



Effective Organization - Green Mountain College

Problem: As communities across the globe begin to build resilient, sustainable communities, the need will be great for people in every field, from business and financial markets to the social sciences and the arts, who not only understand how the rapidly changing environment affects their world, but have gained the skills and the hands-on experience to meet the challenges with success.

Solution: Create a college curriculum where every academic field is integrated with a focus on sustainability.

Every year Green Mountain College hosts a week-long series of events celebrating Earth Day, showcasing the programs, projects and community partnerships that the students and faculty of GMC engage in every day. And 2016 will be no different as GMC joins with Turn21 this year. Students at GMC do more than just learn about sustainable and environmental practices, they live it on a daily basis. GMC offers a model Environmental Liberal Arts (ELA) curriculum that is built on a framework of social, economic, and environmental sustainability that prepares its students for jobs in some of today's fastest growing fields. GMC is "committed to educating the next generation of transformational leaders that will foster meaningful change in their communities and the broader world."

For 20 years, GMC's students and faculty have helped forge strong partnerships in the Vermont community, spearheading and being actively involved in community events and projects, and offering an array of cultural events, art shows and performances, that provided hands-on experiences for students in community-building.

Today, many colleges and universities are introducing sustainability education; GMC is one example, and is a founding member of the [Eco League](#), a consortium of six environmentally themed colleges located across the U.S.—"colleges with a mission."

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Located on 20 acres of beautiful Vermont farmland, the campus itself is a model of sustainability. As the second college in the nation to become carbon neutral, the campus generates 85% of its annual heating needs from their biomass plant and is now working toward a goal of meeting all the campus' energy needs with 100% renewable energy by the year 2020.

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