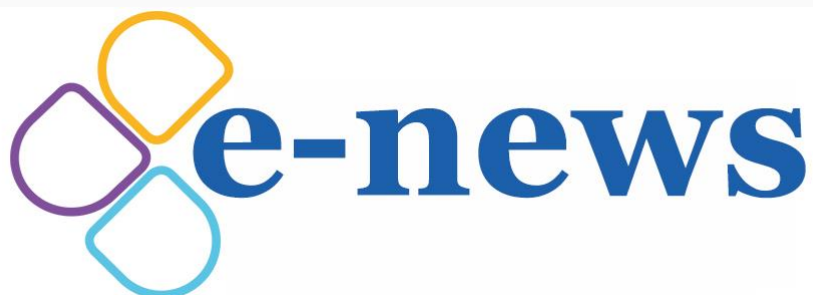


The latest news from EAUC on sustainability leadership in education

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## Latest News and Opportunities



## The SDG Accord

*The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals*

# SDG Accord Report 2019

*Progress towards the Global Goals in the University and College Sector*

Officially launched at the United Nations during the High-level Political Forum - New York, July 2019

The second SDG Accord Report, '[Progress towards the Global Goals in the University and College sector](#)' was launched yesterday at the United Nation's High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York by the Global Alliance – a partnership of the world's universities, colleges and sustainability networks.

The research shows increasing prioritisation of Climate Action (SDG 13) in universities and colleges and recommends their leaders to commit to Net Zero Carbon Emissions or they risk falling behind institutions that recognise the seriousness of this situation.

*Key findings of the 2019 Progress Reports were shared at Influence, the EAUC's 2019 Annual Conference. Find the session resources [here](#).*

**[CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL SDG ACCORD REPORT 2019](#)**



The winners of the 2019 International Green Gown Awards were announced on 10th July 2019 at our host partner venue - the [Institute of International Education \(IIE\)](#) - in New York as part of the United Nations High Level Political Forum.

Established as the most prestigious recognition of sustainability best practice within the education sector globally, the International Green Gown Awards provide benchmarks for excellence and are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

*We would like to congratulate Glasgow Kelvin College and University of Edinburgh for being Highly Commended in the Student Engagement, and Sustainability Institution of the Year categories respectively.*

[Click here to find out more and watch the video from the ceremony below.](#)



## Higher and Further Education Institutions across the globe declare Climate Emergency



Networks representing more than 7,000 higher and further education institutions announced yesterday at the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative meeting in New York that they are declaring a Climate Emergency as set out in the [Global Climate Emergency Letter](#). The purpose of the letter was to agree and undertake a three-point plan to address the climate crisis looking at:

1. Committing to going carbon neutral by 2030 or 2050 at the very latest;
2. Mobilizing more resources for action-oriented climate change research and skills creation;
3. Increasing the delivery of environmental and sustainability education across curricula, campus and community outreach programmes.

*Read a full copy of the letter and see the Networks that have signed on to show their support [here](#).*

**[SIGN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY LETTER HERE](#)**

# INFLUENCE!

Inspiration and insight to change  
minds and policy

*'Influence!'* recognised the role universities and colleges can and should, play in this landscape

#Influence2

This year's EAUC's Annual Conference, streamed around the 'Influence' theme came at a time when sustainability issues are increasingly at the forefront of mainstream media, following scientific research publications outlining imminent climate

catastrophe and a growing movement of young people determined to wake the world up to this challenge.

During the three day event, delegates had the opportunity to attend a range of workshops, breakout and plenary sessions that helped them to explore the role they can play in creating sustainable campuses, curricula, leadership, and a sustainable future.

You can now find the materials available from these sessions [here](#).



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## EAUC-Scotland Conference

### The Elephants in the Room

Tuesday 26 November 2019  
The Lighthouse, Glasgow



Everyone is welcome to join the [EAUC-Scotland Conference](#), which will tackle 'the

Elephants in the Room' when it comes to climate change and sustainability. The event will take place immediately before the [Green Gown Awards Ceremony](#) in Glasgow on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, and you can join for either a full or half day before the ceremony.

**[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE!](#)**

## **Events and Training Opportunities**

### Launching the Divestment Community of Practice



**Click here  
to join!**

To support members in examining the possibility of divestment and share learning opportunities between members on ethical investment, we have established a Divestment Community of Practice (CoP). The aim of this new Community of Practice will be to establish communication between group members, through a dedicated discussion network via JISCMail.

**Not signed up?** To join, simply email [info@eauc.org.uk](mailto:info@eauc.org.uk).

**Find out more about our upcoming events  
Book your place now!**

**Transport Community of Practice Meeting (North & South)**

University of Leeds and University of Southampton, Tuesday, 16 July 2019 10:00 -

15:00



### **Ireland Branch Meeting**

University College Dublin, Monday, Thursday 18 July 2019 10:30 - 14:30

### **North East England Regional Meeting**

Northumbria University, Thursday 25 July 2019 14:00 - 15:30

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## **Green Gown Awards Spotlight**



### Tomorrow's Employees



**Prifysgol Cymru**  
Y Drindod Dewi Sant  
**University of Wales**  
Trinity Saint David

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**Winner**

In 'Rethinking Business for a Changing World', UWTSB has a mission to change the nature of Business as a discipline in Higher Education. Two years ago, they began with a clean sheet of paper to design a series of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes which are underpinned by sustainable and ethical and responsible thinking.



## 2019 Finalists Announced


Ceremony Bookings Now Open!

[www.greengownawards.org.uk](http://www.greengownawards.org.uk)



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## **Other Highlights**



**UNIVERSITY OF  
PLYMOUTH**

### **Declares a Climate Emergency!**

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*Support for the EAUC's call reaffirms the University's position  
as a global leader in sustainability*

The University of Plymouth has declared a climate emergency, joining an international movement aimed at taking action on climate change.

As part of the commitment, the University will adopt a net zero emissions target (scope 1 and 2) by 2025, five years earlier than originally planned. It will continue efforts to increase recycling rates across its campus, reduce the amount of water used in its facilities, continue to reduce energy use and cut CO2 emissions.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

[Get in touch to share your Net Zero Carbon pledge.](#)

## Carbon Action Manager

*Apply before  
4th August  
2019*



Responsible for managing the UWE Carbon Action Programme, the Carbon Action Manager will work across the university, engaging with and inspiring stakeholders how to play their part in contributing to the biggest challenge of this time. This role is pivotal in bringing about the cultural change across UWE required to ensure that responsibility for carbon reduction is taken by all.

This is an opportunity for someone who would like to bring together their technical energy management knowledge and behaviour change experience in a large and complex organisation.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

## Advocacy

**Want to know how we are having a greater voice at the societal level on your behalf?**

[Click here for the full update](#)

### ***Latest activities:***

- This week alone, we have launched the SDG Accord report, Global Climate letter and held the International Green Gown Awards - all at the UN High Level Political Forum in New York.
- We attended a roundtable on skills with two government departments (BEIS and DfE) and Aldersgate Group.
- We published a guide called 'Adapting universities and colleges to a changing climate: Making the case and taking action'.
- We have organised a webinar with DEFRA on recycling practices and changing legislation.
- We have been working with UKSSD on a response to the recently published UK SDG VNR,

**Find out  
more**



# The world of sustainability



- Deposit return system for plastics could generate £2bn for UK economy: Read more about the UK Government plans to drastically modify waste management systems.
- Four steps to make your lawn a wildlife haven – from green desert to miniature rainforest: Find out more about some practical advice on how to improve biodiversity in your habitat.
- Climate change: having the right combination of tree 'personalities' could make forests more resilient: Read more about who wins and who loses when certain species are planted together, and how this changes under stressful conditions.

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