



## ACTIVITY: SUSTAINABILITY & YOU

The intersection of cultural factors (economy, politics, society, ideology, etc.) and environmental factors (climate, natural disasters, etc.) impacts the health of the Earth. Anthropologists advocate a global perspective which provides valuable cross-cultural comparisons. While it is productive to view other cultures and see the successes and challenges of sustainability efforts across the globe, one can just as easily look into one's own backyard to assess what we are doing to live sustainable lives.

For this activity, we will be examining the efforts that Bellevue College has made in advancing their own sustainability practices, and then we will consider our own efforts in this light.

A. First, read all materials posted in this week and view the PowerPoints, especially the one on Sustainability by the college's Sustainability Director Mr. Deric Gruen.

B. Visit this website to see how the college is becoming 'greener' by the day:

<http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/>

C. Think about what you can do to contribute to the sustainability efforts on campus. (If you have a great idea, bring it to the attention of the Sustainability Office. You may be eligible for funding! <https://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/create-a-project/>)

Please answer the following two questions for your activity post:

1. Describe two efforts that the college is making toward sustainability that you found particularly interesting / valuable / surprising / etc. Be sure to state why you found them worthy of mention and the particulars of the effort. (Your answer should be at least a few paragraphs long.)
2. What are two ways in which you can contribute to sustainability efforts and lead a 'greener' life, either on campus or off-campus? (Your answer should be at least a few paragraphs long.)