

Minutes of the EAUC NW meeting

Time: 9.30am – 12:30pm
Date: Wednesday 17 Oct 18
Venue: LJMU

Present: Pam Reynolds (PR), Rachael Hanmer Dwight (RHD),
 Laura Carter (LC), Tamara Hunt (TH), Phil Maron (PM),
 Pam Brandwood (PB), Suzanne Moody (SM)

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Agenda Item	Issue / Discussion	Outcome / Action	Deadline	Resp
1.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>PR asked if anyone had signed up to the SDG Accord – the group stated that it's on everyone's list but no one in attendance is yet signed up, as it can be difficult for sustainability staff to report on curriculum achievements.</p> <p>PR mentioned that the EAUC NW survey should have been discussed at the summer meeting (cancelled), but will send out benchmarking survey again as there was only 4 responses.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>PR to send survey link to group</p>	Nov 18 - done	PR
2.	<p>EAUC update</p> <p>TH signed up to energy webinar on EAUC notes.</p> <p>Green Gown Awards – Nov 18 – none of the group will be attending as no submissions were made this</p>	PR to send out EAUC update via email to group	Oct 18 – sent out	PR

	<p>year.</p> <p>Emerging leaders programme – the group feel that the course is quite expensive and unsure of the professional accreditation received once completed. No one signed up.</p> <p>EAUC name change update. The EAUC survey showed that the name of the EAUC will remain the same and will be reviewed in 2021 with the next strategy.</p> <p>Sustainability Leadership Scorecard (SLS) – The group have looked at the SLS but due to the time required to complete, believe it could be useful but time is limited to sit and complete.</p> <p>The group questioned is the Brite Green report had been sent out – No one had seen it.</p> <p>BEIS proposed voluntary target for carbon emissions reduction is absolute metric. PR signed up, no other members taking part. SM mentioned that the target is only for institutions reporting on non-domestic carbon savings, which poses a challenge of how to split out carbon emissions if institutions have a mixed use building, GIA could be used but not an ideal methodology.</p> <p>Fairtrade University & College Award I couple of members are not renewing the accreditation, but will still buy, support and promote</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>For info</p> <p>CM to confirm if the EAUC plan on publishing the data from the scorecard, if so when and what % of institutions completed the scorecard</p> <p>For info</p> <p>For info</p> <p>For info</p>	<p>Nov 18</p>	<p>CM</p>
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	<p>Fairtrade. The group discussed the variety of other accreditations available and how the award is costly, particularly if an institution is already Fairtrade accredited. The group felt that the cost may discourage institutions from applying for the Fairtrade award. A number of Institutions struggle with SU engagement which is integral to achieving Fairtrade status.</p> <p>People and Planet - TH mentioned that the University League lines up with the EMR scorecard. PB mentioned that there was an issue with P&P reports as 50% of the information is taken from the institutions website and so if sustainability information is not published an institution would be marked down. Institutions with a limited sustainability team don't always have time to update websites.</p> <p>The group discussed ethical investments and if anyone had a policy in place – TH mentioned that Chester had done a lot of work on ethical investments. RHD provided feedback about investing in local enterprises and discussed an email from Kathy Houghton, which focused on modern slavery, from the National Responsible Procurement Group.</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>RHD – to invite modern slavery speaker to next meeting (Key Casey?)</p>	<p>Jan 19</p>	<p>RHD</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>LJMU - community projects</p> <p>RHD discussed the benefits of working with local charities to collect and upcycle items from the</p>	<p>For info</p>		

	<p>university.</p> <p>TH – discussed the Warp it online resource redistribution portal and how successful it had been. There has however been operational issues with overseeing the system.</p>			
<p>4.</p>	<p>community – discussion</p> <p>PR –asked if anyone was doing anything around single use plastics?</p> <p>TH mentioned their case study around sustainable takeout boxes that won a Green Gown Award. TH mentioned that the Catering Director was extremely proactive and a number of new sustainable initiatives had been brought in, including the removal of plastic glue from paper sachets.</p> <p>The group discussed the benefits of single use cup taxes and reusable cup discounts.</p> <p>Other institutions were looking to install washing facilities for reusable cups.</p> <p>PR asked if any of the ‘proudly serves Starbucks’ units had cup recycling in place. TH confirmed that Chester Uni had this facility and it should be rolled out to other institutions soon.</p> <p>PB - trialing food waste initiative.</p> <p>The group discussed issues around reusable cutlery</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>For info</p> <p>PR to contact Starbucks</p>	<p>Nov 18</p>	<p>PR</p>

	<p>goes missing on a regular basis, and the cost implications of using biodegradable cutlery.</p> <p>A number of institutions had provided free drinking bottles to students to reduce single use plastic bottle wastage, but this can be expensive.</p>			
5.	<p>University of Chester – energy and carbon savings</p> <p>TH presented the Chester University 20,400,000 Cups of Tea and Solar PV project. The project was aimed at installing new LEDS across the campus alongside 412 kWh of solar PV.</p> <p>In total the project generated 852.71 MWh since installation, saved 241 tonnes CO₂, avoided £927,686.20 in energy costs and generated £74,000 in actual savings.</p> <p>Chester University</p> <p>Students who provided feedback as part of the project through the NUS Responsible Futures Programmes, stated that they were unaware of the sustainability achievement of the University such as solar panels, etc. so is important to keep the message going.</p> <p>Green Impact teams are doing excellent work of spreading the message about sustainability and energy saving across the institution.</p>			

	The DoNation programme was also useful in promoting sustainability amongst staff.			
6.	<p>SDGs</p> <p>PR discussed the SDG Accord and asked if anyone had signed up. None of the group had signed up as many member at the meeting don't deal with the curriculum and would find it difficult reporting on curriculum progress.</p> <p>It was the opinion of the group that the SDG accord should be managed via the Senior Management Team rather than the Sustainability team in order to sufficiently collate data and report on the findings.</p>			
7.	<p>Water plus</p> <p>PR mentioned her dissatisfaction with Water Plus customer service and asked about tendering for new suppliers.</p> <p>LC mentioned that they had successfully retendered for the water contract (Castle Water) and the customer service had significantly improved.</p>	For info		