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**NORTHWEST OHIO
INNOVATION CONSORTIUM**

POWERING INNOVATION TOGETHER

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UPDATE FROM THE INNOVATION HUB

March at the Consortium focused heavily on the way NOIC is represented, learned about, and interacted with at the community's most-frequented hang out spot: the internet.

Over the past few months our team has been hard at work expanding our digital footprint (and reducing the carbon counterpart)! While the bulk of NOIC's work revolves around deeply technical and innovative research, our handful of community-facing initiatives began to require modern platforms to reach the general public for continued growth and traction.

MEDIA MAKEOVER: BEYOND LINKEDIN

We're pleased to unveil a more functional, interactive website, as well as new YouTube and Instagram pages for more ways to stay up-to-date with NOIC's initiatives, progress, and events.

The new-and-improved site, launched on March 31st, was specifically developed to bring a more beneficial user experience to our current partners, future members, teachers, students, politicians, and curious community members. Click the "Learn More" buttons in the photo below to explore the site!

The new site configuration allows our team to easily post updates independently, ensuring the information you find there is always up-to-date. This change in updating ability allows for a more confident and interactive user experience.

The site showcases each technical research initiative and provides information and resources about NOIC's workforce and recycling programs. While much of NOIC's work centers on deeply technical, innovative research, our few public-facing programs have encountered a need for better engagement methods to get our local community involved.

The Recycling Consumer Education team recently launched a YouTube channel and an Instagram page to begin growing that community engagement. The pages increase interaction with a wide audience, enable us to share new GRIT (Glass Recycling in Toledo) educational materials, and reach the next generation of glass consumers more effectively.

The YouTube channel currently hosts our informational introductory video and the first installment of our recycling docu-series showcasing the lifecycle of glass products. As installments two and three of the docu-series are completed they will be released on our YouTube channel and website.

The Instagram page is intended to increase outreach and interaction with local community members. The page features recycling information

Advancing Glass Technology & Building Tomorrow's Workforce

NOIC unites industry leaders, research universities, and workforce development partners to solve critical challenges and create opportunity.



Class Hub Innovation

Our \$31.3M state-funded initiative establishes Northwest Ohio as the global leader in glass innovation, housing cutting-edge research facilities and bringing together the world's top glass manufacturers.

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Research Projects

Industry-led research in sustainability, advanced manufacturing, and product innovation. Our collaborative approach tackles pre-competitive challenges in glass melting, AI process control, electrification, and recycling.

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Talent & Workforce Development

From K-12 STEM programs to PhD research assistantships, we're building a comprehensive talent pipeline. Our programs include summer academies, sponsored internships, skilled trades apprenticeships, and graduate programs.

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like glass drop-off locations and highlights the GRIT Powered by NOIC initiative. Engaging a younger audience in the glass recycling effort will help increase our sustainability efforts over a longer period of time.

Click below to find a glass recycling drop off location near you!

Click the icons to connect with us on YouTube and follow us on Instagram:



Where to Recycle Glass in Toledo & Surrounding Counties

Many counties do not accept glass in curbside bins. That's exactly why GRIT exists.

Glass recycling in Lucas County and glass recycling in Wood County are both supported through GRIT's growing network of drop-off locations. No curbside pickup? No problem. Just set your glass aside and bring it to the nearest bin.

[Find A Drop-Off Location Near You](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11th: Toledo Pickleball Classic & Career Futures Expo Networking Event

Join NOIC at the Toledo Pickleball Class & Career Futures Expo event hosted by Juice House at the University of Toledo!

This event is a unique mix of lively athletics and professional engagement, fostering regional connectedness and healthy living in the Northwest Ohio community.

 [Event Information](#)

April 14th-15th: CelSian Course – Bubble Diagnosis

Not all bubbles are created equal! This introductory training covers key concepts in understanding bubble formation, root causes, and how to mitigate them before they become quality issues.

 [Course Registration](#)

We hope you find our expanded options for engagement helpful and informative. Thanks for reading and continuing to support NOIC's mission.

Sincerely,
The NOIC Team

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.