

North West Regional Meeting
27th Feb
University of Manchester

Attendees:

Pam Reynolds	Sustainability Manager	Blackpool & The Flyde College
Claire Mitchell	Member Community Officer	EAUC
Chris Worden	Environmental Sustainability Assistant	University of Manchester
Emma Gardner	Head of Environmental Sustainability	University of Manchester
Helen Cutts	Environmental Sustainability Projects Officer	University of Manchester
Lucy Millard	Environmental Sustainability Manager	University of Manchester
Alexander Clark	Environmental Sustainability Coordinator	University of Manchester
Julia Durkan	University Sustainable Campus Officer	University of Manchester
Rebecca Bennett	Environment & Sustainability Officer	University of Salford
Neva Mowl	Green Impacts Projects Manager	University of Salford
Nia Williams	Energy Management Officer	University of Salford
Suzanne Moody	Sustainability Manager	Liverpool Hope University
Jen Strong	Senior Project Officer	NUS
Pamela Brandwood	Energy Manager	Edge Hill University
Timothy Pickering	Green Lancaster Waste Projects Supervisor	Lancaster University
Charlotte Lapping	Facilities Marketing & Communications Assistant	Lancaster University
Tamara Hunt	Sustainability Officer	University of Chester
Shaunagh Smith	Administration Assistant	University of Chester

Apologies:

Conor Edwards
 Sarah Dye

Director of Finance and Estates
 Category Manager

Winstanley College
 NUWPC / University of Manchester



Minutes from previous meeting agreed

EAUC Update - Claire Mitchell

Green Gown Awards 2018 Applications Open from 16th April

EAUC Collaborations for Change Annual Conference 2018, 19th – 21st June, Keele University, delegate bookings open <https://www.eaucconference.org.uk/>

There is a Campus programme and an Academic programme. They run in parallel so everyone comes together for keynotes and breaks but different workshops. Everyone is free to switch between the two – so can pick and mix from both.

Sustainability Leadership Scorecard

EAUC with support from HEFCE are working with AUDE to further develop the Green Scorecard to cover sustainability issues beyond the estates function. We are working closely with AUDE, who lead on the Green Scorecard, and ARUP, who designed the Green Scorecard. Our collective aim is to provide a useful management and developmental tool for our members. Building on the Green Scorecard, the Sustainability Leadership Scorecard will be within the same tool, remain free to the sector and be voluntary for institutions to use. Institutions select the areas of work they wish to review including functionality to map progress against the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Green Scorecard will remain live and useable through this period of development, your institutional logins remain unchanged. We aim to have the new developments in place by April and we will be providing workshops at the AUDE and EAUC Conferences to provide our members with further information and guidance.

Upcoming meetings:

Living Labs Community of Practice virtual meeting, Mon 12th March, 11.00am

Sharing Series: Community Growing Projects virtual meeting, Weds 14th March, 11.00am

Transport Community of Practice Meeting, Weds 28th March, University of Nottingham

Energy Community of Practice Meeting, Mon 16th April, Aston University

EAUC Scotland Continued Professional Development Programme covers a range of training topics which are chosen by our members to ensure that the most up-to-date and comprehensive training is offered.

These sessions allow for peers to exchange ideas and interact with others in their field, and learn skills such as Energy Management, Social Media Communications, Adaptation Planning and best practice on Behaviour Change. **Open to all of UK.**

Social Media Training, 22nd March, Glasgow

Project set-up: Identifying Outcomes & Indicators, 29th March, Edinburgh

Project Monitoring: Capturing Evidence of Progress, 26th April, Edinburgh

Project Evaluation: Analysing and Sharing Success, 24th May, Edinburgh

EMS Internal Auditor course (CPD Certified), 7th June, Dundee

http://www.eauc.org.uk/scotland_training

Sustainability in Education 2017 report from the National Union of Students (NUS), Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), University and College Union (UCU), Association of Colleges (AoC) and the College Development Network (CDN).

The research shows 1 in 3 respondents reported sustainability as a strategic priority for the institution they work at, up 7% from 2016, yet only 1% of respondents felt their institution was doing all it could to progress environmental and social responsibility. The average budget dedicated to sustainability has reduced, with



71% of respondents expecting the 2017/18 budget to stay the same or decrease further. There is a clear disconnect between strategic and financial priorities in Further and Higher Education. The research is based on a sample of 500 staff members from universities, colleges and students' unions in the UK, with 63 respondents identifying as lead staff members on environmental sustainability and social responsibility in a formal or informal basis. http://www.eauc.org.uk/new_research_shows_university_and_college_leade

Presentation: University of Manchester Waste and Recycling Campaign – Alex Clark and Helen Cutts

Give It Don't Bin It with British Heart Foundation

Manchester city wide partnership managed through a central partnership team chaired by City Council.

Issues off campus with housing and environment

Recycle Week, Sustainability Champions Network relaunched and training provided

Issues with waste contractor providing data.

Three campaigns a year – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Hard to evidence reduce and focus on putting the onerous back on the staff and students, they need to commit to change.

Waste hierarchy focus on reduction, encourage to use less and should not be using it in the first place.

Furniture Reuse Centre includes upholstery of chairs and tables resized. Next step is to enhance and improve store, developing an online platform.

IT equipment reused if possible and if not then recycled.

Share point for staff to share own materials (10,000 Actions) and increased information on webpages.

Sustainability guidance videos provided (office moves).

Waste and Recycling Discussion

Disposable cups, disposable food packaging, drinking straw ban, plastics on campus

Campus and Halls of Residence different recycling policies / waste streams (source segregation v comingle).

Confusion as Local Authorities and Waste Contractors not mirrored. Alignment with local council preferred but not always possible.

Reluctant caterers, contamination issues, size of reusable cups, health & safety concerns.

Cardiff University study showed tax more effective than discount.

Plastic straws not readily available, have to ask for them. Biodegradable straws are more expensive. Tax on takeaway packaging. University of Lancaster looking at free wash scheme and Freiburg cup. Wash stations not always available or physically possible. Include reuse policy in tender. University of Manchester use eco-bottles for water bottles which are cheap to buy and can be recycled.

University of Chester – catering department supportive. Working with TUCO on reusable containers.

Paper – MFD, paper light not paperless. Reduce amount of printed lecture notes but all faculties need to be on board. Useful to collect data from devices.

University of Reading have a chip in a cup which is refillable and charged termly or annually

Blackpool & The Flyde College – sugar tax and content awareness, cannot sell grande size.

Action: CM to circulate RB Reusable Cups in Universities Summary 2017

Action: AC to circulate Ecobottles information



Presentation: NUS Sustainability Update Staff and Student Engagement – Jen Strong

#SDGTeachIn Pledge aligned with Responsible Futures. Tools to support Universities and SUs working together.

SDG Teach In (19th – 23rd Feb) 31 institutions participated, 257 teaching staff and 16,220 students. Good volume of traffic on social media.

SDGs Discussion

EAUC - Recently held second SDG Accord webinar on mapping and reporting. Available to view online. Well attended and looking to hold the next one mid March focusing on SDGs and engagement. Signatories continue to grow and we now have a 4th signatory category; Students' Unions. We are at the final stages of designing the reporting process for signatories. It will be two pronged with everybody completing a very short survey that asks what you're doing on the SDGs and which you're delivering against, then if you are further along in your SDG journey (i.e. already map) you can proceed to the next step which is to input data on our subpage of the UN DESA site. This has been decided by a task and finish group that consists of members who are academics, executives, sustainability staff, as well as international sustainability networks, Aude, and stakeholders including WWF.

University of Salford – Business school student project addressing SDGs.

Concerns that it is another measure to get across but by connecting with the SDGs, this can widen the conversation, raise awareness, and they cover broader sustainability aspects not just environment. People and Planet not currently looking at SDGs.

Offers a roadmap to use for a framework for strategy and alignment.

Presentation: University of Manchester Engagement – Lucy Millard

Staff engagement schemes – 10,000 Actions for all staff not just enthusiasts, same message for all regardless. Videos based on own research and staff able to plan how to manage their environmental impact and track progress. Software improvements, interactive with activity guide, 55% + staff engaged and 36, 000 actions pledged (6,000 in progress / completed).

Relaunched Champions Network and use Sharepoint.

Student engagement via Stellify (strong branding, points system, volunteering).

Ethical Grand Challenges – sustainability, social justice and workplace ethics. Sustainability challenge ran on Welcome Week for 8,000 first years. Working in multidisciplinary groups simulation based around development of fictitious new campus. Group presentation and critique. Focus on collaboration. 85% enjoyed the challenge and 82% agreed they were more aware of the complexity of sustainability issues.

The University is a Carbon Literate Organisation.

TreeTrial forms part of the Living Campus Plan with an interactive web based app. Paper copies of maps can be downloaded if required. Highlights over 50 trees. Main communication is staff but second phase is students and wider community. Instagram - images of trees during the seasons.

Engaging academics challenging, different engagement strategy needed for different staff and departments.

Struggle with data evidence. Keep the campaigns and engagement fresh, clear and concise.



EAUC NW benchmarking survey

First sent out in 2016. Review questions and feedback. Comments included amendments for questions relating to carbon target reduction (what was target at start, absolute/year on year/relative), Scopes 1, 2, 3 (what is included e.g. refrigerants), food accreditation and reuse schemes.

Action: PR to make amendments and circulate for further review

AOB

Next meeting early July

Date and location TBC – Edge Hill offered to host

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