



## Working Group for Support Staff

### YEAR END REPORT FY18

#### Working Green Committee

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**Mission:** The mission of the MIT Working Green Committee is to develop and deliver programs that educate administrative and support staff about recycling, reducing and reusing goods. Efforts include identifying and addressing gaps in staff understanding about recycling as well as gaps in recycling resources and creating ways to increase recycling at MIT.

**Co-Chairs: Rebecca Fowler, Lauralyn Smith, Ruth Davis**

**Meeting(s) [*date of meetings/summary only*]:**

**-October 5, 2017:** Welcome Meeting to introduce new members and welcome back old. We discussed activities planned, Choose to Reuse, and went over the Atlas Learning Center Recycling course. 14 members attended.

**-December 21, 2017:** Holiday Party/December Meeting – Celebrated choose to reuse volunteers and discussed spring events as well as possibilities for new ones. 12 Members attended.

**-June 22, 2018:** Year end meeting – Thank you lunch to all choose to reuse volunteers who could attend, as well as a brainstorm for activities next year. 12 members attended.

**Accomplishments/Events:**

**-Accessory Swap – November 2, 2017:** Hosted an accessory swap in building 13 where people were invited to bring gently used accessories to hopefully provide them a new home. Whatever was leftover was taken to the November Choose to Reuse. 18 people attended, and we recruited 2 more members.

**-IAP Sustainable Practices Discussion with Staples and Office Supply Swap – January 23, 2018:** 4 Staples representatives came to MIT to discuss sustainable options and alternatives for purchasing office supplies. 19 People attended.



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**-Furniture Warehouse Field Trip – April 10, 2018:** 8 members went to WW15 to tour the MIT Furniture Warehouse with Erin George from the property office, and the MIT Furniture Exchange with Julia Parker. Learned about methods to reuse furniture on campus.

**Choose to Reuse:** Every month from September 2017 to May 2018

- Averaging 219 people attending/ picking up items per month, and 68 people dropping off items each month
- Average 1164 items dropped off per month and 802 items taken per month (3 per person)

**Community Support/Sponsorship [*if applicable*]:**

**Plans for FY19:**

- Choose to reuse – every month from September 2018 to May 2019
- Choose to Reuse Orientation and Training in September
- Website writing and revamp
- Another Accessory Swap – Oct/Nov
- Gardening Workshop – Mar/April
- Spring possibility – Reuse and Repair Fair in collaboration with student groups and other MIT departments.