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Prairies Sustainable Campuses Inaugural Conference to be Held This Weekend

The Sierra Youth Coalition and the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) are hosting the inaugural Prairies Sustainable Campuses Conference at the University of Saskatchewan campus from Friday, January 18 to Sunday, January 20, 2008.

With campus community members attending from across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, the Prairies Sustainable Campuses Conference will focus on building a regional network as part of the national movement to institutionalize social and environmental sustainability on campuses.

"The Prairies Sustainable Campuses Conference will be an important part of creating awareness about the social and environmental sustainability challenges we face, and how we can empower students to be part of the solution" said Nicole Kenney, Vice President Student Issues of the USSU.

The Conference is receiving sponsorship and organizational assistance from numerous campus groups including Footprint Design, the Environmental Studies Students' Association, and the Campus Sustainability Network.

Workshops and training sessions will concentrate on diverse topics including anti-oppression, strategic organizing and personal sustainability. The topics will help ensure that the conference is geared toward helping participants understand how to be more effective sustainability activists. The Conference will also share success stories and generate plans for collaborations between campuses within the region.

"I'm really looking forward to the exchange of ideas from different campuses as people share their success stories about tangible outcomes. Some of the ideas presented will undoubtedly evolve into regional and even national campaigns," said Jeh Custer, Prairies Coordinator for the Sierra Youth Coalition.

To get more information about the Conference, please visit the Conference website for the agenda and other details at:

<http://syc-cjs.org/sustainable/Prairies+Sustainable+Campuses+Conference>

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