

**South Central Regional meeting
20th April
Solent University**

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Apologies

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Embedding Sustainability within University and College Procurement – pioneers, pitfalls, priorities

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Challenges: procurement structure, non specialist procurers, understanding & resources, frameworks, legislation, HEFCE Scope 3 emissions, risk and opportunities.

Reduce carbon emissions in operating and supply chain, focus on contractors, ICT and textiles and construction – modern slavery, plastics, Circular Economy, social value innovation, embed UN SDGs and align through organisation.

‘Golden Thread’ strategy, plan, statement. Sets out ‘corporate plan’. High level objectives. Monitor what is being delivered. Demonstrate outcomes, contract requirements, provision of data.

Sustainable outcomes:

Environment – climate change, materials, waste, hazardous materials, biodiversity, water.

Socio-economic – employment, skills and training, health and wellbeing, communities, ethical, fairtrade and equality.

University of Edinburgh are pioneers. Long established focus, SP champions, Scottish Government Commitments and tools, ETI.

Avoiding pitfalls:

Ideally need policy led procurement. Uncertain and non aligned intended procurement outcomes.

Trying to do everything at once, shopping list of requirements, expecting non specialists to get it right all the time. Not considering the market and contract management. Commercial sensitivity concerns.

Life Cycle Approach, key issues to identify.

General discussion:

Variety of tools include Flexible Framework, Net Positive.

Alternatives to buying commodities are to buy functionality but barriers are lack of knowledge and ownership of asset remains with supplier.

Leasing – B&Q, IKEA, Interface. Not common in ICT, buy not lease, want to own asset.

Fairtrade Clothing for uniforms – TfL, Historic Environment Scotland, and NHS Wales

Electronics Watch – evolving, provides focus, sends message to the market, template contract clauses provided.

European Sustainable Procurement Directive (ESPD), robust requirements, whistleblowing process, contract management key, Workers Rights Consortium, Living Wage.

Sustainability at Solent University, Manuel Carvalho, Environmental & Sustainability Officer

EMS EcoCampus Gold, EMS tool for improvement.

Energy consumption, waste decreased, recycling rates increased. Parking spaces decreased as being built on. Sustainable construction BREEAM Excellent on design phase. New sports centre currently under construction (no swimming pool). Wildflower meadow at The Spark.

Engagement and Communication commitment, awareness raising more than necessarily savings - NUS Blackout, Green Impact, Student Switch Off.

Solent cleaning team check separation at all Halls. Residence recycling competition, food caddys in Halls.

Next travel survey 2018, ongoing car parking assessment.

Challenges – biodiversity, sustainability in the curriculum, sustainable procurement and waste.

Right departments need to be involved, facilities, procurement, estates. Can be challenging.

Bee's Needs Award for pollinating insects.

EAUC Update

Proposed Name Change - United Futures – leading sustainability with Universities and Colleges

http://www.eauc.org.uk/proposed_name_change (includes further details and FAQs)

The proposed new name is United Futures, with the strapline Leading Sustainability with Universities and Colleges. This change has to be approved by our members at the EAUC AGM at the Annual Conference, Keele University in June. 75% of member votes (key contact vote and one vote per institution) required to vote in favour for motion to pass. When new strategy was launched in 2017 a significant proposal was to change our name. Strategy approved at last year's AGM. Worked with Task and Finish Group made up of members, Board and Fellows as well as sustainability communications professionals. The words United and Futures were the most constant. EAUC has served its purpose for the last 20 years but no longer reflects the depth of our member's roles and new strategy. As an organization, we want to support you to embed sustainability within education, across campuses and communities but also to help embed education within the wider global sustainable development movement. United Futures Leading Sustainability with Universities and Colleges has been designed to reflect this larger and more impactful role.

There are no educational price increases planned over the next year but our invoices would be branded with new name if voted in. If name is not voted in then we will seek member feedback and the Board will reflect upon this as to what our next steps are.

Action: group fed back comments and CM reported back to EAUC. Any other comments / feedback / questions please contact info@eauc.org.uk

Green Gown Awards 2018 Applications open, deadline is 8th June

<http://www.greengownawards.org/green-gown-awards-uk-ireland>

Changes to process include new and revised categories, small and large institutions now based on turnover (£50m - / +), streamlined application process and flexible in terms of dissemination.

SDG Accord reporting

<http://www.sdgaccord.org/>

Stage 1 - Survey – confidential, one person from one institution designated by VC / Principal to complete.

Stage 2 (optional) – on UN website and therefore public

Annual Conference, 19th – 21st June at Keele University

<https://www.eaucconference.org.uk/>

Collaborations for Change, global goals for tomorrow's education

Action: opportunity for members from SC region attending to share transport – group to arrange amongst themselves

Sustainability Leadership Scorecard (Green Scorecard)

http://www.eauc.org.uk/sustainability_leadership_scorecard1

We are working with AUDE and ARUP who designed the Green Scorecard to use much of the functionality within the current tool. The Sustainability Leadership Scorecard will cover sustainability issues beyond the estates function and allows a coordinated whole-institution approach to sustainability. The SLS will provide you with reports that you can use to communicate the critical drivers within your own institution, set targets and monitor progress. The new SLS will be just one web portal and login which includes the Green Scorecard and will be free to use.

Key Features

- Minimise duplication
- Useful Reporting
- SDG Mapping
- Comparison
- Verification

EAUC Future Business Council

As a high level interface between sector and employer senior executives, the EAUC– led Council meets in May to review its initial two lines of enquiry. 1. Graduate attributes – developing a common understanding of what these need to be so that employers and universities are aligned in their inclusion of what is needed for 'graduateness' and sustainability, and 2. Governance and board membership - building a greater



understanding of how universities operate, and seeking means by which new Board members with sustainability credentials from businesses can be appointed onto Boards.

Upcoming meetings / webinars

Promoting Sustainable Behaviour Sharing Series: Water Conservation on Campus, 9th May, 11:00 - 12:00

Biodiversity Community of Practice Virtual meeting, 21st May, 11.00am

Promoting Sustainable Behaviour Sharing Series: Staff Business Travel, 6th June 11:00 - 12:00

Internal EMS Auditing Training Course, 7th June 2018, University of Dundee

This CPD-certified Environmental Management System (EMS) Internal Auditor Course will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to undertake internal EMS audits in line with international EMS standards.

Next meeting

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