

WELCOME

CaSpr continues to provide support for Colleges and Universities in Scotland with funding from the Scottish Government and the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council. One of the major successes of CaSpr has been the help given to ensure the establishment of EAUC Scotland's new Topic Support Networks (TSNs). These provide an opportunity for institutions to meet and share experience with others in the sector and with sustainability-related organisation. TSNs are proving to be extremely useful in alerting us to new legislative requirements and in making us more aware of the range of support available. Indeed, much of the help that CaSpr can offer to (Further and Higher Education (FHE) through TSNs comes as a result of sharing good practice with others. Any information or support that you can provide - for example by participating in TSNs, telling us about projects you are working on, or becoming actively involved in the EAUC-Scotland Branch committee or event organisation - is extremely welcome and will help us to share experience and help those who are less well equipped to tackle sustainable development. Thank you

Charlie Morrison – EAUC-Scotland Branch Convenor

Climate Change Declaration for FHE in Scotland

Taking forward a Climate Change Declaration for FHE in Scotland Climate Change is rising up the agenda for universities and colleges, reinforced by growing concerns about impacts and by new legislation including the European Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) and the proposed Climate Change Bill committing to an **80% reduction in Carbon Emissions by 2050**.

To address these kinds of challenges, the "American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment" was developed to demonstrate the commitment of higher education in the USA. In the UK, declarations have also been developed for local authorities in Nottingham and Wales and more recently "Scotland's Climate Change Declaration". The Scottish declaration acknowledges climate change as a reality, welcomes action, and commits signatories to developing a strategy, taking action and reporting annually on their progress. All Scottish local authorities have signed the Declaration.

At a CaSpr event, held in January 2007 entitled 'The Climate Challenge for FHE Institutions' participants welcomed the suggestion that a Declaration be made available for Scottish colleges and universities. Following on from this, EAUC's Strategic Development Topic Support Network, has developed a proposal setting out how such a declaration could be taken forward. It is hoped that funding will be secured to help with this process. A number of leading Universities and Colleges have already expressed a willingness to support any declaration.

Want to be involved or keep up to date with the climate change declaration?

If your college, university or organisation is interested in being involved in the development of a declaration for FHE please sign up to the Strategic Development Topic Support Network by emailing info@eauc.org.uk if you would like to speak to someone directly about this please contact Inga or John by emailing caspr@eauc.org.uk

Climate Change Declaration Weblinks

Scotland's Declaration www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange/

Nottingham Declaration: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/housingbuildings/localauthorities/NottinghamDeclaration/

Welsh Declaration: www.sustainable-scotland.net/climatechange/DevelopmentGroup.pdf

American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>

Recycled Content in Construction – A new requirement

In 2006 Scottish Ministers set a target that **90% (by value) of publicly procured construction projects should specify minimum levels of recycled or re-used content**. In December 2006 the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) informed all Scottish colleges and universities about these obligations, and, in June 2007 the SFC set out initial proposals for the way in which institutions should report (in early 2008) on progress towards these targets. To explore these new requirements, EAUC's Construction Topic Support Network held a workshop on 9 October 2007 at Lauder College, Dunfermline in partnership with WRAP. WRAP have developed model tender clauses for design teams and contractors and a toolkit that provides information on the amounts of recycled content in different products. WRAP can provide free advice and support for institutions and design teams showing them how to use the toolkit. If your college/university is in the process of planning or constructing new builds or large scale refurbishment you should:

1. Read the requirements relating to Recycled Content by going to www.wrap.org.uk
2. Contact WRAP consultants Sara McGowan smcgowan@mace.co.uk or Robbie Smith robbiesmith@mace.co.uk for information and advice or to arrange a visit

You can view outcomes from this event by going to http://www.eauc.org.uk/construction_workshop_december_06

Benchmarking and reporting on sustainability performance

CaSpr will shortly be issuing a benchmarking questionnaire on sustainability and environmental performance to all Colleges and Universities in Scotland. In 2005 30 institutions were issued with questionnaire which 16 completed. This year the questionnaire is aiming to:

1. Increase awareness of the need for accurate information as a basis for good decisions about the environment and sustainability;
2. Identify improvements that have occurred in the sector; and
3. Identify opportunities for providing further support – either at an institutional or at a sector level

All institutions are encouraged to complete the questionnaire. All submissions will be treated confidentially and no reference to individual institutions will be made in final reports.

For more information on the Baseline Report in 2005 go to http://www.eauc.org.uk/baseline_review

A Sustainability day for Scotland's students

Students are potentially key drivers in the pursuit of the sustainability agenda in colleges and universities. With this in mind, CaSpr organised an event in one of the University of Edinburgh Student Association buildings on 7 November. Attended by 15 students from eight FHE institutions and by three staff, the event heard from several students about a wide range of activities which demonstrated how students had worked to make their institutions and their associations more sustainable. Presentations included one on work by People and Planet groups, one on how student unions could be a force for sustainability in their institutions, one by the National Union of Students Services on initiatives designed to reduce the environmental impact of the operations of students unions themselves and one on proposals for a Climate Change Declaration for Scotland's Colleges and Universities. Feedback from students was very positive with comments including "fantastic, well-facilitated, very engaging and informative". Students came away with a strong sense of the influence that they could exert in their institutions and a desire to get further information. The report of the event and presentations will shortly be placed put on the EAUC website.

CaSpr online

The EAUC website has had a facelift and its new website was launched half-way through this year. The new website includes a dedicated site for the EAUC-Scotland Branch and a great deal of information about CaSpr. The website also has a wealth of information on its resource bank. Here are some important links:

CaSpr webpage http://www.eauc.org.uk/campus_sustainability_project

EAUC Resource Bank http://www.eauc.org.uk/resource_bank

CaSpr Case Studies http://www.eauc.org.uk/caspr_case_studies

(Note – Eight new Scottish case studies are on this site on energy/waste/construction/environmental management)

Forthcoming CaSpr events

2007

29 November	Travel Workshop & TSN Meeting	University of Edinburgh
5 December	Corporate Social Responsibility Workshop	SFEU Offices – Stirling
12 December	CaSpr Steering Group Meeting	Edinburgh – <i>Steering Group Only</i>
17 December	Waste Workshop & TSN Meeting	University of Glasgow

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25 January	Energy Workshop & TSN Meeting	Heriot Watt University
6 February	Construction TSN Meeting	University of Edinburgh
Tbc	Strategic Development TSN Meeting	
Tbc	Climate Change Workshop	
Tbc	EAUC-S Conference	

To book on any of the events above please email info@eauc.org.uk

CaSpr Event Programme http://www.eauc.org.uk/caspr_event_programme_for_october_07_to_march_08

Contact details

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