



Korean radio interviews the London Universities Environment Group (LUEG)

KBS is the equivalent to the BBC in South Korea and reaches an audience of over 50 million across Asia. One of their latest projects is to air discussions on what the future will be like as we wean ourselves off fossil fuels.

Miss Park, a journalist from [KBS Radio](#), was visiting the UK to find out how universities are working to ensure the effective delivery of the first legally binding requirements for carbon reduction through the Climate Change Act in the UK.

Miss Park outlined "The documentary aims to discuss solutions to the energy crisis and climate change. It takes a view that policy making by Government will only have a limited effect - it is important that the general public realise the seriousness of the situation and are empowered to participate in the solutions. Universities educate and develop the leaders of the future, and have a vital role to play. We are working on this documentary and have been inspired to hear about the work of London's universities."

Accompanied by Philip Sung, her translator, Miss Park visited various organisations in the UK to learn of the different approaches to transitioning towards a zero carbon society. Dr Victoria Hands, Head of Sustainability at the London School of Economics (LSE) and Chair of the LUEG outlined the work the sector is undertaking drawing on examples from universities across the capital.

LSE staff and students provided evidence of some of the activities underway at LSE:

Ken Kinsella, is Head of Capital Development at LSE and responsible for delivering a 54% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020 (from the 2005 baseline). He highlighted how the work to achieve these carbon reduction targets would focus on energy efficiency measures, ensuring new zero carbon technologies are incorporated in specifications for new buildings, refurbishments and ongoing maintenance, behaviour change and training as well as looking closely at space management standards in the sector. He emphasised the need for clear communication and shared responsibility.

Dan Reeves, an LSE staff member working between HR and International History has been passionate about sustainability for many years and signed up immediately to be a

departmental 'green champion' at LSE. He has since lead his department's Green Impact team to reduce the environmental impact of his office areas, trained to be a peer auditor for the project for the last 2 years and has just set up a project to loan out energy monitors to staff to help them reduce their energy bills in the home and save money. What motivates him Miss Park asked? He wants to play his part and inspire others to play theirs - and it all makes financial sense as he saves money too by being more careful of his resource use.

Agnes Neher, an LSE MSc student will continue her studies on applying the ethics of sustainability to corporate finance in Germany next year where she will undertake her PhD. She volunteered with the LSE Sustainability Team to find out how the HE sector views Social Responsible Investment and has drawn up a review of UK universities comparing with best practice in the EU and globally. "This is a new field and the opportunities are not yet fully realised. We need individuals to understand the impact of their investment choices and take into account the social and environmental returns or losses as well as the traditional economic ones. Our economies are dependent on our natural environment yet this has escaped the attention of the majority of business leaders over the past half a century or so. We still have time to invest wisely in sustainable technologies and to divest in arms, and the extraction of finite resources. Its something we can each do - most UK high street banks invest in tar sands which are destroying for ever ancient arboreal forests and local indigenous communities. We need to make our voices heard and demand information to make sensible choices. YourEthicalMoney.org is a one-stop shop for green and ethical finance. If we all switched to ethical providers this would send a clear message to the high street banks and ripple out into business investment choices."