

World Cup

International movement Green Drinks has found a home among the cozy booths and backroom tables of Coffee Underground

Sure, there's the after-work drink, the before-dinner aperitif, or the late-night cocktail. But drinking up to help the Earth? It's catching on in Greenville.

Greenville resident Eliza Holcombe—a naturalist, master gardener, and blogger on sustainability—started Greenville's chapter of Green Drinks in June 2008 to encourage, network, and bond with local environmental enthusiasts.

Green Drinks Greenville meets monthly at Coffee Underground to discuss environmental topics on local farming, air quality, and protection of our water resources. Speakers are a broad range of experts and professionals—farmers, landscape architects, lawyers, and water specialists, to name a few. Because of its engaging topics, selective speakers, and enlightening discussions, more than 200 locals have signed up.

Green Drinks is the brainchild of Edwin Datschefski and his like-minded, enviro-conscious friends, who began the movement in 1989 at their local pub in northern London. From there, the movement has spread around the globe, and now includes 745 chapters throughout the world.

The Greenville meetings, which convene the second Wednesday of every month, are free (excluding the cost of drinks) and open to the public. Membership, too, is free, and members receive information about speakers and topics.

Holcombe notes that the goal is simply to keep inspired about the environment. "People come to the meetings and take it home, to their friends, and to their business, and new things develop."

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Three Cheers

Green Drinks
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Meetings convene the second
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6 p.m. Free, excluding cost of
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