



Project MUG

Rent a Reusable, Reduce Waste!

A pilot reusable MUG rental system run through the Viking Union Café with the goal of reducing single-use cup waste by improving access to reusable tumblers.

Why target cups?

- ❖ **395,000** single-use paper cups were used by Western's cafes in one year
- ❖ **13%** of Western's landfill bound waste comes from compostable single-use paper cups
- ❖ **\$22,000** is spent annually to dispose of single-use paper cups

The Team:

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The MUGs- 16oz stainless steel with etched logo



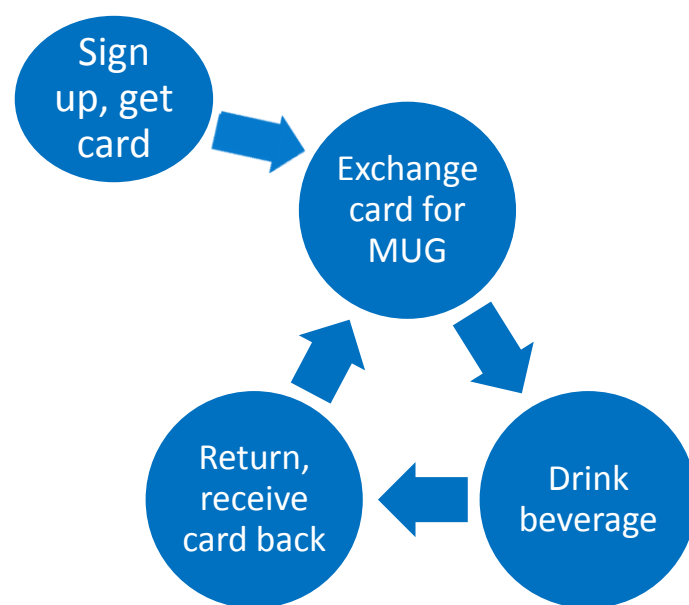
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How it works:

- ❖ MUGs are rented out to participants in the project, then returned to café, washed, and reused, creating a sustainable cycle that reduces waste



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