



Climate Commission: Student-led Discussion with the Further Education Sector

Date: 16 July 2020 – 11:00 – 12:30 - [Click here for more information.](#)

Purpose of the Meeting:

We have invited key stakeholders from the Further Education (FE) sector to discuss the current work and direction of the Climate Commission in relation to the needs of the sector.

Students will question invited expert witnesses from the FE sector and Climate Commission to ensure that our findings and next steps meet the needs of UK colleges and represent FE voices. We will be asking the expert witnesses to respond to the key questions outlined below. We will then open the discussion to the wider Further Education audience for input. The aim is to provide guidance to ensure the Commission's work is beneficial and relevant to the FE Sector.

The recording and notes from the meeting will be publicly available.

On September 2nd, 1000-1130, we will hold a similar meeting to discuss our work with Governors and Chairs from colleges and universities to ensure it is beneficial and relevant to the sector. [Click here to register.](#)

Event leaders: Chair: **Ian Munro**, Area Director, Association of Colleges and Steering Group Member for the Climate Commission; **Amy Brazier**, Student, Climate Commissioner; **Manveer Gill**, Student, Climate Commissioner; **Ebony Clark**, Student, Student Governor

Invited Expert Witnesses

Expert Witness	Organisation
Simon Pirotte	Principal and CEO, Bridgend College
Jim Metcalf	Chief Executive, College Development Network, Scotland
Steve Frampton	Climate Commissioner and President, Association of Colleges
Jim Longhurst	Climate Commissioner and Assistant Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England, Bristol

What is the need?

The Further Education sector presents different needs than universities in addressing the climate crisis. Even within the FE sector, colleges have varying capacity to respond to the climate emergency. It is crucial to ensure the Commission's work supports the diverse needs of the sector to have a cohesive and powerful voice in our response to the climate emergency.



Key questions:

1. What lessons has the Commission learned so far? Is this learning beneficial/relevant to the sector?
2. In terms of climate action, what are the key challenges in FE?
 - How do students think these should be addressed?
 - How do institutional leaders think these should be addressed?
3. What do our current and future students really want us to do, and have we captured this in the Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges?
4. How can students and colleges co-construct a response to the climate emergency?
5. What are our next steps for colleges? What is the plan for 2020/21?

Key Reading

- Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges

Produced in partnership with Nous Group, the Roadmap is one of the Commission's key outputs - [Click here for more information and to download the Roadmap](#)

Suggested Reading

- Resources that informed the Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges

The Climate Commission Secretariat collated existing sustainability work in the sector to inform the Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges - [Click here to download the list of existing work](#)