



Daylight Hour 2018 (June 22, 12-1 PM)

Dear Colleagues:

Daylight Hour is **June 22!** As many of you know, Daylight Hour is a worldwide annual campaign meant to raise awareness about the use of natural daylight in lieu of electric lighting in day-lit offices. Facilities around the city are encouraged to turn off lights for one hour, from **noon to 1:00 pm**.

Highlights from last year include:

- More than 820 facilities with almost 100 million square feet all over the world turned off lights, saving enough energy to power 9,400 homes for a day.
- 22 NYC DCAS buildings, 15 CUNY buildings, 19 cultural facilities, and multiple school, office and public facilities participated in the event.
- New York City, a Daylight Hour City Partner, was recognized as the city with the largest participating area.

This world-wide event is an incredible opportunity for each of us to show our support for CUNY's Climate Change commitment and to make a small but visible contribution to reaching the targets set by the Paris Climate Accords.

All we need to do to participate is shut off our office lights where we can, from noon to 1 pm, and perform our tasks with daylight, where sensible.

We know from previous efforts that some offices have insufficient daylight, while others have banks of lights that if shut off, may create difficult situations in parts of a large suite of offices. However, many of us can operate successfully for an hour by daylight alone.

In order to incent even greater participation, Sustainable CUNY will make an award of \$1,000 in non-tax levy funding to the Sustainability Council of the campus that uses the most coordinated and innovative methods of communicating this message to their constituents.

Please join with your fellow citizens around the world on June 22 and make this small but significant contribution to demonstrating that we can, together, take the necessary steps to provide our children with the future they deserve.

Thank you,
CityTech's Campus Sustainability Council and the Sustainable CUNY team.