**Climate Solutions and Sustainability Initiatives Survey**

This survey is a joint initiative between the [University of Victoria Sustainability Project](https://sustainableprojectsuvic.weebly.com/about.html) (UVSP) and the [Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions](https://www.facebook.com/pg/PICSUVicOutreach/about/) (PICS). Your feedback will help to guide future campaign organizing and event planning on campus around climate solutions and sustainability.

It gives students the opportunity to provide input on how best to engage with these important topics, share what issues matter to them, and shape how the UVSP and PICS focus their future on-campus initiatives.

***Survey Goals:***

1. *Establish what opportunities for engagement around climate issues already exist on campus, and how students feel about them (Are there not enough? Too many? Are they focused on particular students and not others?)*
2. *Determine interest levels for a student focused event that takes a ‘PICS approach’ to climate related work – what kind of programming do students want to participate in? How does that fit with our goals and mandate? What can we learn from other examples (e.g. Climate Hub, Embark?)*
3. *Connect with interested individuals and groups for participation in later events, and catalogue what they bring to the table in terms of existing networks, skills, membership, etc.*

**Multiple Choice**

*FOCUS: Goal 1 and 2*

*Three to four multiple choice questions to get sense of the general sentiment regarding student engagement/climate related work on campus, and to see what other types of events there is demand for.*

How well informed do you believe that you are on the topic of climate change?

☐ Not informed at all

☐ Not very well informed

☐ Fairly well informed

☐ Very well informed

If you **did not** select ‘very well informed’ would you be interested in the creation of more opportunities at UVic to learn about climate change and the solutions to this challenge?

☐ Yes – I would be interested

☐ No – I think the current learning and engagement opportunities are satisfactory and we don’t need more

☐ No – I don’t feel well informed on climate change but am not interested in learning more, or don’t find it relevant to my studies at UVic

I think there are lots of existing opportunities for me to get involved in the UVic community and collaborate with other students on climate solutions and sustainability initiatives:

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Somewhat disagree

☐ Somewhat agree

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Unsure/no opinion

I think it is easy to find information about different on-campus events, organizing initiatives, and research that focus on climate solutions and sustainability initiatives:

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Somewhat disagree

☐ Somewhat agree

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Unsure/no opinion

If you **agree**, what resources do you use to find out about these events and campaigns and research initiatives?

[*text box for response*]

I’m interested in participating in **climate solutions** focused events that include (select all options that apply):

* climate research mentoring and skill building
* networking and social opportunities
* careers and professional development
* interactive programming (i.e. skill building workshops)
* learning and knowledge opportunities (i.e. guest lectures, PechaKuchas, etc.)
* direct action and protest
* Other: [*text box for response*]

I’m interested in participating in **sustainability** focused events that include (select all options that apply):

* Sustainability research mentoring and skill building
* networking and social opportunities
* careers and professional development
* interactive programming (i.e. skill building workshops)
* learning and knowledge opportunities (i.e. guest lectures, PechaKuchas, etc.)
* direct action and protest
* Other: [*text box for response*]

I had heard of PICS before starting this survey:

☐ Yes

☐ No

I had heard of the UVSP before starting this survey:

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Long Answer**

*FOCUS: Goals 2 and 3*

Are you involved (as a volunteer, participant or organizer, etc.) in activities on or off campus aimed at mobilizing sustainability initiatives or climate solutions?

☐ No

☐ Yes - if you have selected yes, please state with what group(s), and what kind of events and programming this group currently offers (please provide examples of past or upcoming events, campaigns, etc.)

[*text box for response*]

What gaps do you see in terms of approach, target audiences, or accessibility within existing programming and events on campus that focus on **sustainability initiatives**?

[*text box for response*]

What gaps do you see in terms of approach, target audiences, or accessibility within existing programming and events on campus that focus on **climate solutions**?

[*text box for response*]

What suggestions do you have for event and campaign organizers to address these gaps?

[*text box for response*]

What barriers do you see to increasing student engagement in activities relating to climate solutions and sustainability initiatives?

☐ I’m too busy to attend

☐ I don’t know how to get involved

☐ What is currently available is not of interest to me

☐ I’m not interested in activities related to climate solutions and sustainability

☐ I don’t find existing activities accessible

☐ Other (please specify)

[*text box for response*]

The UVic Sustainability Project (UVSP) is an organization within the University of Victoria's Student Society. We are comprised of students from across faculties who aim to promote sustainability on and off campus with a framework of anti-racism and unsettling in mind. We aim to do this through hosting informational and engaging events on campus to promote sustainable practices, providing grants for campus projects for students and providing connections with other sustainability groups and services on campus.

The UVSP works to implement and promote more sustainable practices and systems on campus. Are there any *specific areas or issues* on campus that you feel are unsustainable or require attention (i.e. areas without access to compost bins)?

[*text box for response*]

Are there any specific sustainable initiatives you are interested to see brought to campus?

[*text box for response*]

Would you be interested in participating in a reusable to-go container system on campus?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unsure/no opinion

Are you interested in being contacted by email regarding events hosted by PICS that focus on climate solutions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Email input:

Are you interested in volunteering with PICS to help organize these events?

☐ Yes

☐ No