

# **2020 / 21**

# **Annual Report:**

# **Executive Summary**

## EAUC-Scotland 2020-23 Programme

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EAUC Scotland's Mission is to inspire, empower and support leadership and collaborative action for sustainability across the Scottish further and higher education (FHE) sector. Our programme

**Accelerating action and leadership in Scotland's universities and colleges in order to respond to the Climate Emergency**, running from April 2020 to March 2023, continues to support this mission.

Ambitious and far-reaching in scope, this programme builds on the success of previous EAUC-Scotland programmes and sector progress to date. It also recognises the need for a step-change in leadership and action across institutions in order to fully contribute to Scotland's national ambitions on the climate emergency, as well as delivering the social, economic and educational benefits to individual institutions and their campus and wider communities.

### Foreward by OBG Convenor, John Wincott (Fife College)

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EAUC-Scotland is a powerful driver of change in the further and higher education sector. By bringing together expertise from many different institutions across Scotland, we produce the collaboration and knowledge sharing that is vital if we are all to achieve Scotland's national climate change ambition.

EAUC-Scotland exemplifies the adage that 'the sum is greater than the parts,' and drawing on the further network of EAUC UK promotes even stronger cooperation. Our members make EAUC-Scotland what it is today, ambitious, both inspired and inspirational, and committed to success.

# THERE ARE 5 PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

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## Outcome 1

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The sector is delivering dynamic and coordinated leadership and action in response to the climate emergency at all levels of Scottish FHE institutions.

## Outcome 3

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Colleges and Universities in Scotland are able to respond collectively at a sector-based, local and national level to the climate emergency and collaborate effectively within and beyond the sector.

## Outcome 5

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EAUC-Scotland's expertise and knowledge on sustainability within the FHE sector is accessed and utilised by wider stakeholders, including SFC.

## Outcome 2

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The Scottish FHE sector is able to provide the right data, skills, and knowledge to contribute towards national climate targets.

## Outcome 4

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Students develop the knowledge, skills, values and resilience required to lead and transform Scotland's future net-zero, sustainable and inclusive economy.

**For a Sustainable,  
Dynamic and Resilient  
Scottish FHE Sector.**

# YEAR 1 HEADLINE ACTIONS

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## Outcome 1

Updated Senior Management Engagement Strategy.

3 new institutional SDG Accord signatories and 4 new Global Climate Letter signatories.

Co-drafted Scottish Colleges' Statement of Commitment on the Climate Emergency.

Supported creation of Universities Scotland's VP Internationals for Sustainability Working Group.

14 Green Gown Award Finalists and 7 Winners / Highly Commended.

Launched monthly Sector Briefings resource.



**The SDG Accord**

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



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## Outcome 2

Delivered 26 EAUC-Scotland events with 498 attendees including our first virtual conference.

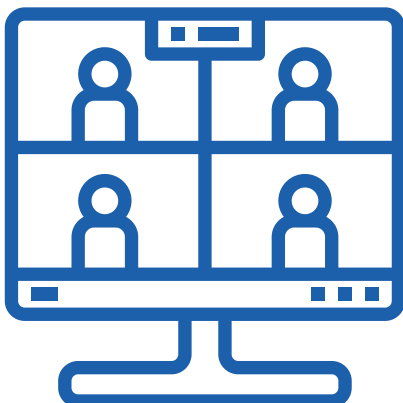
44% of attendees were from non-estates teams and 8% were students.

We also partnered on 5 events with over 150 attendees.

Published 2018/19 FHE, FE and HE PBCCD sector reports.

SISM's PBCCD Peer Review expanded to 12 institutions.

Responded to 89 sector enquiries.



# YEAR 1 HEADLINE ACTIONS

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## Outcome 3

Updated Communications Strategy.

Created new Student Leaders Network and Health and Wellbeing TSN.

Developed and launched new EAUC-Scotland mentoring pilot project with 14 mentors / mentees.

Engaged with 53 non-FHE partners and organisations.

Responded to 6 Scottish Government / Partner consultations.

Working with Scottish Tech Army to create COP26 Scottish FHE Event Map webpage.



## Outcome 4

3 Education for Sustainable Development TSN events. Submitted sector response to QAA and Advance HE ESD Guidance Consultation.

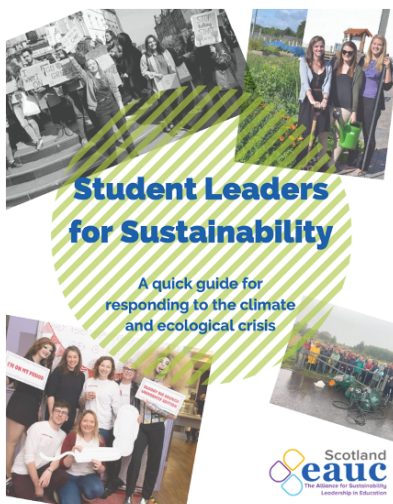
Published briefing on current FHE SDG reporting frameworks and use.

3 Community Engagement TSN events. Submitted sector response to Climate Change - Net Zero Nation: Draft Public Engagement Strategy Consultation.

Created new Student Engagement Strategy and launched Student Leaders Network.

Published 3 student leaders resources including Students' Union emissions calculator.

Directly engaged with 13 Scottish Students' Unions.



# YEAR 1 HEADLINE ACTIONS

## Outcome 5

Quarterly Environmental Sustainability Policy Briefings developed and shared with SFC, College Development Network and Universities Scotland.



Supported SFC with:

- development of internal Net Zero policy and strategy;
- developing funding criteria for capital infrastructure loans;
- and sector mapping to support insights for the place-based response to climate emergency.



Responded to six Scottish Government/Partner Consultations.



EAUC-Scotland directly engaged with 10 partner network steering groups or working groups.



EAUC-Scotland took part in one grants panel and one awards panel.

Developed new contacts with Scottish Government and Parliament through EAUC-Scotland Conference and PBCCD reporting activities.



## Financial Summary 2020/21

There are no year-end financial concerns for the programme. Savings made through reduced events and business travel expenditure have been reinvested in further staff resource for Year 2 & 3 of the programme to support the sector further.

Project	Income £			Expenditure £			Balance	
	Actual	Original Budget	Variance	Actual	Original Budget	Variance	Actual	Original Budget
Year 1 (20/21)	162,497.18	157,852.18	4,645.00	122,558.18	133,934.49	-11,376.31	39,939.00	23,917.69
Year 2 (21/22)		142,000.00	-142,000.00		144,062.95	-144,062.95	0.00	-2,062.95
Year 3 (22/23)		142,000.00	-142,000.00		150,755.27	-150,755.27	0.00	-8,755.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,497.18</b>	<b>441,852.18</b>	<b>-279,355.00</b>	<b>122,558.18</b>	<b>428,752.71</b>	<b>-306,194.53</b>	<b>39,939.00</b>	<b>13,099.47</b>

**Note: 2020-23 Programme income from SFC = £383,000**

## Looking ahead - Year 2

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Beyond ongoing core support, Year 2 of the Programme will see a shift in focus from emission reductions to community engagement and curriculum development. Some of the activities you can engage with and expected resources over the next 12 months include:

- Topic Support Networks, Forums, Smaller Institutions for Sustainability Meeting
- Carbon Literacy Training (accredited)
- PBCCD FHE, FE and HE Sector Reports
- COP26 FHE events webpage & calendar launch
- Reducing business travel emissions guide
- Sustainable procurement event/guide
- Climate change adaptation event/guide
- Communicating climate change effectively & supporting those with climate anxiety guide
- Developing a structure for sharing teaching staff ideas & experiences of LfS and ESD
- Experiential & applied learning approaches guide

## Thank you

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Covid-19 has presented a year of unbelievable change that has been felt across EAUC-Scotland and each of the FHE institutions and partner organisations we work with. Despite the many challenges, this executive summary highlights the significant steps forward we, and the sector, are making towards a net-zero, more equitable society and economy, with campuses being leaders within their communities. This work would be impossible without the support, enthusiasm and volunteering of the EAUC-Scotland network to engage with us, and each other.

From all the team at EAUC-Scotland, thank you!

Matt, Jill, Scott and Becca