

Regional EMS Group Meeting

Meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2013



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Attending:

Andrew Armstrong	University of East London	AA
Lucy Brown	Canterbury Christ Church University	LB
Stephanie Chesters	University College London	SC
Anne Harris	St Georges, University of London	AH
Nicola Hogan	Goldsmiths, University of London	NH
Jonathan Horner	University of Roehampton	JH
Emma Leacock	The Institute of Cancer Research	EL
Jandi Pearman	Westminster	JP
Angela Peterki	St Georges, University of London	AP
Dawn White	City University	DW
Richard Woods	Kings College London	RW
Afua Yeboa-Henaku	City University	AYH

1.0 Introduction

- JH welcomed the group to The University of Roehampton. A brief historical overview of the campuses was given.
- JH announced that the Green League results have been published.
- A Halls of Residence recycling scheme is currently being piloted at Roehampton. JH requested information on how to dispose of soiled duvets as the local council will not take them. It was suggested that JH contact the British Heart Foundation. It was also put forward that Roehampton consider getting Students to provide their own duvets as they currently provide bedding. The CRISP Halls recycling scheme was also mentioned.
- RW also welcomed the group as chair of the meeting. The group introduced themselves and gave updates on where they are in terms of management systems.
- Canterbury Christ Church and City both have EcoCampus and ISO 14001. City University have decided not to continue with EcoCampus going forward.

2.0 Environmental Training at Roehampton

- Roehampton received the Silver award for EcoCampus in July 2012.
- EcoCampus provide specific training for EMS Implementation. Roehampton have established a working group which includes representation from senior managers in Estates and Facilities, Procurement, Energy Manager, etc. The structure of other committees was also discussed.
- What to include in environmental induction was also discussed, the group agreed the following are/ should be covered: EMS, sustainability, strategy/policy, key personnel, job role specific issues, practical operation, environment projects that they can contribute to and get involved in (such as green impact and environmental campaigns).
- EcoCampus requirements for training were discussed.
- JH gave an overview of the environmental training packages currently being run at Roehampton:
 - Compulsory training - General staff induction includes health, safety, security and environment (15 minute slot).
 - Non-compulsory training – Lunch time sessions which are managed independently by JH where staff and students interested in the Environment can learn more in an informal way.
 - Champion's network – involves Champions attending a full day's training. Forums are held quarterly where local environment and sustainability issues are promoted. The objectives of the champions network is to outline key concepts and drivers to

emphasise why we all need to take action to reduce our environmental impacts; it highlights some of the many environmental initiatives and projects at the University and consider ways in which you and your Department could contribute to reducing the University's environmental impacts and costs.

- Champions can go for the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Environmental Principles and Best Practice. The award covers the following areas:
 - Environmental impacts and sustainability
 - Understanding environmental aspects
 - Principles of environmental law
 - Energy use and carbon management
 - Resource efficiency and waste minimisation
 - Water management
 - Pollution prevention and emergency planning
 - Environmental management systems
- Champions have the option to sit a 30 minute multiple choice test to receive certification for the course. In order to get the course approved need to obtain approved tutor status and centre status.
- Champions get involved with projects including energy saving, waste reduction, biodiversity and travel.

2.1 e-learning project update

- EL and SC led workshop on the e-learning training package that is being developed by UCL and ICR.
- UCL and the ICR have been working together to produce an on-line environmental training package with the potential to roll out to other universities.
- SC gave an overview of the criteria that were considered when developing the training which included having video, sound, animation and interactive elements, cost of training software including maintenance and update costs, length of the training, internal and external hosting capabilities.
- EL noted that two key areas were identified when discussing content for the training package; the group were asked to consider what they thought people should know and what they would like people to do differently.
 - **Want people to know:**
 - Website
 - bike group

- helpdesk in terms of reporting environmental incidents
 - job role and how it overlaps with sustainability.
 - Initiatives
 - Policy/strategy
 - What's in it for me
- **Do differently:**
 - purchase sustainable food
 - wellbeing
 - travel
 - communicate more
 - buy only what is required
 - Don't walk by
 - Get involved
 - Don't pour down the sink
- It was apparent that although there may be differences across the university sector there was common ground regarding what should be included in environmental training packages. When putting together an environmental training course the following should be considered:
 - Set up a working group – ensure that all departments/schools are represented
 - Collaborate – work together with other Universities
 - Get feedback – discuss ideas with Champions alike before finalising content

3.0 Workshop 2 – Biodiversity at University of Roehampton

- JH noted that the University has allotments on site, a total of 20 plots are used by staff and students.
- Roehampton has been part of the London Orchard Project (LOP) for the past 3 years. One of the projects involved planting an orchard close to the residents of one of the Colleges. Various fruit trees have been planted and have begun to produce fruit. The LOP provided the trees and Roehampton provided the resources for planting. JH explained that LOP have been pruning trees with Roehampton to make an existing Orchard accessible.
- Roehampton Apiary – 3 active hives. Cost to set up a hive is approx £500. Roehampton have managed to receive funding from Wandsworth Ecofund, PowerPerfector and Capital Bee. 3 members of staff were trained as bee keepers however only 1 remains.

- River of flowers – Project to create corridors of wild flowers across east and west of London. As part of 'Movember', staff and students at Roehampton participated in planting to raise money and increase biodiversity.
- Kew Gardens Grow Wild – Lottery funded project. Targeted at getting young people involved in growing wild flowers. Grow Wild is a 5 year project, a focus group was held with staff and students which lead to the development of grow wild kits. Kits are being piloted at a number of universities and they should be available next year.
- Beverly Brook Living Landscape – 7 year scheme creating ecologically rich areas. Roehampton are aiming to get staff and students to volunteer through the project.
- Growhampton; Student Union Green Fund project – aiming to enhance biodiversity on campus and locally through the help of local schools. The project will involve producing and developing a food coop grown on allotments and will hope to produce fruit routes through the orchards.
- The meeting concluded with a really interesting Biodiversity tour of Roehampton.

4.0 Any other business

There was no other business discussed at the meeting.

Next Meeting: TBC