

[01] 28 September 2020 @ 7PM General Meeting (Orientation)

Facilitator(s): Leila & Jerico

Note-Taker: Catherine

Attendees: Catherine, Leila, Janna, Mary, Jerico, Yiannie, Ava, Madeline, Areli, Callia, Baishen, Christina

Land Acknowledgement

- Native-land.ca
- [Leila's Land Acknowledgement](#)

Introductions & Check Ins

- Individual introductions
 - Name, pronouns, year/program, where you're currently located
 - Check-in question: If you could order food from anywhere in the world right now and it would be delivered to your door, what would you order?
- [Commission "Orientation" Presentation](#)
- Notes on structure of meetings
 - Frequency, agenda layout
 - Find our accessibility commitments [here](#)

Updates

- Given that this is our first meeting, we will be using this time to discuss what will be happening in each of these channels rather than giving an actual update.
- Please explore each channel description to get a better idea of what each channel will be used for.
- In the future, we'll be asking one person from each channel to give a 30-second update on what work has been going on in this channel.
- New channels can be created for individual events and initiatives (e.g. #eco-anxiety-event).

#administration

#budget_and_finance

#communications

#events

#exec

#general

#graphics

#meeting_minutes

#random

Discussion Items

- COVID
 - In-person events/meetings

- Banned by VUSAC
 - No official in person meetings- zoom
 - Advocacy from afar
 - Time zone considerations
- Slack
 - Join the Slack [here](#) (please feel free to invite anyone to the slack in the future if they express an interest in joining the commission)
 - Can be a part of any channel
 - Can create new channels for specific projects
- Upcoming events
 - Discussion club
 - Like Doc'n'Talks
 - Videos and articles to read/watch asynchronous and then discuss together
 - Food workshops
 - Mental Wellness Collaboration on Eco-Anxiety
 - Late Oct/ early Nov
 - Anyone interested in planning or participating as a panelist, contact Leila
 - Can also just participate
 - UTEA Collaboration on Migrant Rights
 - Environmental Action
 - Webinar
 - More formal- actual experts who do work on Migrant Rights
- Upcoming projects: "advocacy work"
 - Vic Zero
 - Comprehensive document targeting a holistic approach/ attitude for sustainability at Vic
 - Campaigning to rally support from the Vic community
 - Future opportunities to come (campaign)
 - Sustainability Policy
 - VUSAC office and Events
 - Help drafting- contact Leila
 - Sustainability Training
 - Pilot at VUSAC retreat
 - Try to implement as mandatory for clubs and levies (already have equity training)
 - Help rolling out the training
 - Divest Canada Coalition
 - Most big Canadian universities calling on admin to divest
 - One of the first coordinated efforts by university students
 - Try to read Divest Canada Open Letter
 - Defund TMX
 - Defund Transmountain pipeline

- Donations \$3.50

- Sign up to work on any of the above events or projects (+ more) [here](#)
- Equity training
 - Sign up by emailing Leila
 - 1-2 hour session run by professionals
 - Leila will ask for more information