Community-engaged learning can provide reciprocal benefits to students and EE centers. Students gain real-world, hands-on experience and EE centers can increase their capacity to deliver quality programming to broader audiences. At Slippery Rock University, a partnership between an undergraduate Interpretive Methods and Programming Class and the Macoskey Center for Sustainability facilitated the development and delivery of four bath and body product workshops in Fall 2023. Students, faculty, and center staff will share their perspectives on the partnership, and then participants will be invited to experience the workshop through a facilitated “make and take” DIY bath and body product activity.

Creating DIY bath and body products using natural ingredients is an ideal activity for focusing on self-care, mindfulness, and team-building. These workshops also facilitate discussion of larger topics surrounding fair trade, chemical manufacturing, ethical and sustainable home products, zero-waste living, and more.

Please note that “make and takes” will be limited to the first 25 participants, although we can accommodate a larger group. We will also be collecting a suggested donation of $5 in cash or Venmo due during the session for each product to offset the cost of workshop materials.