



Leading a DESIS Workshop: INFO SHEET

The Emily Carr DESIS Lab (Design for Social Innovation Towards Sustainability) supports ongoing research, promotes the development of knowledge, and educates designers to meet the growing demand for design for social innovation toward sustainability. Part of its offerings also includes supporting designers as they lead co-design workshops as part of their design research.

Your project could be a great fit for DESIS support if it:

- Creates new relationships, or expands/enhances existing ones
- Supports community or seeks to create social equity
- Expands relationships with the natural world/nature
- Celebrates the small, slow and local
- Reassembles existing assets rather than making new artefacts or media
- Is shareable, with learning that is open to others
- Does not create new hierarchies or systems which funnel wealth

Benefits to student researchers:

- Run a workshop that includes student and faculty participants, to gain insight and momentum for your own research.
- Invite outside guests to participate.
- Have your work published on the DESIS Emily Carr website.
- Support from the DESIS Lab:
- Posters printed and distributed, based on the information provided by the student researcher.
- Materials costs are covered up to \$100.
- A small honorarium to the student of \$100.

Constraints

- The workshops can be hosted in the DESIS lab. If a larger room is required, please work with your faculty partner to secure the room.
- These workshops are for design inspiration. DESIS does not cover REB approved data-gathering. If you need to collect data, you are responsible for the REB approvals.