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Scotland Manager's Report (Nov 2014 – Feb 2015)

EAUC-Scotland office has been working with the sector over the past 12 months to support the objectives of the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) and Scottish Government. Carbon remains a key focus on the Scottish Government's agenda however learning for sustainability has also been a key output for Scotland activity.

It has been identified this is challenging time for institutions with reduced capital expenditure while responding to carbon reductions in a growing economy. Collaborative working has been vital to ensure support and guidance is up to date for knowledge exchange.

EAUC-Scotland secured funding from the SFC for 2014-2017. Year 1 is almost complete and activity has been focused to support of the Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland and wider added-value Scotland activity of the UK EAUC Programme. (See Appendix A for a copy of the Scotland Outcome Agreement *Paper 05-2015*).

Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland (UCCCfS)

www.eauc.org.uk/ucccfs

While the UCCCfS remains on target for delivery, changes in staffing throughout 2014 slowed progress and engagement. The expansion of the Scotland Team in September to three members has been invaluable in delivering against the UCCCfS. Increased engagement with key contacts and updated data on where institutions are with their Climate Change Action Plans (CCAPs)/Carbon Management Plans (CMPs) has provided the team with a focus for support and required areas to action in year 2 of funding.

EAUC-Scotland has worked with the SFC and Resource Efficient Scotland (RES) to assist merged colleges with creating a new CMP and which has provided a new baseline for future analysis. The remaining colleges supplied data which was added to create a new sector baseline for the colleges.

Partnership working with the Scottish University Directors of Estates (SAUDE) and Universities Scotland's Efficiency Taskforce (USET) has ensured an alignment of agendas for carbon reduction in the university Sector. EAUC-Scotland was recently awarded funding to complete a review of the CMPs and associated reduction targets until 2020. Part of the project (completing in June 2015) will assess what technologies will assist institutions in meeting these targets and provide recommendations to the SFC on where capital investment is required.

Ad-hoc visits to institutions have increased towards the tail end of the 2014/15 as the new team settled in. This remains a vital part of the Scotland programme and will be closely monitored to assess further impact over the remainder of the funding period.

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Reporting

The UCCCfS Progress Reporting template was updated prior to being circulated to the sector incorporating sector user feedback. During the past year, the Scottish Government made an announcement that they would create reporting guidance in line with the Public Bodies Duties. It was later announced that this would be passed through legislation. EAUC-Scotland was involved in the development of the new reporting format and template as a member of the SG Climate Leaders Officers Group.

The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015 is now open for public consultation and EAUC- Scotland will be supporting the feedback by delivering workshops with key partners between now and its close on 29 May. A sector response will then be collated and submitted.

Education for Sustainable Development Activity

Learning for Sustainability Scotland

Learning for Sustainability Scotland has an office hosted at the University of Edinburgh; it is one of almost 130 Regional Centres of Expertise in Sustainable Development worldwide. EAUC-Scotland has been working in partnership with LfS Scotland to connect activity with the College Development Network and Higher Education Academy.

EAUC-Scotland represents universities and colleges on the steering group and is also a co-vice chair on the executive group. As a part of our links with LfS Scotland, we have linked our ESD TSNs in order to help develop new LfS Scotland task groups. For more information, visit:

<http://learningforsustainabilityscotland.org/>

College ESD Project

The SFC awarded EAUC-Scotland funding for an 18-month project on ESD activity in the colleges. As a part of the project, project consultants Elaine Crawford and John Salter engaged with staff and students to encourage embedding sustainability into the curriculum (particularly in areas that are less obvious) and research. A series of workbooks were created with a few more on the way. Detail of the project and the final report can be viewed [here](#). An extension to the project was requested to align with the end of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development which concluded in November 2014. Recommendations from the report are being followed up and work in this area will continue into next year.

Topic Support Networks (TSN)

The EAUC-S continues to provide secretariat support for the EAUC Scotland Topic Support Networks. Information of past and future TSNs is available on the TSN [homepage](#).

There are currently eight active TSNs in operation:

- Education for Sustainable Development HE (linked to Learning for Sustainability Scotland);
 - Education for Sustainable Development FE (linked to Learning for Sustainability Scotland);
 - Sustainable Travel (with ACT Travelwise: linked to NHS and Local Authorities);
 - Waste;
 - Procurement (partnered with APUC);
 - Sustainable Construction; and
 - Promoting Positive Behaviour
 - Energy (recently resurrected)
- And one dormant groups in which we now have a new convenor:
- Sustainable ICT

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Scottish delegate numbers at Topic Support Network

	Number of Topic Support Networks delivered	Number of delegates attended
2011	9	157
2012	8	146
2013	14	255
2014	14	196
Total	45	754

Training and Events

Training and events delivered during 2014/15 were devised out for direct need and included:

- TSN Convenor Workshop
- Waste Smart Advance Training (CIWM accredited) x 2
- Social Media Training

Scottish delegate numbers at EAUC-Scotland training and events

	Number of training and events delivered	Number of delegates attended
2011	7	229
2012	4	91
2013	4	83
2014	4	160
2015 (until April)	2	TBC
Total	15	547

A Scotland Conference will be delivered in the later part of 2015. A steering group has been formed to help plan the conference programme and consists of representatives of universities and colleges from various departments and NUS Scotland.

Scottish Association for the Directors of Estates

EAUC-Scotland presented and updated members at the autumn and spring Conferences. Work has continued with SAUDE and their Executive members to strengthen relationships. SAUDE are key partners of the university CMP review project (mentioned in UCCCfS section). EAUC-Scotland meets with the SAUDE Chair regularly to ensure collaborative working.

Learning in Future Environments (LiFE)

LiFE was re-launched in November 2014. The Scotland team are promoting LiFE in meetings and at Forum opportunities.

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Key Facts and Figures

Current Membership Figures – Feb 15

	Scotland	UK
Higher Education	84%	73%
Further Education	56%	24%

Returned Signed Commitments

	Total
Higher Education	15
Further Education	19

Social Media Statistics - 2014



613 followers with an average of 3-4 new followers each week



EAUC-Scotland Facebook page had a 70% increase in likes in 2014

UCCCfS Budget

The UCCCfS budget 2014/2017 is on target and we are in a healthy position for Year 2 (Apr 15 – Mar 16). The Scottish Funding Council awarded £400,000 over the 3 year period for added value to the EAUC UK Programme in Scotland. The grant is paid in quarterly instalments over each year and tapers off over the 3 years.

Due to our reporting requirements for the grant aligning to the academic financial year the budget has been set out over 4 years.

Income generation is a key part of our activity and outlined as a key objective in the EAUC-Scotland Outcome Agreement. To date, income generated in year 1 & 2 (Apr 14 – Jan 15) has totalled £3,946 of a budgeted £3,000 and £12,174.50 was brought forward from the previous project (UCCCfS 2011-2014) from income generated during the project.

£45,251 was carried forward from year 1 in line with the project budget

Year 2 Expenditure	Year 2 Income	Balance
£58,888	£109,375*	£50,487

* 1 SFC instalment from year 1 paid in year 2

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Bespoke Institution Support

Beyond the scope of training and networking events, we also provide direct support and guidance to college and university practitioners and senior management teams, details of which are provided below:

Over the past year, we have directly engaged with 18 of the 19 universities and 21 of the 25 merged college sector to offer specific support or guidance where required. We continue to offer this service to ensure institutions receive added value benefit of the UK membership in accordance with our funding with SFC.

Relationship Management

One of the underlying principles of the EAUC's success in Scotland is our ongoing commitment to effective relationship management, widening the scope of activity and our sphere of influence and broadening support networks for our members. Details of our networking activity are provided below:

Representative Groups

Learning for Sustainability Scotland	Member of the steering group and co-vice chair of the group to provide a Scottish Tertiary Sector overview.
National Union for Students (NUS)	Partnership working in engaging students in sustainability, access to membership, Responsible Futures Steering Group
Scottish Funding Council	Quarterly liaison meetings, guidance and support
College Development Network (CDN)	Partnership working with college subject groups, providing resource to include sustainability into the creation of National Progression Award Level 6 on Food Manufacturing
Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN)	Partnership working on the Public Bodies Duties and input into the Public Sector Portal. Representing the Scottish Tertiary education sector
Universities Scotland	Linking the UCCCfS programme with the Universities Scotland Efficiencies Taskforce.
Scottish Association for University Directors of Estates (SAUDE)	Partnership working and provide updates and reports to the SAUDE Exec and biannual conferences. Namely around estates efficiencies, reporting and carbon reduction
Estates and Facilities Management Forum	Providing guidance and support on estates related issues, UCCCfS and reporting to the college sector
Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS)	Relationship management and knowledge exchange Develop further partnerships
Association of the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)	Relationship management and knowledge exchange Develop further partnerships
Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)	Partnership working through Procurement and Energy Topic Support Networks, Energy User Intelligence Group, SAUDE.
Cycling Scotland	Member of the Cycle Friendly Campus Initiative steering Group

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Other

Scottish Government	Public Sector Sustainability Reporting (PSSR) group representing universities and colleges, relationship management with the Education and low carbon Scotland teams
Resource Efficient Scotland	A department of Zero Waste Scotland, partnership working to support resource efficient activity within universities and colleges.
Energy Saving Trust	Partnership working on travel activity and relationship management
SEPA	Input into the Scotland Environment web (SE web)
John Salter	Project consultant on the College ESD Project
Elaine Crawford	Project consultant on the College ESD Project

Other EAUC Scotland Activity

Other activity that the EAUC Scotland office has undertaken in support of our aims and objectives is as follows:

- Business development;
- EAUC UK programmes i.e. Learning in Future Environment and Green Gown Awards; and
- Future setting of Scotland events.

Conclusion

The EAUC Scotland office continues to provide the sector with key services and support, adding value to the EAUC's core activity through the UCCCfS and Scottish-specific activities, services and support.

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