



**Summary**

The Scotland team has been hard at work to develop and deliver the third EAUC-Scotland Conference since the last Forum meeting in September. The Conference was deemed a success and took place on 17 November at the University of Edinburgh. Development of the programme reflected our Members needs and feedback received. More generally meetings with a wide variety of members and strategic partners have continued over this period.

The team have also been working on:

RP has been focused on making arrangements for the Conference for the last couple of months, while also working with the TSN Convenors to arrange Autumn/Winter sessions, arranging a training session and webinar to support institutions with Climate Change Reporting, designing and rolling out the Scotland Survey and maintaining newsletter communications;

GG has been assisting Rebecca with the communications for the EAUC-Scotland conference while also adding to the Scottish online resources for the Sustainability Exchange and making improvements to the new EAUC-Scotland website. She has also continued to engage with members through meetings and events especially in reference to required reporting; individual institutional visits are planned for the new year to support the sector;

SL is has been preparing institutions for the upcoming deadline for Climate Reporting with the members of the Climate Leaders Officers Group (CLOG); Attended the Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) conference and presented an award at the Australasian Green Gown Awards; has recruited a College Energy Officer placement through a grant from ZWS to support data management and reporting by colleges; and has been working on the Senior Management Team’s strategic action plan for 2016 activity.

The Scotland survey is being assessed and results will be circulated in the coming weeks. This and the conference evaluation survey assesses the effectiveness of the UCCCfS and Scotland Programme and gathers useful insight into further support and guidance required by EAUC-Scotland for the sector.

**Activity Report**

YEAR 2			
Objective 1	Output 2.1	Activity 2.1.1	UPDATE:
To assist universities and colleges in Scotland in developing collective sector carbon reduction measures by 2017 in line with the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) Outcome Agreement Guidance and Scottish Government (SG) priorities	Whole sector (100%) Climate Change Action Plans (CCAP) are up to date and reporting effectively to assist with decision making and policy development	Consistent sector reporting through strategic partnership support	<p>Delivered joint events on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct with Sustainable Scotland Network to provide a more hands on guide to filling in the template. Two events were delivered – face to face and webinar to extend reach of delegates.</p> <p>Letters were sent to Principals to encourage submissions in the first trial year of reporting to help with further analysis and amendments. Initial indications suggest at least 13 or 19 universities will submit this year. It is less known from the college sector, however via direct communications we are aware of 6 colleges submitting.</p>

		<b>Activity 2.1.2</b>	
		Provide training and support on CCAPs and carbon/sustainability	<p>Interviews for a College energy officer was held on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov and Eva Fernandez Moran was appointed. It is expected Eva will start on 30<sup>th</sup> November for a 40 week placement to provide a shared service for colleges in Scotland with data management, carbon management and preparing for 2016 climate reporting.</p> <p>EAUC-S, SFC and SAUDE have initially discussed taking forward the recommendations from the CMP Review Project. A meeting is being set for Dec.</p> <p>A technologies catalogue will be launched by end of year following identified amendments and issues with version control. Discussions with RES and SSN have developed to agreeing to share forward planning and assess where opportunities are for collaboration of 2016 activity.</p>
	<b>Output 2.2</b>	<b>Activity 2.2.1</b>	
	SFC annual sector progress report on carbon and sustainability	Report to SFC on sector progress	EAUC-Scotland has agreed with SFC a new collective sector progress report date for Jan to allow for assessment and collation of the report. Submission date is 30 Nov for all public sector organisations and EUCC-S has agreed with SSN to download data in early Jan to allow for sector assessment.
<b>Objective 2</b>	<b>Output 2.3</b>	<b>Activity 2.3.1</b>	
To encourage and support Scotland's colleges and universities to embed sustainability into their teaching and learning practices	Increase numbers for Scottish institutions engaged with the HE ESD TSN and the FE ESD TSN to 85% of Scotland's universities and colleges represented on Jiscmail lists	College and university visits promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) practices	<p>EAUC-S invited to join development of Inverness College's Essential Skills Project with Money Advice (MA) Service/MA Scotland and College Development Network Equality division. The first meeting was held at CDN offices on 12 Oct to map core skills with essential skills for NPA levels 4, 5 and 6.</p> <p>Scotland team continues to attend ad hoc meetings with academics within institutions (where appropriate) to support and promote activity. We are also gathering case studies to share with other institutions as available. The Forum meeting will be held at Abertay University where a case study presentation will be made by the academic leading on the sustainability elective and also the Director of L&amp;T Enhancement.</p>

			<p>Current representation on Jiscmail lists are:</p> <p>92% of colleges are represented on the FE ESD JiscMail Group and 89% of universities are represented on the HE ESD JiscMail Group.</p>
	<b>Output 2.4</b>	<b>Activity 2.4.1</b>	
	Increase knowledge, understanding and resources available on sustainability skills to careers advisors and through engaged, skilled students, they will demonstrate the value and benefits to businesses	Deliver training on sustainability skills to careers advisors	RP looking for presenters to run webinars on individual career path. This was put on hold until the Scotland Conference was over (17 Nov), this will be picked up again and if presenters are available a webinar will be run in early 2016.
<b>Objective 3</b>	<b>Output 2.5</b>	<b>Activity 2.5.1</b>	
To strengthen the ability of Scotland's college and university sector to ensure institutions be effective and efficient in their practice	Changes through individuals' behaviour relating to sustainability will lead to more efficient strategic decision making processes within Scottish institutions	Publish progress reports through the Public Sector Portal for transparency and to demonstrate leadership in sustainability of Scotland's colleges and universities	<p>EAUC-S communications and support for the sector has indicated a good representation will submit in this trial reporting year. As the deadline was pushed back from initial 30 Sept to 30 Nov, changes have not yet been assessed and evaluated, however the initial indications are that this is being recognized at a senior level and EAUC-S will continue to work with senior leadership within institutions to ensure this remains on their agenda.</p> <p>Working with SFC and guidance on the outcome agreements is also showing sustainability and carbon management remains in the strategic decision making decisions.</p>
	<b>Output 2.6</b>	<b>Activity 2.6.1</b>	
	Deliver the Leadership Programme in 2 further institutions and engage as exemplary models	Deliver a leadership programme providing exemplary models of strategic implementation of sustainability throughout the 2 institutions	Difficulties in getting in touch with HEA Scotland has slowed developments of the leadership programme. Discussions are being arranged with Mary Bownes (ex vice principal) of University of Edinburgh to advance development. Additionally discussions are underway with Highlands and Islands Enterprise regarding delivery of the programme to support UHI institutions.

Objective 4	Output 2.7	Activity 2.7.1	
To ensure the EAUC-Scotland office is proactive in its activity and create a financially sustainable model for future activity.	Generate 50% of target agreed and the sector sees and understands the cost-benefits in services provided	Deliver cost-recovery activity to raise income to meet target	EAUC Scotland Conference was held on 17 Nov. Total of 112 people attended the one day conference – with 87 delegates representing 16 universities and 10 colleges. This was the first time delegates were charged to attend. However we needed to supplement a number of places to ensure numbers. While the projected income target was not reached, initial indications of budgets suggest a surplus of approximately £5k was secured.

**For Information**

Project Summary				
This report covers the period:	From	02/05/2014	To	04/12/2015
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