

Invitation to National Bioenergy Day at UNBC

On Wednesday October 21st, UNBC is celebrating National Bioenergy day, and I would like to invite you to join us. National Bioenergy Day is a day of recognition for companies, institutions and communities using locally produced biomass to provide heat, power and jobs. The day is celebrated across Canada and the United States. UNBC is proud of its award winning leadership in teaching, research and demonstration in bioenergy and is pleased to mark National Bioenergy Day by providing an opportunity to build connections and enhance the capacity of organizations working to bring about a sustainable energy transition right here in Northern BC. This event is the next in a series of conversations and collaborations between UNBC, industry and communities.

There are several ways for you to be involved in National Bioenergy Day at UNBC:

Take part in an Information Fair

From 9:30am-11:30am, we will host an Information Fair in the Canfor Wintergarden to share bioenergy initiatives, technology and projects undertaken by UNBC, and in partnership with industry and communities. Researchers will showcase advancements in the field at UNBC, students will share knowledge they are gaining through their coursework, and UNBC's energy program will be on display demonstrating how UNBC is leading the way in the use of bioenergy to reduce fossil fuel use, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs. **We would also like to invite you to participate by hosting a booth to showcase your experience and achievements to UNBC and the broader community.**

Join us for a lunchtime pellet BBQ

From 12pm-1pm, we are hosting a networking BBQ at the bioenergy plant. This is an opportunity to network with fellow participants, UNBC researchers, students and staff, while eating great food cooked using biomass pellets.

Join a Tour of UNBC's Biomass Facilities

The Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project is a multi-phased investment in infrastructure at UNBC to model a true community based energy system on campus. Throughout the day we will be offering tours of the bioenergy plant using gasification to heat the campus, and the newest phase of the project that will connect a new low temperature hot water piping loop to student residences and the UNBC daycare. If you or your organization would like to take part in a tour, you are welcome to book a tour in advance or join in on an open tour at 1pm.

Please respond by Friday September 25th if you are able to take part in National Bioenergy Day, including any requirements you may have for the Information Fair. To do so, please contact Dr. Kyrke Gaudreau, UNBC Sustainability Manager at Kyrke.Gaudreau@unbc.ca or (250) 960-6623. If you are unable to attend Bioenergy Day, but wish to be involved in future related events, please let us know.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you on October 21st.

Sincerely,



Kyrke Gaudreau, PhD
UNBC Sustainability Manager



Figure 1 - A worker prepares the pipe for the Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project