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Term of
the Month

April's term of the month is *ki/kin.* Ki and kin are pronouns adapted from the native Anishinaabe language. In place of "it", ki and kin can be used as the singular and plural (respectively) pronouns for describing all living beings, like birds, bees, and trees. Adjusting language in this way helps us to reconsider our connection with the living beings that are a part of our common home. Instead of watching a fox and saying, "Wow, look at it jumping in the snow!" you would say, "Wow, look at ki jumping in the snow!" When describing multiple beings like trees, you could say, "Look at kin swaying in the heavy winds."

Learn more about how to add ki and kin in your daily vocabulary

Earth Month is Here!



FOR EACH OTHER.

Earth Month is officially underway! A host of events are happening to celebrate sustainability work and care for our common home. Check out our <u>Earth Month Events</u> <u>calendar</u> for more details. Highlights include: a recycling toter scavenger hunt competition (prize for the best dorm!), campus sustainability tours every Friday, a campus tree tour, a Joyce Center green roof tour, trash trivia at Taphouse on the Edge hosted by <u>Leave No Trace</u>, and a citizen's science litter pick-up with prizes!

Most events are limited attendance and require registration, so don't wait! Sign up today.

Register to participate in an event today!

Sustainability Spotlight: You, Our Readers

TOGETHER, CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Everyone, no matter their job title or status, has a role to play in caring for our common home. If you're unsure of where to start, Project Drawdown has some insights to inspire you to incorporate sustainability into your professional or personal life.

Learn how you can integrate sustainability into your role

Sustainability Tip: Support the Local Bird Populations



Across the globe, the diversity of bird species is rapidly declining. In North America alone, we've lost nearly 29% of birds within a half century, due to factors like habitat loss and pesticide use. The loss of such species has massive ripple effects throughout ecosystems.

Let's not allow our forests and backyards to go silent. You can support your local bird kin this spring by providing a few simple resources for them to thrive. <u>Check out</u> <u>Cornell's Ornithology Lab</u> to learn about how you can encourage local birds in your area to prosper.

We're Hiring Student Interns!



Strategic Communication & Engagement Intern

Notre Dame Sustainability is hiring a <u>Strategic Communication & Engagement Intern</u> to join our team this summer, starting in late July. This position will assist with outreach, marketing, and engagement efforts for the office, to further improve campus community knowledge of sustainability work as well as literacy. Work will include, but not be limited to: preparing visual graphics, representing ND Sustainability at marketing events, meeting with sustainability student leaders, social media management, and composing written communication materials. Rate of pay starts at \$16.50/hour.

A resume, cover letter, and writing sample are required. <u>Applications are due April 12</u>. Previous design/graphic samples are not required, but appreciated.

Apply to become a student intern

Graduating in May? Stay in the Notre Dame

Sustainability Loop



Are you a senior or graduate student graduating this May? You might be preparing to leave campus, but you don't have to leave our newsletter! Register your alumni or non-ND email to continue receiving *The Green Ambassador* to stay up-to-date on the latest sustainability work at Notre Dame.

Register your non-ND or alumni email address



Nominate someone to be recognized in our

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Do you know about a sustainability event coming up?

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