

**Date:** 24th March 2021  
**Time:** 10:00-12:00  
**Venue:** Virtual

# MINUTES

## Spring Forum and AGM

**Attendees:**

Abhishek Agarwal	AA	Robert Gordon University
Ankit Duggal	AD	Edinburgh Napier University
Beth Brownlee	BB	West Lothian College
Billy Currie	BC	Dumfries and Galloway College
Christine Calder	CC	Dundee and Angus College
Claire Mitchell	CM	EAUC
Colin McLaren	CM	Edinburgh College
David Stutchfield	DS	University of St Andrews
Eilidh MacPhail	EM	Leuch Castle College UHI
Fiona Goodwin	FG	EAUC
Hanna Lundstrom	HL	University of St Andrews
Iain Gordon	IG	Glasgow Kelvin College
Jackie Beresford	JB	Dundee and Angus College
Jill Burnett	JB	EAUC-Scotland
Scott Thomson	ST	EAUC-Scotland
John Thorne	JT	Glasgow School of Art
John Wincott	JWi	Fife College
Katherine Duffy	KD	University of Glasgow
Lewis Coenen-Rowe	LCR	Creative Carbon Scotland
Martin Webb	MWe	Edinburgh College
Matt Woodthorpe	MWo	EAUC-Scotland
Miriam Adcock	MA	Zero Waste Scotland
Nicola Scrimgeour	NS	Edinburgh Napier University
Stefan Jindra	SJ	University of Aberdeen
Suzanne Marshall	SM	College Development Network
Trudy Cunningham	TC	University of Dundee

	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS	ACTIONS
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions and EAUC-Scotland Update</b> <i>John Wincott, Fife College and EAUC-Scotland Convenor</i>	
<b>2</b>	<b>EAUC-UK 2021 Strategy and Climate Commission Updates</b> <i>Fiona Goodwin, EAUC</i>	

	<p>FG outlined the new EAUC strategy plans and the work of the Climate Commission. For full details please see the presentation directly.</p> <p><b>Presentation slides and recording attached to email.</b></p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Green Gown Award Finalists Showcase</b></p> <p>BC of Dumfries and Galloway College and NS of Napier University spoke on their Green Gown Projects. Their submission videos can be viewed below.</p> <p><a href="#">Dumfries and Galloway</a></p> <p><a href="#">Edinburgh Napier</a></p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>EAUC-Scotland Programme Update</b></p> <p><i>Matt Woodthorpe, EAUC-Scotland</i></p> <p>MW outlined the EAUC-Scotland Annual Report Executive Summary. This document is attached but the key highlights under each SFC outcome were.</p> <p>Outcome 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Drafting the College’s Statement of Commitment on Climate Change with CDN</li> <li>• Created a VP Internationals Group to tackle the issue of internationalisation</li> <li>• Launched Sector Briefing Reports</li> </ul> <p>Outcome 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivered 23 events including our first ever virtual conference</li> <li>• Expanded the PBCCCD Peer Review to universities</li> <li>• Partnered on 5 events with over 150 attendees</li> </ul> <p>Outcome 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created a Student TSN and a Health and Wellbeing TSN</li> <li>• Responded to 6 Scottish Government Consultations</li> <li>• Developed and launched a mentoring scheme</li> <li>• Engaged with 53 partner organisations</li> </ul> <p>Outcome 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ran 3 Education for Sustainable Development TSN’s and responded to the QAA consultation on teaching standards.</li> <li>• Published a briefing on current SDG reporting in Scottish FHE</li> <li>• Published 3 dedicated student resources and worked directly with 13 student associations</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>AGM Voting</b></p> <p>A vote was put forward aiming to change the EAUC-Scotland Constitution, Currently it says that there must be 4 forum meetings per year, EAUC-Scotland wish to change this to “minimum of 3” to allow us to cancel if numbers are low. This vote passed.</p>	

6	<p><b>Green Gown Award Finalists Showcase</b></p> <p>HL of University of St Andrews and KD of University of Glasgow spoke on their Green Gown projects. Their submission videos can be viewed below.</p> <p><a href="#">University of St Andrews</a></p> <p><a href="#">University of Glasgow</a></p>	
7	<p><b>Creative Carbon Scotland COP26 Beacons Project</b></p> <p>Lewis Coenen-Rowe, Creative Carbon Scotland</p> <p>Creative Carbon Scotland have a <a href="#">Carbon Beacons Project</a> which aims to promote collaboration and activity across Scotland, before, during and after COP. The aim is to create 6 beacons, where projects and activities are run in a coordinated manner in order to engage wider groups and form new partnerships between organisations. The project will run from June 2021 to July 2022. Applications are still open and you can get in touch if you would like to be involved.</p>	
8	<p><b>COP26 Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Matt Woodthorpe, EAUC-Scotland</i></p> <p>EAUC-Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Tech Army, are building a new website in which all COP26 events for universities and colleges can be displayed. This website should be live within 1 month and then institutions can submit events to EAUC to upload. The aim is to make it clear what is going on and to prevent duplication of events.</p> <p>EAUC have also submitted an EOI for the Education Zone of COP26 in Glasgow. If successful it would allow EAUC to attend for 12 days. EAUC propose to share these day passes out with the sector and allow institutions to attend COP. EOI results are expected to be announced in May.</p> <p>At this point the participants went to breakout rooms to discuss further on their plans. Feedback showed that institutions are all at different points in their COP plans with many looking to run multiple events. A key focus was to make sure the audience was wide, staff, students and the community. It was also stressed that this needs to have a legacy and not be a single month of action.</p>	
9	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	

	<p>JT (Glasgow School of Art) asked if EAUC could do more work around diversity and inclusion at all levels, particularly at a board level and whether this could be a standing item for Forum meetings.</p> <p>A discussion followed and it was agreed that EAUC-Scotland would set up a working group to tackle this issue which can report back at future forums. If anyone wishes to join then please contact <b>Scotland@eauc.org.uk</b>.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Thanks and Close</b>	

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