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CAMPUS COMPOSTING

What do we do: Campus Composting helps maintain the UChicago community bin program, while also partnering with dining halls to reduce food waste.

What did we do this year:

- Passed 50,000 pounds of diverted waste since the program's inception.
- Ran collaborations with RSOs including TASA, Phoenix Farms, MAB, and more!
- Added a new composting bin at Kimbark plaza, rounding out the total to 4!



CAMPUS WASTE REDUCTION

What do we do: Campus Waste Reduction works to reduce overall waste on campus, including food waste, textile waste, and more

What did we do this year:

- Launched a soft plastics recycling program running out of the dining halls, diverting 357 pounds of plastics in spring quarter.
- Ran multiple clothing swap events partnering with ReSource.
- Ran promotional events for waste reduction in dining halls.



DIVEST UCHICAGO

What do we do: Divest UChicago campaigns for the University to Divest its endowment from fossil fuels and works with local political issue campaigns

What did we do this year:

- Reached over 3000 petition signatures on the divest petition.
- Ran the fourth annual "Divestival" show/rally on the main quad.
- Partnered with Illinois PIRG to oppose a proposed People's Gas rate hike program.





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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

What do we do: Environmental Education works with local schools to provide high quality teaching on environmental issues.

What did we do this year:

- Taught at schools across the South Side including Gary Comer College Prep and Ray Elementary School.
- Partnered with Chicago Civic Orchestra and the Midwest Fine Arts Society.
- Started running the Garden Club at UChicago Charter Woodlawn Campus.



GREEN DATA

What do we do: Green Data conducts research projects at the intersection of sustainability and data analysis.

What did we do this year:

- Partnered with EPIC to develop materials for Indian states implementing air pollution markets.
- Analyzed the impacts of abandoning ESG goals on major company profits.
- Worked with dining to conduct data analysis on how food waste is handled on campus.



SCIENCE, ART, AND SUSTAINABILITY

What do we do: Science, Art, and Sustainability (or SAS) uses media and the arts to render scientific research accessible and draw attention to environmental issues.

What did we do this year:

- Ran a trip to UChicago's Warren Woods Field Station
- Made EcoBricks to reuse trash.
- Ran art workshops on sunprinting, collaging, and more.
- Raised money selling portraits and posters





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COMMUNITY ACTION

What do we do: Community Action mobilizes its members for direct-impact volunteering in the community surrounding UChicago.

What did we do this year:

- Cosponsored UCSC Earth Day programming.
- Hosted trash cleanups throughout the year at different locations.
- Collected over 200 plastic pellets from 57th street beach for data collection
- Worked with Illinois PIRG on their Safer Cleaner Energy Campaign.



GREEN PARTNERSHIPS

What do we do: Green Partnerships works with businesses and in Hyde Park on sustainability initiatives and event planning.

What did we do this year:

- Ran a book fair, giving away books from the Harper Library basement and hosting local vendors.
- Ran the PSI farmers market, which brought vendors from around Hyde Park to campus.
- Helped three labs switch to more sustainable material use practices.



SOCIALS AND WORKING GROUPS

While Phoenix Sustainability Initiative has many important and high-impact undertakings that our project groups on, we also have many side-projects and fun social events that we facilitate.

What did we do this year:

- The Harper Library Working group finished shelving the Harper reading room.
- EE hosted a swimming event and bonfire at the point.
- In the spring, PSI board hosted our annual PSI formal.

