

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
**Time:** 14:00-16:00  
**Venue:** Abertay University  
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## **EAUC-Scotland Forum Meeting – December 2019**

- 14:00      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Michelle Brown, University of Edinburgh & EAUC Scotland Convenor*
- 14.15      **Update from EAUC-Scotland Convenor**  
*Michelle Brown, University of Edinburgh & EAUC Scotland Convenor*
- 14.25      **Update from EAUC-Scotland**  
*Rebecca Petford, EAUC-Scotland*
- 14.35      **Travel Better Tool and Pledge Discussion**  
*Sonya Peres, EAUC-Scotland / RUGS Intern*
- 14.50      **Green Gown Award Winner Case Study**  
*TBC*
- 15.05      **Circular Economy Bill Consultation Discussion**  
*Jill Burnett, EAUC-Scotland*
- 15.20      **COP26 Planning Discussion**  
*Rebecca Petford, EAUC-Scotland*
- 15.35      **EAUC and the Climate Emergency**  
*Fiona Goodwin or Rosie Saban, EAUC*
- 15.45      **AOB**  
*Michelle Brown, University of Edinburgh & EAUC Scotland Convenor*
- 16.00      **Thanks and Close**

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Project Summary			
<b>Project Title</b>	Catalysing Transformative Leadership for Sustainability	<b>Funder</b>	Scottish Funding Council
<b>Project Manager</b>	Rebecca Petford	<b>Total Funding</b>	£349,500
<b>Timescales</b>	April 2017 – March 2020	<b>Risk Status</b>	Green

Reporting Period	
From	01/10/2019
To	30/11/2019

## Background

EAUC-Scotland have been funded by SFC to deliver a focused programme to support sustainability within all colleges and universities in Scotland, building upon the previous two Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland (UCCCFs) Programmes. The [CTLFS Programme](#) provides tailored support to progress institutions towards a skilled and informed, whole-institutional approach to leadership around carbon and resource management, social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

## Summary of Activity

All staff attended the EAUC Scotland Conference and Green Gown Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Glasgow, and were joined by a number of members of the EAUC UK and Ireland Team. In addition to this:

- Rebecca (Scotland Programme Manager) has been focusing on the application to the Scottish Funding Council for our 2020-23 Programme, recruitment for the Scotland Programme Manager (Maternity Cover), and supporting the EAUC Scotland Conference. Rebecca will be starting maternity leave at Christmas.
- Jill (Carbon and Estates Project Officer) has been supporting the Estates-based and procurement Topic Support Networks and EAUC UK and Ireland Scope 3 emissions work, and leading planning and resource collation from the adaptation event we held with Historic Environment Scotland.
- Scott (Scotland Programme Administrator) has been planning and delivering EAUC-Scotland communications, supporting planning for the EAUC-Scotland Conference, and helping the team with a lot of other projects and events.
- Claire (Events Officer – 10 hours a week supporting the Scotland Team) led our Scotland Conference planning and event management, and has taken over running the Sustainability Sharing Series from December.
- Sonya (Responsible Institutions Research Intern) joined the team in October, and is working on a number of projects for the Responsible Universities Group Scotland (RUGS). A key focus so far has been on a Travel Better Package, considering how to reduce the emissions from academic travel in the sector.
- Lauren (Sustainability Engagement Project Officer) left the team at the end of October.

## EAUC-Scotland Programme Outcome Agreement Activity Report:

<b>Outcome 1: There is leadership for sustainability at all levels of Scottish FHE Institutions</b>			
<b>Outcome Area</b>	<b><i>Sustainability Committees Programme</i></b>	<b><i>Engaging and empowering sector staff</i></b>	<b><i>Engaging senior decision-makers</i></b>
<b>Progress towards Outcome Area</b>	<p>Information from Sustainability Committees Report and Survey to be compiled over next few months to produce a Best Practice Guide for Sustainability Committees in FHE, as well as a final report on the project activities and findings.</p> <p>Programme written into new Programme Proposal to SFC, taking a more responsive approach to the needs of individual institutions rather than developing a set model of support for national delivery.</p>	<p>Sustainability engagement training workshop for marketing and sustainability professionals held in October to break down departmental boundaries and inspire joint working. Presented to College IT leads on invitation from CDN following IT version of this workshop. Aim to increase collaboration between this group and ICT TSN in future. Led EAUC Adaptation project to engage new teams with climate change through risk approach, with Guides and Webinar Video published.</p>	<p>Continuing to promote drivers for sustainability activity in Scotland at all levels and engage with senior decision-makers individually or through networks.</p> <p>Working with Universities Scotland, SFC and sector representatives as Responsible University Group Scotland, hosting an Intern for 20 weeks from October to deliver against the group's identified priorities (including aviation, plastics and using the SDGs as reporting framework).</p> <p>SFC published updated, simplified Outcome Agreement Guidance with reduction in detail on sustainability commitments, but still supported by additional detailed guidance.</p>

<b>Outcome 2: The skills and knowledge required to deliver and monitor a low-carbon, sustainable, resilient FHE sector, including improving the accuracy of data in Public Bodies Climate Change Duties (PBCCD) Carbon Reporting, are available throughout the FHE sector</b>			
<b>Outcome Area</b>	<b><i>Analysing sector needs and progress</i></b>	<b><i>Strengthening knowledge and skills</i></b>	<b><i>Engaging with and responding to sector</i></b>
<b>Progress towards Outcome Area</b>	<p>Annual Peer Review session held with Smaller Institutions Group to support PBCCD Reporting in November, and offer of supporting one-to-one peer reviews for larger institutions had uptake from two institutions. Developed a response to the Public Bodies Climate Change Consultation in collaboration with sector members, and shared this with the network to stimulate individual responses as well as submitting as an EAUC Scotland response.</p>	<p>Smaller Institutions Peer Review Session delivered (8), with option for larger institutions too (2). Adaptation training (20) and Marketing and Sustainability Teams Training (20) also held.</p> <p>Institutional Visit Programme complete. Year 3 engagement early 2020 will involve a check-in phone or video call with our key contact at each institution. Review of learning from Annual Institutional Engagement planned early 2020.</p> <p>Publication of EAUC Adaptation Project resources, including a recorded webinar.</p>	<p>Quarterly Forum Meetings held to share information and respond to sector requests. Engagement with sector about next EAUC-Scotland Programme Proposal to SFC continued, with consultation with the OBG, Scottish Fellows, Convenors, the Smaller Institutions group, and Forum. Submitted bid to Scottish Funding Council mid-November. Scotland Conference in November 2019 considered the key 'elephants in the room' when it comes to addressing climate change and sustainability, in response to sector interest in discussion about these areas. Event will help inform the '20-23 Programme.</p>

<b>Outcome 3: Institutions and partners are supported to build cross-organisational and cross-sector contacts, enabling sharing of best practice and development of new solutions to respond proactively to national and international challenges</b>			
<b>Outcome Area</b>	<b><i>Supporting knowledge sharing</i></b>	<b><i>Representing sector needs and views</i></b>	<b><i>Championing Scottish successes</i></b>
<b>Progress towards Outcome Area</b>	<p>Knowledge sharing events held: Sharing Series: Green Week (12), Community Engagement TSN (9), Sanitary Support Best Practice Meeting (23), Sustainable Procurement TSN (15), Waste TSN (17), Sharing Series: Sustainability and Open Days (11) Smaller Institutions Meeting (8), Education for Sustainable Development TSN (15) and Sustainable Construction TSN (7). Sharing Series Guides and TSN Minutes published.</p> <p>Arranged a Highlands and Islands Regional Sustainability Network to meet for the first time in November (4), with plans underway to figure out how this integrates with other UHI networks to avoid duplication.</p> <p>Planning continues for a Health and Wellbeing TSN to be established in next programme.</p>	<p>Developed EAUC Scotland response to the Climate Change and Public Bodies Consultation in collaboration with sector members, which references changes to PBCCD Reporting and the removal of funding from the Sustainable Scotland Network. Shared with sector to enable them to develop their own response. Submitted our response to Scottish Government late November. Now working on Consultation Response to Circular Economy Bill, to be discussed at Forum Meeting.</p> <p>Continue to represent the sector on a range of steering groups, networks and one off meetings, including the CDN Climate Emergency Expert Meeting in October.</p>	<p>Sell-out Scotland Conference in November 2019 at Lighthouse in Glasgow showcased some Scottish projects and thought leadership to EAUC Members from around UK. 38 delegates were from outside Scotland. Summer intern with Scotland Team prepared a database and started case studies on projects from all but one Scottish institution addressing the SDGs. Published as individual resources and a collated set on Sustainability Exchange for Global Goals Week, and highlighted at Scotland Conference.</p> <p>7 Scottish winners at the Green Gown Awards this year (35% of winners - Scotland is approx. 10% of sector!). Winners will be showcased at upcoming Forum Meetings and celebrated in the Newsletter.</p>

<b>Outcome 4: Sustainability is embedded into teaching, research and engagement practices in Scottish FHE institutions</b>		
<b>Outcome Area</b>	<b><i>Supporting education, research and engagement for sustainability</i></b>	<b><i>Supporting student sustainability skills and knowledge</i></b>
<b>Progress towards Outcome Area</b>	<p>Learning for Sustainability Champions blended learning training course given broad support at CDN Climate Emergency Expert Meeting, with discussion for next steps to enable access to the course to two more colleges initially taking place with CDN, with opportunity to be launched imminently.</p> <p>First ESD TSN with the three new Co-Convenors held in November (15), focusing on measuring and evaluating sustainability in the curriculum.</p>	<p>Recent graduate hired as Responsible Institutions Research Intern, working 4.5 days a week until mid-March on projects related to the Responsible Universities Group Scotland's identified priorities (including aviation, plastics and SDGs as reporting framework). Project going well so far and aviation work will be shared at Forum.</p> <p>20 students attended the EAUC Scotland Conference in November (approx.13% of delegates).</p> <p>Student sustainability knowledge, skills, values and resilience identified as a priority within the EAUC Scotland 2020-23 programme.</p>