

Sharing resources across the globe



International resources for an international community

→ Today we live in a truly global society. It sounds like a cliché but the world is getting smaller. The super-fast development of modern technology means we are able to share our thoughts and experiences with people we have never met – something our parents could only have dreamt of.

With this sharing of knowledge and experience, international communities of like-minded people have developed. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in sustainability. Environmental concerns have united a worldwide community to campaign for the future of the planet for generations to come.

This desire to work together is particularly strong in the tertiary education sector and the EAUC is one of a number of organisations from around the world to have joined forces to promote the role of further and higher education in sustainability. Recognising that what affects us as individuals also has an impact on the world as a whole, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in America, Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS), and the EAUC have come together to share their resources.

Members from each organisation will now have access to all resources including publications, e-newsletters, networks, insight guides, and strategies. They will be able to share best practice from around the world on issues such as resource efficiency, biodiversity, education for sustainable development, waste and environmental reporting.

The partnership officially began at the 16th EAUC Annual Conference at the University of York on 27th March. Chief Executive of the EAUC, Iain Pat-

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ton joined AASHE Executive Director Paul Rowland and ACTS President Leanne Denby to discuss with delegates how the partnership will raise the profile of sustainability education internationally by sharing its wealth of information, support and best practice from around the world.

“This new partnership between the EAUC, AASHE in North America and ACTS in Australasia redefines and multiplies the value of Membership of each of our organisations. Combining and sharing our collective knowledge and expertise is a monumental achievement for the advancement of sustainability in global tertiary education, and the EAUC looks forward to further opportunities of working together for the benefit of all our Members,” says Iain Patton, EAUC Chief Executive.

“We breathe the same air, the waves that lap our shores come from the same bodies of water, we are connected economically, socially and environmentally,” notes AASHE Executive Director Paul Rowland. “Sharing our resources allows us to learn from one another across the national and geographic divides, and allows us to better face the challenges of creating a more sustainable world.”

ACTS President Leanne Denby said she is “delighted to be a part of this international collaboration to bring best practice, knowledge and expertise to the fore for Members. The three-way agreement to share resources between ACTS, the EAUC and AASHE further highlights the benefits to be gained by working at an international

level, and the fundamental role of associations that support sustainability being embedded into the core business of tertiary institutions. We look forward to learning from our colleagues across the globe, whilst also sharing our own knowledge with others.” ●

More about AASHE



AASHE is helping create a brighter future of opportunity for all by advancing sustainability in higher education. By creating a diverse community engaged in sharing ideas and promising practices, AASHE provides administrators, faculty, staff and students, as well as the businesses that serve them, with: thought leadership and essential knowledge resources; outstanding opportunities for professional development; and a unique framework for demonstrating the value and competitive edge created by sustainability initiatives. For more information about AASHE, visit www.aashe.org.

More about ACTS



ACTS is a non-profit member-based organisation representing higher and further education institutions within Australia and New Zealand. ACTS aims to inspire, promote and support change towards best practice sustainability within the operations, curriculum and research of the tertiary education sector. ACTS seeks to build community and business partnerships at the local, regional and international level, in order to bring together a network of people for positive engagement, capacity building and change. For further information about ACTS, visit www.acts.asn.au.

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