

## **DMSS Environmental Action Statement**

The Dalhousie Medical Students' Society (DMSS) acknowledges the importance of promoting environmentally sustainable principles among students. As future physicians, we are aware of our social responsibility to lead by example in minimizing our environmental footprint to protect the needs of current and future generations. We recognize the inequitable distribution of environmental impacts in our communities, and the impact of environmental inequity on health outcomes of marginalized communities. Realizing the strong correlation between the natural environment and community health and well-being, we are uniquely positioned to advocate for the preservation and enhancement of our surrounding ecosystem.

We will strive to better understand the implications of climate change on human health in order to advocate for environmental policies and practices that best promote the protection of human health. At all stages of planning and implementation, DMSS and its members will consciously consider the environmental impacts of its operations. Actions will be taken to reduce consumption of resources and minimize waste produced at DMSS-hosted events.

It is the collective responsibility of the DMSS and its members to create an accountable and forward-thinking approach to environmental health. We hope to encourage the adoption of environmentally conscious practices and to maintain awareness of broader environmental concerns, thereby promoting our mission of education and advocacy on environmental health issues.