

# Annual General Meeting Minutes

Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh  
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## Topic Support Network Updates

There are currently nine different Topic Support Networks:

[Energy Management TSN](#) – Convenor Andy Anderson, APUC. This TSN is run in partnership with APUC. The last TSN took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 at Borders College focusing on market updates such as the Category A Electricity and Gas Update. The next TSN will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April and focus on the new biomass district heating scheme the University of St Andrews has recently installed.

[Sustainable Procurement TSN](#) – Convenor Karen Bowman, University of Edinburgh and Stephen Connor from APUC. The last TSN was held on Tuesday, 4th October 2016 at the University of Edinburgh to discuss a number of social issues related to procurement.

[Sustainable Construction TSN](#) – Convenor Ray Walkinshaw, Ayrshire College. The last TSN took place Tuesday 4th October 2016 at the University of Edinburgh and discussed current issues and priorities in sustainable construction with the following being identified: BREEAM Standards, Building Information Modelling, Site Waste Management Plans, WRAP and Change to Section 6 in Building Regulations. The event was linked to a training session on the SKA HE Rating Scheme which took place after the TSN.

[Sustainable ICT TSN](#) – Convenor Fraser Muir, University of Edinburgh. No TSNs have previously taken place or are currently planned.

[Education for Sustainable Development in Further Education TSN](#) – Convenor Elaine Crawford, Dumfries and Galloway College. The Last TSN took place on Tuesday 10th May 2016 and was themed around Linking Curriculum, Campus and Community. Another TSN is planned for Spring 2017.

[Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education TSN](#) – Convenor Mike Pretious, Queen Margaret University. The last TSN took place on Friday 18th March 2016 and focused on Interdisciplinarity and Sustainability Teaching with a discussion of the sustainability programmes and modules which exist in Scotland. There were attempts to organise another TSN December 2016 and January 2017 but both had to be cancelled due to low numbers.

[Travel and Transport TSN](#) – Convenor Trudy Cunningham, University of Dundee. This TSN is run in partnership with ActTravelwise. The Travel and Transport TSN had two meetings over the course of the last year, one 16<sup>th</sup> of May at the University Dundee focusing on car parking and sector updates. The second TSN was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 at the University of Dundee. It focused on car sharing schemes, active travel. Active travel is where funding is available for many organisations.

[Waste Management TSN](#) – Co-Convenors Trudy Cunningham, University of Dundee and Kate Fitzpatrick, University of Edinburgh (formally Fleur Ruckley). There were two Waste Management TSNs, with one

held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at the University of Edinburgh, discussing Zero Waste Campaigns, Legislation and how to put Practical Reuse into Action. The second TSN was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at the University of Edinburgh. It focused on legislation, reuse and had representatives from CRNS, Changeworks, 'Have You got the Bottle Campaign'. Previous event in February 2016 focused on reuse.

[Community Engagement TSN](#) – Convenor John Thorne, Glasgow School of Arts.

There were two Community Engagement TSNs over the course of last year as well as an additional one in 2017.

The first TSN was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at Glasgow School of Art and focused on Social Media Skill Shares. The second one was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August at the University of Dundee and was themed around Mapping Sustainability on Campus. JT recently attended the AGM of the Climate Psychologists Association and hence focused the last TSN on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at Glasgow School of Arts on why people are apathetic towards climate change.