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**For Information**

**Purpose**

This short note provides a briefing on activities around the EAUC in Scotland.

***EAUC-Scotland AGM: 9 October 2012***

Nineteen colleagues attended the EAUC-Scotland AGM at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation – a collaboration between Heriot-Watt, Napier and Edinburgh – based at the University of Edinburgh.

Andy Kerr, Executive Director at ECCI, provided a short over-view on the challenges and opportunities for Universities and Colleges in turning national climate policy intentions into practical actions in relation to the UCCCfS. He specifically raised the point that many people obsess about renewable electricity, windmills etc; but that low carbon heat is in fact one of the greatest challenges in the future as gas supplies become more scarce / expensive.

Fraser Lovie chaired the event and formally stood down as Scotland Convener with warm thanks for all his work over the past three years – not the one year he thought he had signed up for! David Somervell was elected as Scotland Convener and Paul Sherrington, Principal of Banff and Buchan College, and Andy Drysdale, Strategic Planning & Environment Manager at what is now Scotland's Rural (University) College, were elected as Depute Conveners – meaning all sectors are represented within the smaller group of elected officers to whom the Scotland staff can turn for advice and feedback from the coalface.

The post of Secretary was not filled at the time although I am keen to invite Jamie Pearson, Sustainability / Environmental Advisor at Edinburgh Napier University, to also take a role in support of the convener role.

The current membership, role and remit of the EAUC-S Branch Committee were reviewed. A paper prepared by the Scotland Manager was discussed but there was not a clear consensus on how best to proceed. It was agreed to continue with current structure meantime and to provide an opportunity for the conveners of the Topic Support Networks to make an input into the overall direction of the association in Scotland. The role of this group will help to identify the strategic direction for the future of the UCCCfS, funding opportunities and better integration of topic support networks and their conveners.

***Other developments:***

The Board is invited to note that following the funding allocated 2009-12 by the Climate Challenge Fund to Transition Edinburgh University [[www.teu.org.uk](http://www.teu.org.uk)] and Aberdeen University Students Union [<https://www.facebook.com/ausaclimatechangeproject>] there have been a series of other Transition-related FHE initiatives including Transition University of West of Scotland [[www.sauws.org.uk/transition](http://www.sauws.org.uk/transition)] Transition University of St Andrews [<http://transitionuniversityofstandrews.com/>]; Transition Heriot-Watt [[www.transitionheriot-watt.org.uk/](http://www.transitionheriot-watt.org.uk/)]; University of Stirling Students' Union's Lower-Carbon Challenge – a student-led project to reduce carbon emissions at University of Stirling and Forth Valley College; University of Strathclyde – A feasibility / community consultation study will engage with staff and students; Glasgow School of Art Students Association – A study with local artist groups on low carbon projects.

There is a close collaboration with People and Planet project funded by Scottish Government to promote greater awareness of ESD and related topics among students and an exciting new UN accredited Scottish centre of expertise in learning for sustainability likely launching in January 2013.

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