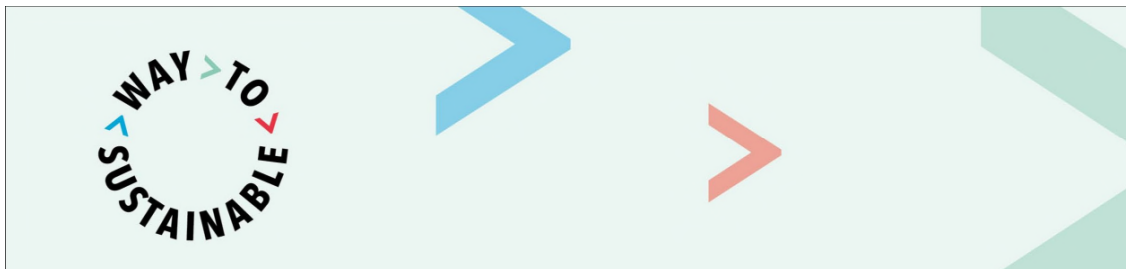


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## **Warwick News**

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### **Sustainability and IGSD Strategy Launch**

The university has launched its sustainable strategy on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. Find out more [here](#).

### **LEAF Event**

On 11th October a celebratory event took place to congratulate those labs who were involved in [LEAF](#) during 2021/22. Over twenty labs participated and achieved bronze, silver or gold awards; this is up from the five labs that took part the previous year. The initiative is open to all teaching and research labs and is mainly suitable for labs in WMS, Chemistry and SLS, although this may change in the future. The framework of actions facilitates and drives improvements in laboratory efficiency looking at criteria around waste, travel, energy, water, procurement and research quality.

During the event attendees heard from labs who have taken part about their experiences

as well as from Lorenzo Frigerio, Chair of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine, and Katherine Mayfield, Sustainability Champion, about the importance of sustainability to the Faculty and University. There is great support for the framework as it allows staff and students to review, assess and reduce their impact on the environment without compromising on research quality. Participants also find that Bronze criteria are relatively straightforward as many of them cover processes that are standard within labs. Read the full news article [here](#).

### **Top Ten Tips to Achieve a Sustainable Home & Campus posters**

We have created posters to help students and staff members with their sustainable journey both at home and on campus. You can find these posters on the [Green Champions](#) and the [Warwick Green Action](#) websites, as well as around campus.

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## **Events**

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### **Environmenstrual Week**

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October is Environmenstrual Week – check out our social media pages ([@WarwickUniSust](#)) for the variety of events we're offering:

- “How to be Environmenstrual (or perhaps why you should!)” talk by Rebecca Evans, PhD student. 2-3pm **18<sup>th</sup> October** in FAC4.01
- “Sustainable Pad-Making Workshop” in collaboration with Sustainability at Warwick Sociology group. 3-4pm **19<sup>th</sup> October** in OC1.02. If you're attending this event please ensure to bring materials (e.g. T-shirts, towels, pillowcases, etc.) that you can use to create your pads. We'll provide the template & sewing materials.



The poster features a pink background with a repeating pattern of water droplets. On the left, the text 'ENVIRONMENSTRUAL WEEK' is written in large, bold, white letters, with '17th-23rd October 2022' in a white box below it. On the right, the word 'EVENTS' is written in large, bold, white letters above a table. The table has two columns: 'EVENTS' and 'LOCATIONS'. The table contains five rows of event details.

EVENTS	LOCATIONS
"How reusables are helping councils become more sustainable?" by Women's Environmental Network.	13:00-14:00 18th October (Tuesday) - Register on Wen.'s website
"How to be Environmenstrual (or perhaps why you should!)" with Rebecca Evans	14:00-15:00 18th October (Tuesday) in FAB4.01
"Launch of Warwick's #EndPeriodPoverty Campaign" with Enaya Nihal (SU Women's Officer)	TBA
"Reusable Pad Making Workshop" with Warwick Sustainable Sociology	15:00-16:00 19th October (Wednesday) in OC1.02
"This Could Turn Toxic: Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Period Products" by City to Sea and Natracare	18:00-20:00 19th October (Wednesday) - Register online on Eventbrite

### **Warwick Sustainability Challenge: Waste**

Calling all students! Sign up for the [Sustainability Challenge](#) by 26th October and have a chance to win £500.

About the challenge: We have developed and implemented a number of waste reducing projects over the past few years at Warwick, but feedback indicates there remains a lack of deep engagement with issues such as waste and recycling. This project will therefore contribute to further promote climate education at Warwick and enhance best practices to transition to net zero with particular focus on waste. Using an interdisciplinary approach mixed with competition on the challenges Warwick faces, the Sustainability Challenge aims to raise the profile of the importance of education for sustainable development and co-creation as important areas of student focus and engagement to generate impactful solutions on campus and further afield.

### **Environmental Protection UK Conference**

Annual Conference: Going for Net Zero on 19th October 2022 at the University of Warwick or online. [Register now!](#)

### **Sustainable Halloween Costume Competition**

The Sustainable Halloween Costume Competition returns this year! Whether heading to circling or staying at home, the Sustainability Team want to see YOUR Sustainable Halloween Costumes! Most Creative Costume will WIN a £25 voucher for online shop Reyouisable! A Sustainable Costume means any costume made without buying things brand new! This can include being made out of recycled materials, things you find in charity shops or using clothes you already own. Sustainable costumes are extremely important in reducing the waste produced by Halloween!

Send in your entries by either DMing us a photo (on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook), sending us an email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk), or uploading and tagging us on Instagram in a photo [@WarwickUniSust](#) with the #SpookyWarwick.

Competition closes at MIDNIGHT on MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER! The winner of the

competition will be announced by 11th November.



### **Canley Green Spaces Litter pick**

Join Friends of Canley Green Spaces on a litter pick as they support the [Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge](#). Sign up for the local woodland litter pick, which will be taking place between 1030 and 1430 on 26<sup>th</sup> October. [Sign up NOW](#).

### **Recycle Your Cycle - bike sale**

Recycle your Bike returns on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 12pm. If you'd like to buy a used cycle, come to the University Road ([outside Humanities B](#)). All staff and students are welcome!



### **Hog Friendly Litter Picks on Campus**

[Sign up](#) for litter picks this autumn and be part of the [Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge](#). Available dates:

- 1-2pm 7<sup>th</sup> November
- 12-1pm 22<sup>nd</sup> November \*New date\*
- 12-1pm 30<sup>th</sup> November (Westwood)

### **Big Wild Walk**

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust invites you to help them tackle the nature and climate emergency by challenging yourself to a #BigWildWalk this October half-term. From 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October, they're asking nature lovers to fundraise for The Wildlife Trusts (Instagram @thewildlifetrusts), as they continue their mission to protect at least 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. Find out more and register [here](#).

### **Radical Landscapes Exhibition**

This Major exhibition takes a radical view of the British landscape with work from leading artists including Henry Moore, and Turner Prize 2022 nominees Ingrid Pollard and Veronica Ryan. The entry is free. The exhibition is open 11am-8pm Tuesday to Sunday until the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 in Mead Gallery, Arts Centre. Find our more on the Arts Centre's [website](#).

### **Can technology curb climate change? Peace talk**

“Coventry Lord Mayor's Peace Lecture this year is on Thursday 10 November 7pm at the Coventry Cathedral. The guest speaker is Roger Harrabin he will be having a conversation on ‘can technology curb climate change?’ And save the world.

This year has been the hottest year ever and it is going to be like this every year. Across the world we are already seeing extreme heat waves, droughts, fires, extreme rainfall, floods and storms. Followed by extreme cold winters. So can technology come up with a new marvellous invention and get us all out of this terrible mess?” [Register now](#).

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## **Opportunities**

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### **People's Plan for Nature**

Have your say in the [People's Plan for Nature](#), the biggest ever national conversation on nature, happening now! The People's Plan for Nature is powered by the WWF, the RSPB and National Trust. It is a unique collaboration with the UK public to protect and restore nature in the UK.

### **Warwick Skills Award**

Warwick's Sustainability Team is now on the [Warwick Skills Awards](#)! You can earn points for participating in our Sustainability Challenge. Coming soon: earning points for Cut the Flow Ambassador, Cut the Flow Assistant, Hedgehog Friendly Campus volunteer, and RAWKUS volunteer positions.

### **Coming soon - Sustainability Challenge: Waste**

We will soon be offering students another opportunity to make an impact on Warwick. We are calling on everyone who has an interest in sustainability, waste or is just innovative or full of ideas to join the Sustainability Challenge focused on campus waste systems. More information and sign up pages coming soon, so keep an eye out on our social media (@WarwickUniSust).

### **Join the Students For Trees Council - Students For Trees**

Are you a student passionate about trees and woodlands? Do you want to gain new skills and engage with other students? [Apply now](#) to join our Students For Trees Council for 2022-23! Students For Trees is a student led network, supported by [SOS-UK](#) and the [Woodland Trust](#) to help educate and mobilise students across the UK to learn about, and to take action for, woods and trees, to help fight the climate and nature crises.

The Council brings together around 15 students from across the UK to deliver a programme of events, resources and campaigns to engage young people with trees and woodlands, such as learning how to identify trees, organising tree planting days and campaigning for the protection of woodlands. They are currently recruiting for around 10 new students to join the Students For Trees Council for the 2022-23 academic year, you can [apply online](#) by the 9th October deadline!

### **Become a Student Home Energy Auditor**

Opportunity for university students in private renting to become energy auditors and develop transferable skills! A £15 bursary is given for each student home energy audit. Online training will take place on 26th-27th October 2022 (2-5 pm). [Sign up now!](#)

### **Sustainability Bloggers**

We have started a [sustainability blog](#) on our website where you can keep up to date with news and events and our HogBlog.

We would like for students and staff to get involved! We particularly want to hear about your experiences with sustainability, any challenges you faced and tips you could give to others. So, whether you're a Green Champion, part of a sustainable society on campus or just have a passion for the environment and you would like to contribute and write something for our blog email us [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).



### **West Midlands on Demand**

[West Midlands Bus On Demand](#) is a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service, that meets you wherever you are! Book a ride on the West Midlands On Demand app by inserting a pick-up and drop-off location. You'll then be matched with other passengers heading in the same direction. Currently they are offering a number of promotions - use code "UOW22" on the app for two free rides if you have not used the service before! Or refer a friend - when they complete their first journey, 2 free rides will be credited to your account! You can find your unique referral code in the "Free Rides" section on the app.

### **Beekeeping courses**

Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers is offering an informative "Introduction to Beekeeping" course in March. If you're interested, book now [www.warleambees.org.uk](http://www.warleambees.org.uk) !

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## **News from further afield**

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### **Animal populations experience average decline of almost 70% since 1970**

"Earth's wildlife populations have plunged by an average of 69% in just under 50 years, according to a leading scientific assessment, as humans continue to clear forests, consume beyond the limits of the planet and pollute on an industrial scale." Read more [here](#).

### **UK fracking and oil drilling good for environments, claims climate minister**

"Graham Stuart tells MPs that awarding more than 100 licences for North Sea drilling is a green policy." Read more [here](#).

### **Third of emissions cuts must come from behaviour changes, says Lords**

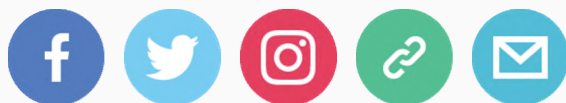
"A third of the UK's emissions reductions must come from people's behaviour changing, a House of Lords committee has said. A report published on Wednesday by the upper house's environment and climate change committee urged ministers to lead a public campaign and use regulations and taxation to guide public behaviour change in order to stop the decline of nature and reach legally binding net zero targets." Read more [here](#).

### **Ministers hope to ban solar project from most English farms**

"Ministers are planning to ban solar farms from most of England's farmland, the Guardian can reveal. The new environment secretary, Ranil Jayawardena, is understood to oppose solar panels being placed on agricultural land, arguing that it impedes his programme of growth and boosting food production." Read more [here](#).

### **Greta Thunberg on climate delusions: 'We've been greenwashed out of our senses. It's time to stand out ground'**

“Governments may say they’re doing all they can to halt the climate crisis. Don’t fall for it – then we might still have time to turn things around”. Read more [here](#).



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