

WARWICK SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE



Warwick Sustainability Challenge (WSUsC): A Curriculum-Campus-Community approach to sustainable teaching and learning.

BACKGROUND

'Sustainability' is a problematic term, which is by nature controversial. It addresses the tensions between economic, social and environmental development and combines them into a single concept. As a collective across the institution, we need to engage in a critical discourse on the challenges of educating for sustainability and integrating it into the curriculum to create globally aware and responsible graduates and citizens.

Our project premise is simple: we are going to invite students and staff to work together in 'Secret-Challenge' style workshops, where, using the Design Thinking methodology, these partnerships will scope out and identify solutions to the wicked problems of sustainability.

AIMS

The purpose of these workshops is to support departmental teams of staff and students to critically engage with sustainability at Warwick, to bust open the discourse and to engage in open and creative ways through co-creation and the development of interdisciplinary approaches. This project aims to construct plural and multi-dimensional understandings of these issues, before then testing future interventions which can then be further designed and embedded successfully.

THE CHALLENGE

Student Innovation Fellows who are currently working with the Enterprise Team will run two short challenge workshops during w/c 13 June. The aim is for there to be up to 34 teams of 4-5, made up of students, academic and professional services staff (Sustainability Champions or Other Staff Member). We are asking you to nominate your departmental team.

Following the workshops, the project teams will work together over a 2-week period on their idea and will submit their work as either an e-poster or a PowerPoint presentation plus a short video by 23:59 on 24 June. Shortlisted entries will be notified on 1 July and will be invited to present their work to Coventry City Council, Climate Change Board, and WIHEA judges.

The winning team will be awarded £400 and will have an opportunity to present their work to the Climate Change Board at Coventry City Council, and at the University of Warwick.

Through engagement in these workshops, the project will raise the profile of the importance of sustainability and co-creation as important areas of student focus and engagement.

If you have any questions, or for any further information, please do get in touch or visit our webpage: warwick.ac.uk/sustainability-challenge

Best wishes,

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