

EcoFest Summary Report

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EcoFest was hosted by Engineers Without Borders and occurred April 25th and 26th. It was a two part event that included a family friendly browsing fair and a lecture series with a luncheon. The four speakers were Dr. Crews from the Land Institute, Dr. Padilla Carroll (environmental justice), Dr. Lynn-Sherow (environmental history), and Dr. Dodds (Humanity's footprint). Each speaker had an attendance of at least 20 participants, with Dr. Crews having an audience of approximately 40.

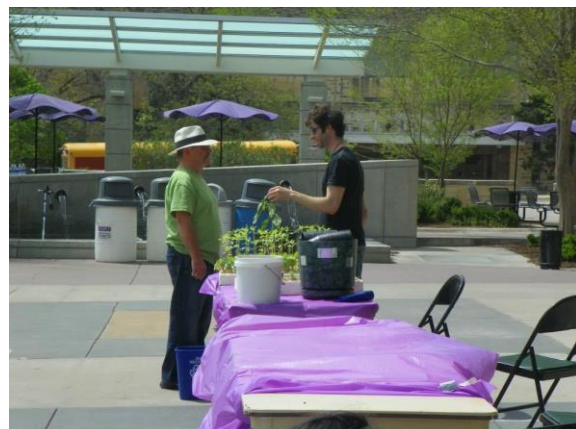
The lunch was hosted by ECM through the generous support CESAS. The lunch was a vegan/vegetarian meal that fed approximately 40 participants including guest speakers and students. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone, and gave time for really great conversations. (photo below)



The browsing fair was an amazing event with the help of EWB members. There was a planting station, a drumming session with the Native American Society, and crafts stations with the help of UFM and our members using recycled materials.



There was also a henna painting station, and many interactive activities like the cardboard maze and hula hooping. Many organizations came out and participated in the event including the Sunset Zoo, Wildlife Association, ECM, People's Grocery, Students for Environmental Action, The Wind Turbine Team, Fountain Wars, and the Student Planning Association. People's Grocery also donated a documentary about the meat industry that was played on Saturday. On Friday well over 100 students participate in at least one activity (not including the lunch and lectures), and approximately 100 participants came out on Saturday. There were quite a few families that enjoyed the event, and many students came as well.



This event could not have been possible without the support from CESAS and the Green Action Fund. We have already started working on next year, with our new EcoFest coordinator already making changes to make it more successful. EWB couldn't have been able to pull this event together without your support, and we hope you were able to enjoy the event.



Thank you again for your support! We look forward to next year to help Manhattan become more sustainable!

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