



'Promoting sustainable production and consumption within Universities and Colleges in Scotland'

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Launch of Topic Support Networks

25 May 2007

Moray House

Welcome

Since November 2006 EAUC's Campus Sustainability Programme (CaSPr) has delivered nine workshops; on Waste, Energy, Travel, Construction, Biodiversity, Socially Responsibility Investment, Procurement and Performance/Reporting. It has also held a student event and a workshop for those institutions which had completed the baseline questionnaire in 2006. There are still more events to be held and in June a Programme of Events for the period ending 31 March 2008 will be circulated. Feedback from participants shows that the workshops have been very useful. So far 61% of Scottish FHE institutions have been represented at one or more of the CaSPr events involving 122 different staff. These events are free of charge and provide useful case studies and links to partner organisations with resources to help you improve the performance of your institution. We encourage you to attend an event if you not already done so.

The forthcoming launch of the new EAUC website will have new pages for the Scotland Branch and, information from earlier CaSPr events. Everyone will be notified when it is up and running.

On 25 May CaSPr is launching the Topic Support Networks which will enable people interested in similar topics to share ideas and solutions with each other and with other organisations. Do sign up for this event if you have time.

We look forward to seeing you at future events

Inga Burton and John Forster

CaSPr Consultants on behalf of EAUC



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CaSPr Steering Group

The CaSPr Steering Group will be meeting on 21 June and again on 12 December 2007. Current members of the Steering group are:

- Iain Patton, EAUC, Executive Director, CaSPr Project Manager
- David Somervell, University of Edinburgh, EAUC-S Branch Secretary
- Roddy Yarr, Energy and Environment Manager, University of St Andrews
- Fraser Organ, Assistant Principal, Langside College
- Judith McLarty, Director of Human Resources, Reid Kerr College
- Inga Burton, CaSPr Consultant
- John Forster, CaSPr Consultant



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Forthcoming events

Topic support networks

Topic support networks (TSNs) are being set up for Waste, Energy, Travel, Construction and Strategic Development. A TSN is a network that links individuals in Scottish colleges and universities with each other and with other organisations that have a particular interest in a sustainability topic. A network will give individuals the chance to share problems and ideas with like-minded individuals within the sector and make support and advice from organisations (such as SEPA, SWAG, WRAP, Envirowise and the Carbon Trust) readily accessible to colleges and universities.

There have already been requests for networks on other areas such as procurement and curriculum and there will be an opportunity for people to express their interest at an initial workshop on **25 May at the University of Edinburgh - Moray House School of Education**. The workshop is open to anyone and will provide individuals with a chance to identify issues and to propose how their TSN could deliver practical solutions building on the support provided by other members of the group, the EAUC, CaSPr and the external organisations which will be present on the day. Further information on this event and others can be obtained by emailing caspr@eauc.org.uk

The coordinators for each of the TSNs are given in the table below:

TSN Topic	Main Representative	Institution	E-mail
Waste	Ann Galbraith	University of Glasgow	e.a.galbraith@admin.ac.uk
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Sustainable communities

The development of places that are sustainable lies at the heart of the sustainability agenda. A sustainable place (combining sustainable work, sustainable homes, a sustainable environment and sustainable community) provides the setting where sustainability is applied. Universities and colleges have a significant role to play in sustainable place making – a role that in Scotland has not been developed to its potential so far. Any university or college that is committed to sustainability or to corporate social responsibility has to consider how it will relate to its community and place. This wide-ranging event will bring together the key players involved in making places sustainable and consider the contribution that can be made by universities and colleges and Scotland to achieve this. Speakers include Professor Peter Roberts - Chair Academy for Sustainable Communities and Craig McLaren Head of Scottish Centre for Regeneration at Communities Scotland.

The event is being held at John Wheatley College in Glasgow on **Thursday 31 May 2007**. For a booking form and further information please email info@eauc.org.uk

Support workshop for institutions completing baseline questionnaire in 2006

A second workshop for institutions that completed the baseline questionnaire in 2006 and that were unable to attend the first workshop on 16 March is being held on 1 June 2007. This workshop will give institutions the opportunity to review the individual report that they received and establish priorities for taking the sustainability agenda forward within their own institution. More information on individual reports and outcomes from the first workshop are given on page 3.

To find out more about this event or whether your institution completed the baseline questionnaire in 2006 email caspr@eauc.org.uk

Other events

A programme of events to be held up to 31 March 2008, will be made available in June. The Programme will include an event on Climate Change and Corporate Social Responsibility as well as an event to disseminate the outcomes from CaSPr that have been achieved during the last 2½ years. It is anticipated that some of the topic support networks will generate work leading to other events being held.

Baseline review

Individual reports on 2006 baseline survey

Individual reports have been issued to institutions that completed the baseline questionnaire in 2006 and a workshop was held on the 16 March at the University of Edinburgh to help these institutions develop an action plan for improving their sustainability performance. Here are examples of the issues that institutions identified as being priorities:

- Increase % Renewable energy
- Improve data on business miles
- Develop approved sustainability policy
- Undertake audits and develop objectives, targets and operational plans for key areas
- Confirm legal requirements, integrate within risk register and report to senior management
- Develop procedures on preventing pollution
- Identify quantities of peat used
- Review impact on biodiversity and integrate into Campus Master Plans
- Improve data availability on clinical and special waste, recycling and commercial waste
- Audit procurement practice
- Implement bio-fuel project
- Encourage local food and drink
- Aim for BREEAM excellent

The March workshop is being repeated on the **1 June at the University of Stirling** for those unable to attend earlier. If you would like more information on this workshop please email caspr@eauc.org.uk

In an attempt to find out why institutions did not participate in the review in 2006 and how they can be encouraged to participate in the review in 2007 we will be contacting institutions in the following weeks.

Baseline review 2007

Following the 2005/2006 review, a further assessment is planned for the autumn of 2007. It is hoped that all institutions will be able to participate in this should they so wish. To make the new review process as efficient as possible it will be designed so as to avoid duplicating other reporting mechanisms. The purpose of the review this time is to:

- Establish if there have been many improvements within the sector since the first review
- Provide a mechanism by which institutions can identify areas for improvement
- Develop a reporting mechanism for the sector that might support other reporting mechanisms already in place

We also plan (with the agreement of the student bodies concerned) to identify the sustainability performance of student unions within the sector. CaSPr will be working with the NUS and People and Planet to achieve this.

Other baseline work in the sector

The EAUC has recently published a report on the appropriateness of the Business in the Community's (BiTC) Environment Index and Corporate Responsibility Index for the Higher Education Sector in England. BiTC is a charity with over 750 members, including over 70 of the FTSE 100 companies. Around 150 companies complete both the Environment Index and Corporate Responsibility Index annually, using the indices to assess their own performance and to benchmark themselves against others. The project, involving the EAUC, BiTC and Leeds Metropolitan University, examined 25 HE institutions and concluded that the benchmarking tools developed by BiTC are appropriate and useful for the HE sector. Every institution that took part in the project agreed that it had benefited from involvement and expressed an interest in continuing to benchmark.

A copy of the report can be found at www.eauc.org.uk/index.cfm?zID=6&p_news_mode=story&p_news_id=396

Previous workshops in 2007/08

This section sets out information about CaSPr workshops held already in 2007. Workshop reports, presentations, case studies and other relevant information will be made available to everyone on the website

www.eauc.org.uk/scotland

Climate Challenge

Held on 19 January 2007 at the University of Glasgow. Presentations were given by SEPA, ChangeWorks, Carbon Trust, Connective Energy, University of Glasgow and Heriot Watt University (Dearle and Henderson).

Number of participants: 49; Number of institutions represented: 21;

Usefulness of event: 4.2 (5 = extremely useful)

Travel

Held on 19 February 2007 at the University of Stirling. Presentations were given by Lift Share, Jess Bailey, Cardonald College and the Universities of St Andrews and Stirling.

Number of participants: 31; Number of institutions represented: 22;

Usefulness of event: 4.4 (5 = extremely useful)

Procurement

Held on 27 February 2007 at Napier University. Presentations were given by Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges, University of Edinburgh and University of Durham.

Number of participants: 26; Number of institutions represented: 21;

Usefulness of event: 4.3 (5 = extremely useful)

Biodiversity

Held on 7 March 2007 at Elmwood College. Presentations were given by the Biodiversity Team in the Scottish Executive, the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Elmwood College and the University of St Andrews.

Number of participants: 33; Number of institutions represented: 20;

Usefulness of event: 4.4 (5 = extremely useful)

Socially Responsible Investment

Held on 27 March 2007 in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh Management School. Presentations were given by James Clunie, Aberdeen Asset Management, Baillie Gifford, Oxford Investment Partners, the Universities of Edinburgh and of St Andrews, FairPensions, and USS.

Number of participants: 31; Number of institutions represented: 12;

Usefulness of event: 4.4 (5 = extremely useful)

Student event at Dundee

Held on 14 March 2007 at the University of Dundee in collaboration with NUS Scotland and People and Planet. Presentations were given by People and Planet and the University of St Andrews. Reports and case studies will be available on the website shortly.

Number of participants: 15; Number of institutions represented: 3;

Usefulness of event: 4.3 (5 = extremely useful)

UHI video conference event on waste and compliance

The remoteness of colleges in the Highlands and Islands means that they have difficulty in attending events held in the Central Belt. To overcome this problem, we organised a video conference event based in Inverness. The event was to be run in collaboration with SEPA and UHI and to focus on waste and legislative compliance. Unfortunately due to low numbers and bad weather the event had to be cancelled. We are now working with SEPA to identify how to provide support for this geographic area.

CaSPr Discussion Network

An EAUC CaSPr E-mail Discussion Network has been set up for individuals that have expressed an interest in CaSPr. The Network is available to anyone working within a Scottish College or University or who is an employee of a public or not for profit organisation interested in promoting sustainability. The Discussion List, links colleagues with a wide range of environmental / sustainability responsibilities, including energy, waste, transport, construction, grounds, procurement, investment and Education for Sustainable Development. You can use this list to share information with colleagues or ask for advice or examples of good practice around the country. Simply ask a question and your email will be seen by everyone else on the list who are then free to reply. The network is not moderated and so you may post messages directly. Feel free to use the network for information and also for discussion, queries and feedback.

If you are not sure whether you are already on the discussion network or are interested in being included on it please email Katy at info@eauc.org.uk

Other news

The Scottish Funding Council have commissioned Thirdwave Ltd to revise the Sustainable Development Guidance for Estates Managers. It is intended that the new Guidance will be issued with the revised Estates Strategy Guidance later this year.

Essential dates for your diary

TSN workshop	25 May 2007
Communities' workshop	31 May 2007
Support workshop	1 June 2007
EAUC-S Branch meeting	1 June 2007

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Contact details

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If you wish, you can contact Iain Patton the EAUC contact for CaSPr on ipatton@eauc.org.uk
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