



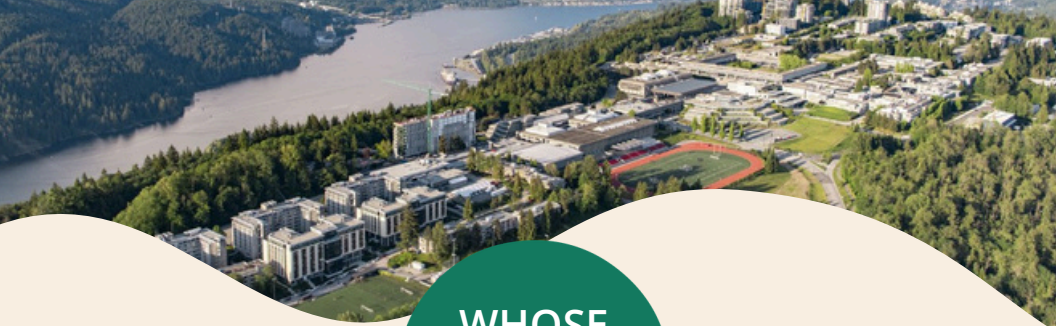
2025



EMBARK
SUSTAINABILITY
SOCIETY



Annual General Report



WHOSE
LAND ARE
WE ON?

Land Acknowledgement

Embark Sustainability wholeheartedly acknowledges that we are located on the unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), səliilíwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), kʷikʷəłwəm (Kwikwetlem), ǵícəy̓ (Katzie), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo, and Tsawwassen Nations.

Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw refers to Burnaby Mountain as Lhuḵwʼlhuḵwʼáyten, "where the bark gets peeled in spring." The name is derived from the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw word for arbutus, lhulhuḵwʼay, which comes from lhuḵwʼ (peel), and means "always peeling". When we recognize place names like Lhuḵwʼlhuḵwʼáyten, we are acknowledging the original histories that have been here since time immemorial, prior to colonization of these spaces.

These unceded lands were never surrendered, transferred or relinquished in any way and as such, the land remains sovereign Indigenous territory over which the Canadian and British Columbian governments have no legal or moral authority to govern. It is our responsibility to ensure that the work of Embark is an effort of decolonization and works in congruence with the values and interests of host nations.

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GET
INVOLVED



LET'S GET
STARTED!



Embark is a resource hub empowering SFU students on their sustainability journeys through dialogue and transformative action.



OUR VISION

A just, equitable, and sustainable future for all students.

OUR MISSION

To create a hub that empowers and resources SFU students and allies in their sustainability journeys.

We serve transformative communities by centring anti-oppression, decolonization, and equity in impactful programming, events, and initiatives. Through this work, we spark dialogue and drive action to dismantle oppressive frameworks within institutions and our interconnected climate and food systems.

OUR COMMUNITY

Embark serves all students enrolled in an SFU undergraduate or graduate degree program. SFU community members and Embark Sustainability supporters can register to become associate members.



Theory of Change

Our approach to sustainability can be broken down into two focus areas: Food Justice and Climate Equity.

2025-2028

Climate Equity

Systemically marginalized communities face frontline impacts of the climate crisis. Climate equity is a framework for mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis that works to alleviate the burden of impact on racialized and marginalized communities, bridging climate justice, racial equity, and many intersecting liberation movements.

1

Students advocate and take action for just climate solutions and sovereign Indigenous stewardship of lands and waters

2

Students honour and learn from Indigenous and marginalized groups, build relationships in community with the land, and centre marginalized lived experiences

3

Students recognize the disproportionate impact of climate change on marginalized communities



2



Food Justice

Food justice seeks to address and dismantle barriers to equitable food access, advocating for communities' rights to control their own food systems and access culturally relevant, affordable, and sustainable food.

1

Students honour and learn from Indigenous and marginalized groups, building relationships in community and with the land, and centre food sovereignty

2

Students recognize the intersecting and structural inequities embedded in colonial food systems

3

Students advocate and take action for just and community-centred food systems on and off campus, whilst uncovering their personal and cultural connections

Our History

2003

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS COALITION

Three undergraduate students establish the Sustainable Campus Coalition (SCC) with a mission to form an SFU Sustainability Advisory Committee that would ensure sustainability is at the heart of decision-making at the university.

2006

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Simon Fraser University creates the Sustainability Advisory Committee. SCC changes its name to Sustainable SFU (SSFU) to continue and further its work after achieving its original mission.

2009

REGISTERED NON-PROFIT

SSFU registers as a non-profit organization to increase accountability and capacity to support student sustainability initiatives.

2013

LEARNING GARDEN

SSFU undergoes rapid growth including but not limited to creating the Burnaby Learning Garden, launching new student grants, and regularly offering events and programming to its membership.

2015

EMBARK REBRAND

SSFU rebrands and changes its name to Embark Sustainability, focusing on the society's role in empowering students to lead sustainable change at SFU and beyond.

2017

THEORY OF CHANGE

Embark creates a strategic plan to guide the development of future events, initiatives and programming. This theory of change model is refreshed every three years to reflect Embark's dynamic commitment to students, sustainability, and anti-oppression.

2021

EMBARK STUDIO

Thanks to the tireless efforts of student organizers leading the Save our Spaces campaign, Embark was welcomed to join other constituency and affiliated groups in the Student Union Building. Embark moves into the Embark Studio, out of which it runs student centred programming and events.

2023

BIG CELEBRATIONS

Embark Sustainability celebrates 20 years as a student society while the Burnaby Learning Garden marks its 10 year anniversary.

2025

RELOCATED LEARNING GARDENS

Embark permanently began the relocation of the Burnaby Learning Garden from outside the Technology & Science Complex (TASC) buildings to the south field of Maggie Benston Centre (MBC), a more central and accessible location for students and other community members.

2024

THEORY OF CHANGE UPDATE

Embark updated its Theory of Change to better reflect evolving priorities, including an emphasis on centring marginalized communities and Indigenous stewardship in our work while revising language or definitions across priority areas to align with the current needs of students. The strategic plan articulates a commitment to strengthening relations with constituency and affiliated groups in the Student Union Building, such as opening the Embark Studio to support groups seeking space to host intersectional and anti-oppression-focused events or meetings.

More History on the Way!

Meet the Team

Board of Directors



Anne Tran
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Coordinator

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BURNABY LEARNING GARDEN COHORTS

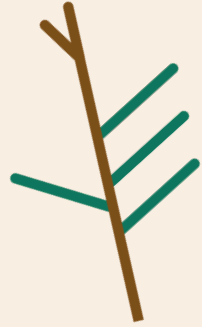
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A Letter from

2025 has been another packed and engaging year for Embark Sustainability, characterized by the planning and launch of new initiatives that weave together community, education, advocacy, and student support. At the same time, there are rising challenges affecting communities at all scales, from cuts to SFU student services to ongoing global crises. It is essential that we show kindness and support to one another!

As an organization, we remain committed to providing impactful opportunities, programs, and resources that support student well-being. In reaching a just, equitable, and sustainable future, we continue to incorporate decolonization and anti-oppression into our work.

Over the past year, the board has continued to work on building connections and outreach with students. We reintroduced the Relations Officer role and Relations Committee to identify collaboration opportunities with other student-affiliated and constituency groups on campus, and to research student needs surrounding food security and climate equity.

Board Committees have continued to advance this goal, developing tools like an ongoing grants resource guide for student-led sustainability projects, and launching a JEDDI (Justice, Equity, Decolonization, Diversity, Inclusion) book club that sparks conversations around anti-oppression and lived experiences. Finally, the board collectively worked together to refresh policies to improve transparency and alignment with the evolving needs of membership and internal operations/



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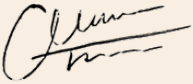
With the refreshed 2024-2027 strategic plan being continuously implemented into the board and organizational work, we aim to keep nurturing student engagement and curiosity.

our Chair

As the new fiscal year begins, I want to take time to recognize the immense amount of effort that the executive directors, staff, board of directors, and volunteers at Embark Sustainability all put into these initiatives. Your dedication, passion, and care all shape Embark's future and the SFU community. Thank you all, and I encourage students to check out the amazing work created for you!

THAT'S A
WRAP,
2025!

Cheers,



Anne Tran
Board Chair





A Letter from our

Over the past year, the climate crisis has not merely been ignored—it has been actively intensified. Extraction, war, displacement, and institutional abandonment have accelerated across the globe, and students and many others are living with the consequences. Many are questioning whether their degrees will translate into housing, food security, or a meaningful place in their communities. Against this backdrop, Embark Sustainability took time to reflect on our role as a student-led, BIPOC-facing organization, and on our responsibility to those who cannot opt out of crisis: Indigenous, Black, racialized, international, and otherwise marginalized students who are disproportionately positioned on the frontlines of climate collapse and global violence.

At Embark, our response is not to be stuck. Climate anxiety is real, and our mission, a just, equitable, and sustainable future for all, can feel almost impossibly hopeful in the present moment. Yet students continue to organize, to care for one another, and to build solutions together – It is truly what keeps us going and what gives us hope. In moments like these, we return to calm, not as complacency, but as shock resistance and as a force in itself.

As Mike Davis reminds us, taking a clear-eyed view of humanity's future can be so overwhelming that it freezes us into inaction. Naomi Klein similarly warns that shock has long been used to strip communities of rights, resources, and collective power. Calm does not replace righteous rage, which remains essential to change; rather, it creates the conditions for focus, discernment, and collective action. Where panic fractures, calm steadies.

With this, this year reflects Embark's commitment to being a space of action, care, and community. We focused on supporting people directly, sometimes in small but tangible ways, guided by the understanding that mainstream environmentalism too often overlooks the lived realities of those most impacted. The voices of the global majority were not peripheral to our work; they shaped our priorities and grounded our decisions. As student hardship intensified and institutional support continued to shrink, Embark responded. We hosted Community Kitchens, Climate Workshops, and collective spaces that connected food, culture, migration, land, and resistance.



Co-Directors

Our Food Rescue program expanded, with a 20% increase in engagement, redistributing thousands of meals while supporting students, workers, staff, and neighbours experiencing food insecurity. The Learning Gardens continued to offer opportunities for rest, skill-building, and connection to land, alongside our relocation to a new garden space. Student-led Climate Equity and Food Justice collectives translated political education into action, while the Liberation Summer Organizers' Bootcamp brought together intergenerational organizers to share strategy, lessons, and care. We launched the first volume of the Embark Climate Justice Journal, began preparing its second edition, and increased direct financial support, recognizing that participation, care, and survival are inseparable.

Students remain at the heart of Embark: in shared meals, in gardens, in organizing spaces, and in moments of mentorship and care. Their commitment, creativity, and resistance are why this work continues, and why it matters – we are forever grateful, privileged and honoured to work for, with, and in community with them.

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Sincerely,



Marie Haddad

Director of Engagement



Serena Bains

Director of Development





Program Highlights

Community Kitchens

A collaborative effort with the SFSS Womens' Centre, our Community Kitchens are a way for students to connect with culture, heritage, justice, and one another over shared meals. This year, the series engaged questions of migration, food sovereignty, language revitalization, militarization, and belonging, while also creating space for intergenerational story-telling, and movement care. From reflecting on displacement and resistance to building community around food security and mutual support, Community Kitchens held space for joy, grief, learning, and nourishment.

We are deeply grateful to all facilitators and collaborators who helped make these gatherings meaningful spaces for connection, reflection, and solidarity



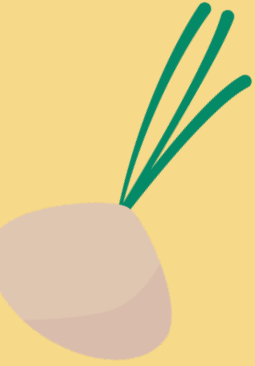
Channeling Chapín

An evening centred on Guatemalan cuisine that connected food, migration, and migrant farm labour in BC. Facilitated by: Amari Flores & Nancy Giron.



Celebrating Black Heritage with SOCA

Centering Jamaican and Kenyan food traditions as practices of cultural connection, community-building, and restoration across the African and Caribbean diaspora. Facilitated by: Stacy Kimani & Mekeil Wilson | Collaboration with SFU Students of Caribbean and African Ancestry (SOCA).



Circles of Care

Bringing graduate students together around shared meals to strengthen community, highlight food security, and connect participants to campus support systems. Facilitated by: Paola Quirós-Cruz & Ravi Soni | Collaboration with the Graduate Student Society (GSS), and Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office (SVSPO)



Savouring the Moments

A community kitchen celebrating Nigerian food traditions and the ways shared meals carry stories, memory, and intergenerational connection. Facilitated by: Amaka Azode.



Language as Nourishment

Centering Indigenous language revitalization and food justice by honouring the deep relationships between land, seasonality, and ancestral foodways. Facilitated by: Kil Daagwiiya Hooper & James Houle | Collaboration with the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Association (FNMISA).



Uring Magsasaka, Pangunahing Puwersa

“THE PEASANT IS THE PRIMARY FORCE”

Grounding discussions of food sovereignty and peasant struggle in the Philippines through Filipino cuisine and collective political education. Facilitated by: Freddi | Collaboration with Canadian-Philippine Solidarity for Human Rights (CPSHR).



Thức ăn cho mọi người

“FOOD FOR THE PEOPLE”

reflecting on Vietnamese food traditions and the lasting impacts of colonialism, war, and global food systems on culture, farming, and access to food. Facilitated by: Anne Tran.

Flavour of Us

Holding space for storytelling, shared meals, and reflection on food as a site of memory, identity, resistance, and belonging amid displacement and inequity. Facilitated by: Wafaa Zaqout, Paola Quiros-Cruz, & Marie Haddad | Collaboration with the Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office (SVSPO) and WUSC Student Refugee Program.



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“FOOD AND POWER: A PEOPLE’S GATHERING”

Exploring how militarization reshapes relationships to food, land, and survival through Burmese cuisine and shared storytelling, with reflections on displacement, disrupted food systems, and community resilience amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. Facilitated by: Aung Chan Pyae & Phone Min Thant.



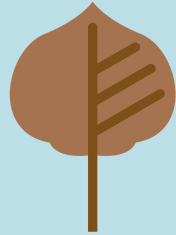
Climate Equity Events



This year we explored intentional and innovative approaches to climate action, centring solutions that address the climate crisis while alleviating the burden of impact on racialized and marginalized communities. Our opportunities to connect with climate equity varied, from dialogue to reflection to advocacy, giving students opportunities to support a just future across their unique paths of action towards systemic change.

Rework, Reuse, Revolutionize

A hands-on upcycling workshop transforming old t-shirts into reusable tote bags while challenging fast fashion and textile waste. Facilitated by: kAt.



Western Sahara Is a Climate Justice Issue

Situating the climate crisis within histories of colonialism, occupation, and forced displacement affecting the Sahrawi people of northwest Africa. Facilitated by: Parsa Alirezaei | Collaboration with the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies and Spheres of Influence e-zine.





Write, Release, and Restore

Creating a supportive space for processing climate grief and emotional resilience through poetry, reflection, and collective sharing. Facilitated by: Atena.

Climate Strike Art Build

A chance for students to get creative and gather together to make signs and posters before heading to the Global Climate Strike. Collaboration with SFPIRG for RAD FROSH.

Protecting Lhuḱw'lhuḱw'áyten

strengthening student-led advocacy, movement-building, and direct action as tools to strengthen resistance to the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project, while centring land protection, community health, and solidarity with Indigenous-led struggles. Facilitated by: Dr. Tim Takaro & Natasha Ivkov | Collaboration with SFU350.



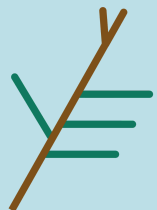
Happy Feet – Migrant Worker Kits

A community care action assembling foot-care kits for migrant agricultural workers while raising awareness about working conditions and health access. Facilitated by: Amari Flores | Collaboration with the Happy Feet Project and Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op.



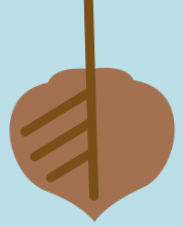
Rooted in Consent

Weaving together herbal care-making, respectful plant harvesting, and reflective zine-making to think through reciprocity, care, and consent beyond humans. Facilitated by: Pablo Vimos & Paola Quirós-Cruz | Collaboration with the Sexual Violence Support & Prevention Office (SVSPO).



Peasant Struggle, Global Solidarity

Connecting the climate crisis to land dispossession, militarization, and state violence through narrative activities and collective political education on peasant resistance in the Philippines. Facilitated by: Jeff | Collaboration with Canada-Philippines Solidarity for Human Rights (CPSHR).



World Food Day

**INDIGENOUS AND PEASANT ORGANIZERS ARE
THE LEADERS IN CLIMATE STRUGGLE**

Highlighting global Indigenous and peasant movements—particularly in the Philippines—and their leadership in confronting climate injustice and colonial violence. Facilitated by: Community organizers | Collaboration with Canada-Philippines Solidarity for Human Rights (CPSHR), UBC Sprouts, Anakbayan, Sulong, and the UBC Social Justice Centre.



Earth Day Screening: Out of Sight, Out of Mined

A documentary screening and discussion on the Marcopper mining disaster that examined Canadian mining impacts, land defence, and international solidarity. Facilitated by: Embark Sustainability Society | Collaboration with SFPIRG and SFU350.





Learning Gardens

Each term, members of our Learning Garden Cohorts gathered under the guidance of our Gardens Manager, Pablo Vimos, who supported them to embrace the fun of food growing while exploring organic gardening techniques and reflecting on food justice.

Cultivating their own plot, our gardeners could take time away from student stressors and work the soil in each other's company, all the while learning to advocate for just, community-centred food systems on and off campus. Gardening and food growing were also focal points of many gatherings, celebrations, and workshops throughout the seasons.

Pablo Vimos: 10 Years at Embark

2025 marked 10 years since Pablo joined Embark as our incredible Gardens Manager. Pablo is a cornerstone of our community, and we are deeply grateful for the care, knowledge, and joy he brings to everything he does. Thank you for growing with us over the past decade!



Gardening with Embark

A weekly podcast hosted by Pablo Vimos and Magnus Thyvold, sharing timely tips and practical guidance on what to do in your garden each week. New episodes air from March to November, co-produced by Embark Sustainability and CJSF 90.1 FM.



Seeding for Success

A hands-on garden workshop offering practical seed-starting techniques for growing leafy greens at home, building confidence in food growing, and welcoming the spring season with take-home skills and resources.

Sprucing Up Mason Bee Condos

A volunteer work party focused on cleaning, sanitizing, and weatherproofing mason bee homes to support pollinator health and habitat restoration in the Learning Garden.



Winter Gardening 101: Garlic, Mulch, and More

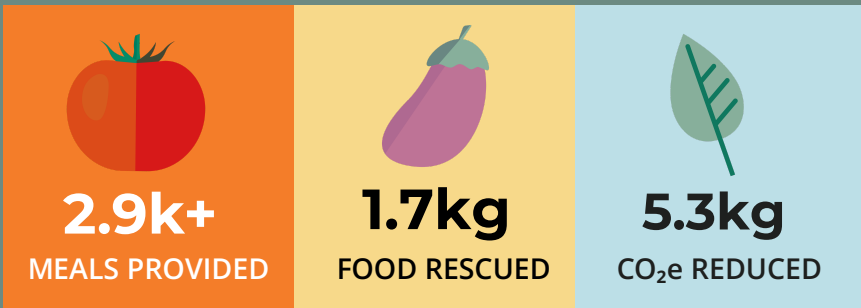
A hands-on fall garden workshop introducing garlic growing, mulching techniques, and winter gardening practices, while highlighting gardening as a hobby, a connection to nature, and a pathway to sustainable living. | Collaboration with SFU Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Hobby Series.



Food Rescue

Each week, Food Rescue was a chance for our Food Rescue Distributors to have an insightful conversation about food justice before collecting produce from Nester's Market to distribute to students on the Burnaby campus. Regulars shared how incredibly important it was for them to access fresh, nutritious fruit and vegetables, and distributors shared that this program left them feeling hopeful and fulfilled in ways they had yet to experience.

Impact Summary



This impact stems from redistributing imperfect but healthy foods to the community, diverting them from landfills where they would have otherwise ended up. Demand for the program also grew significantly, with a 20% increase in students accessing Food Rescue in 2025.

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This program really opened my eyes when it came to the impact of growing food and giving it out to those that need it, especially the student community... Overall, a very wonderful experience, I recommend for others to be a part of!

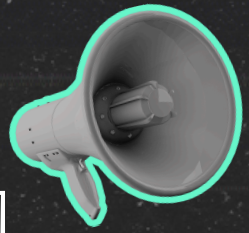
Deion Fairfax
Food Rescue Distributor

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LIBERATION SUMMER

ORGANIZERS' BOOTCAMP



A summer session of bonding and solidarity, our third-annual Liberation Summer Organizers' Bootcamp was a week-long, bootcamp-style program designed to build organizer skills, political education, and collective strategy for emerging and experienced organizers.

Hosted by Embark Sustainability and SFPIRG, Liberation Summer brings participants together for workshops, reflection, and skill-building focused on strengthening movements for justice and collective liberation.

DAY 1: STUDYING THE WORLD TO CHANGE IT

THE SCIENCE OF SOCIETY

A political education workshop focused on study as a tool for revolutionary practice, examining how to analyze society and history scientifically, distinguish correct from incorrect ideas, and prioritize learning that supports collective struggle and social transformation. Facilitated by: Noëll & Lawrence.





BECOMING SCIENTISTS

Participants examined how social inquiry is grounded in material conditions and class struggle, while critically unpacking academic approaches that obscure power and inequality. Facilitated by: Hannah & NoName.

DAY 2: THE NUTS & BOLTS OF BUILDING A MASS MOVEMENT



BUILDING POWER HERE!

A workshop on grassroots tenant and labour organizing, focused on building collective power, connecting with neighbours, and strengthening long-term organizing beyond single-issue campaigns. Facilitated by: Kabir Madan.

THE MASS LINE & SICA

A political education workshop introducing the theory of the mass line and practical methods for grounding campaigns in the needs, readiness, and interests of the masses through social investigation and class analysis. Facilitated by: Kanksha Chawla & Dina.



DAY 3: NURTURING A CULTURE FOR VICTORY

PROPAGANDA FOR THE MASSES

A political education workshop on the role of culture, media, and propaganda in building mass consciousness, strengthening resistance, and advancing collective struggle. Facilitated by: Chanelle.



CULTIVATING COLLECTIVE CARE AND ACCOUNTABILITY DURING ORGANIZING,

A reflective and experiential workshop focused on building cultures of care, accountability, and compassion within movements, using the Equitable Mindfulness framework to support grounded responses to stress, conflict, and collective responsibility. Facilitated by: Tiara Cash



DAY 4: THE TOOLBOX OF A REVOLUTIONARY

STORYTELLING AS AN ORGANIZING PRINCIPLE

A workshop on using stories to shape shared imagination, shift public narratives, and move people toward collective action by grounding organizing in lived values and vision. Facilitated by: Adrian D'Alessandro.





SPECTRUM OF ORGANIZING

A discussion-based workshop examining the range of organizing models and strategies shaped by differing goals, politics, and contexts, with a focus on adaptability and what practices can or cannot translate across struggles. Facilitated by: Harjap Grewal.

DAY 5: TAKING OUR LESSONS TO THE STREETS

THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR POLITICAL POWER

A political education session examining both successful and unsuccessful struggles to draw lessons that can be applied to organizing in the contemporary Canadian context. Facilitated by: Mehram.



GET OFF THE SIDELINES

A practical workshop supporting participants in overcoming barriers to action, building a strong foundation for organizing, and finding entry points into movements based on individual capacity and collective support. Facilitated by: Seren



PALESTINE AT SFU AND BEYOND

A mapping workshop that traced local organizing for Palestinian liberation by examining key movements, organizations, campaigns, and oppositional forces within their historical and political-geographic contexts, supporting clearer and more strategic collective action. Facilitated by: Parsa Alirezaei.





Student Collectives

Our student-led collectives deepen their understanding of climate and food justice topics while collaborating with one another to share their learnings with the SFU community at large. Collectives meet once a week under the guidance of a student coordinator to share knowledge, connect with each other, and develop initiatives, events, and resources from ideation to execution. This year, our Climate Equity and Food Justice collectives supported climate workshops, community kitchens, and large-scale events they took from ideation to execution:



Food Sovereignty: From Art to Action

An interactive workshop bringing together discussion, hands-on food growing, and creative expression to strengthen local food justice efforts and reimagine more just and resilient food systems through collective action. Facilitated by: Belinda Li, Leona Brown (Gitxsan and Nisga'a) & Pablo Vimos | Collaboration with the Vancouver Food Justice Coalition.

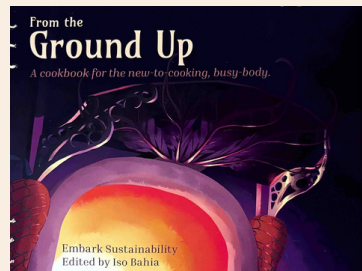
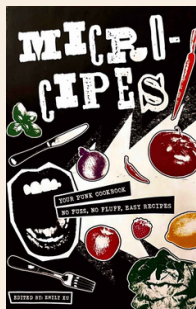
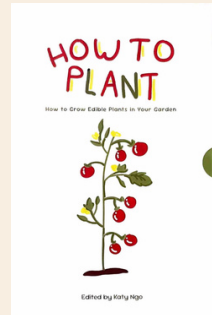
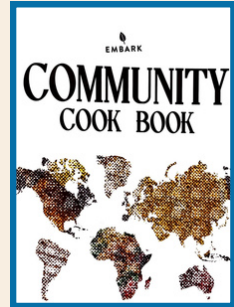
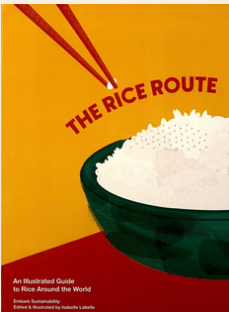


Course Collaborations



In the fall, we had the opportunity to collaborate with students of PUB 331; Graphic Design in Transition: Print and Digital Books. Students designed conceptual books inspired by Embark's work, focusing on sustainability, food systems, and community knowledge through publications on sustainable practices, gardening, and recipes.

The projects emphasized thoughtful design, accessibility, and ethical publishing under the guidance of SFU Senior Lecturer in Publication Design with Publishing, Mauve Pagé. We are so grateful and are looking forward to flaunting these pieces!



Rad Roots Book Club



A semesterly, student-led book club facilitated by Embark's JEDDI Committee, focused on deepening understanding of anti-oppression, decolonization, and equity through literature and discussion. The cohort explores climate equity and food justice through an intersectional lens, with books selected thematically and prioritizing local and systemically marginalized authors.



RadRoots: Meet the Author

A hybrid author talk and Q&A featuring award-winning Bajan-Canadian writer Jasmine Sealy, offering participants an opportunity to engage with the themes, inspirations, and creative process behind *The Island of Forgetting*, the Spring selection for the RadRoots cohort.





MEICON Special Panel

Combating Academic Unfreedom & State Repression

A critical panel examining the repression of Palestine solidarity activism and the role of intellectuals in confronting academic unfreedom, state repression, and colonial power. The conversation bridged theory and practice by bringing scholars and organizers into dialogue on the responsibilities of academics in advancing anti-colonial struggle. Panelists: Sara Kishawi, Balqees Jama, Zeyad el Nabolsy | Moderators: Marie Haddad & Noëll Cousins Hosted by: the Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies (CCMS) | In collaboration with: the Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia (MEICON-BC) | Convened by: Embark Sustainability Society and the Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG).

Report Back: Rizal ISM



A report back event featuring three local organizers who participated in a week-long International Solidarity Mission and conference in the Philippines focused on climate imperialism and militarism. The mission involved joining an international delegation in integrating with the Dumagat-Remantado Indigenous community of Tanay, Rizal in order to gain insight into their lived realities and the human rights violations they face. The event created space to reflect on these experiences and to strengthen commitments to international solidarity and climate justice.



Embark Climate Justice Journal

The first issue of the Embark Climate Justice Journal was launched in the fall. It is a multidisciplinary effort to empower and resource SFU students in their sustainability journeys by publishing undergraduate and graduate coursework grounded in climate justice concepts.

The Fight Over the Colorado River:

HOW NEVADA'S WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES CAN INFORM BASIN-WIDE MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

by: Allison Hill



Restoring Mangroves in China:

A DUAL APPROACH TO CLIMATE MITIGATION AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

by: Sena Isik



Navigating Climate Change in Canada:

A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON SECURITIZATION, POLICY DYNAMICS, AND FUTURE STRATEGIES

by: Aryan Sharifi



A Qualitative Life Cycle Analysis of a Grocery Bag

by: Riley Williams



The year in



2033

Members
Engaged

74

Volunteers

1.7k

kg food
distributed

2900

Meals
Provided

32

Garden
Graduates

5.3k

kg CO2
reduced

30

Events



Numbers

Get Involved

JOIN OUR TEAM

Have we won you over yet? Each semester brings new opportunities to get involved with climate equity, food justice and more. Follow our social media or subscribe to our newsletter for the latest updates and we look forward to having you on board.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Wondering what happens after graduation? Keep connected to our growing community of changemakers. Become an associate member to maintain access to all our programming and events post-grad.

STAY IN TOUCH

Get the full digital experience! We have so much happening on our social media. Follow us to keep connected and learn what we're up to each semester.



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