transportation
 - h. Certifications (Fairtrade, Zero Waste, LEED)
 - i. Climate Change
 - j. Other (please specify)
- 12. If you would like to be entered for a draw of a FitBit Charge 2, please provide us with your email address

At the end of the survey:

Thank you for completing the survey. Did you know we offer a variety of engagement opportunities with a sustainability focus, such as the Western Ideas for Sustainability and the Environment (WISE) program, the Green Awards, EnviroWestern and the Environment and Sustainability Society? Learn more about these opportunities by visiting our website: sustainability.uwo.ca