**Climate Commission for UK Higher and Further Education**

**Students and Leaders**

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Climate Commission for UK Higher and Further Education Students and Leaders continues to make progress on its aim to produce a clear, consistent and cohesive response to the climate crisis. Below is an update on work and activities as well as next steps for the Commission and how you can get involved in the process.

**April 2020 Updates:**

* The Commission has now held three out of five virtual [evidence gathering events.](https://www.eauc.org.uk/7037) Student Commissioners have begun to provide a key question during the evidence gathering events to ensure the Commission’s work includes and is beneficial to students. Evidence Gathering Events held in April include:
	+ **Wednesday 29th April 1300-1430: Priority 3 – Measuring and Reporting - Scope 1, 2 & 3 –**[Watch here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBcUF8GemFc)**-**[Briefing Paper](https://www.eauc.org.uk/file_uploads/priority_3_-_measuring_and_reporting_-_scopes_1_2_and_3_-_briefing_paper.pdf)
* The Commission has scheduled two further online events to consult with leaders in the further and higher education sector on its findings and progress
	+ Consultation with Further Education Sector - [book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=7024)
	+ Consultation with Further and Higher Education Governors and Chairs – [book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=7028)
* The Commission is working with [Nous Group](https://www.nousgroup.com/uk/) on an 8-week project to produce a roadmap for colleges on addressing the climate emergency. Read more about the project [here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/7033)

**April 2020 Activities:**

* Commissioner Professor James Longhurst (Assistant Vice-Chancellor of University of the West of England) has published articles on the Commission and how the FHE sector can tackle the climate crisis. [Read the articles here](https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-longhurst-0aa74526/detail/recent-activity/posts/)
* Professor James Longhurst spoke as a panelist on the UUKi [seminar](https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/events/Pages/IHEFOnline-Is-it-possible-to-have-a-green-international-strategy.aspx), "Is it possible to have a green international strategy?" At the event, Professor Longhurst represented the Commission and touched on topics that will be addressed by the Commission
* The Climate Commission was mentioned in a [blog post](https://www.hepi.ac.uk/2020/04/22/universities-are-showing-great-leadership-on-covid-19-they-should-now-seize-opportunities-to-tackle-climate-change-and-other-sustainable-development-goals/) by Lucian J. Hudson (Chair of Earthwatch Europe) published on HEPI

**Next Steps**

**1.** The Climate Commission will hold two more virtual evidence gathering events. The events include:

* Tuesday 19th May 1000-1130: Priority 4 – Deep Adaptation – [Book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=6915)
* Tuesday 2nd June 1500-1630: Priority 5 – Education and Student Experience [– Book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=6916)

**2.** Following these final virtual evidence gathering events, the Commission will hold two further events to share findings (informed by the evidence gathering events) to the further and higher education sector. The events include:

* Consultation with Further Education Sector - [book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=7024)
* Consultation with Further and Higher Education Governors and Chairs – [book here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/shop/mms_single_event.php?event_id=7028)

We invite members of the Climate Commission Council, Expert Witnesses and Observers to attend this meeting. Other interested parties are also welcome to attend.

By attending these events, leaders and individuals in the sector can contribute ideas and insight to the Commission’s Action Plan and help steer

the Commission in producing a consistent, cohesive and impactful response to the climate crisis.

**3.** The Commission will provide Nous Group with resources on sustainability in the UK further education sector and organise a virtual event with an invited group of UK colleges to workshop the roadmap.

**4.** The next Commissioner meeting will take place virtually on May 19th. More information on the outcomes of the meeting will follow.

More information on the Commission can be found [here](https://www.eauc.org.uk/climate_commission).

We encourage you to use the hashtag #EduClimateCommission when discussing the Climate Commission on social media.