

North West Regional Meeting

5th July, University of Salford

Attendees:

Claire Mitchell	Member Community Officer	EAUC
Pam Reynolds	Chair Sustainability Manager	Blackpool and Flyde College
Neva Mowl	Green Impact Projects Manager	University of Salford
Conor Edwards	Director of Finance and Estates	Winstanley College
Clair Engl	Environment and Sustainability Manager	University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN)
Christina Birch	Project Support Assistant	University of Manchester
Jen Strong	Senior Project Officer	NUS
Pamela Brandwood	Energy Manager	Edge Hill University
Samantha Stewart	Welfare Advisor	University of Chester Students Union
Chris Wood	Environmental Sustainability Advisor	University of Manchester
Lachlan Fulton	Environment & Sustainability Manager	University of Cumbria
Lydia Merrell	Honorary Fellow of Knowledge Exchange	University of Manchester

Apologies:

Shaunagh Smith
Alexander Clark
Bec Bennett

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes of last meeting 06/06/16

Agreed to continue with different topic for each meeting. Procurement a potential next topic.

Action: PR to send out request for topics

3. EAUC Update – CM

Annual Conference 2018 dates announced – 19th – 21st June, Keele University
Green Gown Awards Finalists announced and ceremony will take place on 15th November at The Monastery, Manchester. Request for any suggestions for local ceremony host. Previous hosts have included Mike Barry (M&S), Kate Humble, Simon Reeve
Brexit webinar held on 27th June, resources and recording available online (webinar section of Events page). Survey sent out asking members views on how it will impact them on their roles.
Staff changes – Nina Bartlett, Events and Communications Officer is now on maternity leave and Jenny Brees, Finance Officer has left. Sophie Woods and Becky Goff have replaced them.
Legal Spotlight (June) – quarterly publication available on website
Circular Economy new Community of Practice initially online discussion group but depending on demand it may move into a more structured group with a convenor.

4. Water market update and discussion

Majority staying with WaterPlus. PR problems with WaterPlus involving poor customer service, account manager issues, data changes and conflicting billing.
Letters received by FE regarding changes to site area charge and discounts.

5. Presentation: NUS Project Update – JS

Engagement programmes include Green Impact, Student Eats, Responsible Futures, Blackout, Switch Off

Green Impact – 10th anniversary, Universities, Colleges, Students Unions and communities
476 organisations taken part over 10 years, 3000+ teams, +300,000 'greening actions', +3500 trained student volunteers. Growth in healthcare sector (NHS 'greening' their workplace with sustainability in practice).

Moving forward there will be more focus on the whole Union and seeking opportunities rather than managing negative environmental impact. Unions are to be actively engaged with organisation (e.g. ISO140001, Sports)

81 unions signed up in Nov, 58 unions had an audit and achieved accreditation.

New toolkit and scaled approach with a greater emphasis on outcomes (research, methodology, monitoring). Showcase one main project / campaign.

Aug 2017 Green Impact registration

Aug / Sept Toolkit launch

8th Nov Student Sustainability Summit (Coventry)



Microgrants also available – small grants of £50 - £250 to support Green Impact work

Student Eats – growing on campus, student led food based social enterprises eg. Vegshare scheme and FE work based learning

24th Nov - Open Category deadline

Student Switch Off – energy saving, +25,000 students actively engaged, climate change quizzes (via app), 5.5% energy savings across all campaigns (1215 tonnes CO₂).

Blackout – 4th Year, +1000 staff and student volunteers, shutdown showing potential savings

Responsible Futures – Partnerships, Student Unions and Institutions working together to embed education for sustainable development across campus.

6. Presentation – Chester Students Union Waste Not Want Not and Bee the Future – SS

Waste Not Want Not:

Started in 2016, run primarily by Level 5 Work Based Learning students to collect unwanted good condition items, working with Cheshire West Council and Green Chester to implement.

Redistribute items to international students and BHF with 400 bags of items donated and collected from staff and students. Free ice cream incentives. Contacted Residential Services earlier this year to push project in Halls and expanded to Warrington campus and private rented accommodation. Volunteer team final 'sweep' of halls at end of term, scheduled for July.

Bee the Future:

NUS Microgrant awarded for work with local schools to increase biodiversity and focus on current bee conservation concerns. Local school pupils planted seeds at school, took them home to grow and then returned them. Student volunteers and proactive school teacher. Safeguarding issues addressed with all student volunteers CRB checked, school maintained a constant staff presence and no photos were taken by the University. Any images taken were by the school staff who had written parental / guardian permission. Ideally the event will be annual and a closer partnership with the local council developed.

7. Student Engagement Discussion

Online platforms: JUMP (expensive), DoNation (UCLAN and University of Chester), 10000 Actions (University of Manchester)

Can kickstart habit changes but also risk of 'incentive' fatigue. Link with Staff Annual Review as an option.

Waste and Recycling: struggle at Blackpool with low rates. All agreed confusing for staff and students as Local Authorities all have different systems and policies. Statistics required and there are lack of resources to run campaigns. Plastic bottles value dropped. Schoolchildren working with the Universities to run audits have proved popular and an opportunity for widening participation. However safeguarding and H&S can be an issue.

Community Projects: 'In the City' (UCLAN), food growing (EdgeHill), local 'heroes' especially in inner city areas, 'Clean Up's (University of Chester).



Wellbeing: monthly themed events (University of Salford), urban campus but biodiversity areas and park area being built (University of Manchester), online maps, nature walks and quiet spaces.

Actions:

JS to share NUS Student Attitudes Survey Results

PR to share presentations from meeting

PR and CM to arrange date and location of next meeting – host and topics required

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