



SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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News

- **Sustainability at Conferences:** Warwick Conferences are committed to sustainability in all aspects; waste management energy efficiency, ethical and local food, and so much more. Read more on their blog [here](#). For example, plastic is no longer purchased, and food products arrive without packaging or with compostable packaging. Moreover, The Slate has been awarded with a Gold Award in Green Tourism while the three other venues are proudly working their way from Silver to Gold.



- **Cut The Flow competitions:** This academic year the Cut the Flow campaign in halls targets both energy and water consumption. The residential block that saves the most energy or water per term will be rewarded with prizes.



- **Food waste:** Food waste is now being collected across campus in the majority of commercial areas. It is being sent to anaerobic digestion which breaks down the food to produce biogas and fertiliser. Please remember to segregate your waste correctly and put food in the food waste bin if there is one available.

- **New waste labels:** New waste labels are being rolled out across the University and accommodation to clearly show what waste goes into the landfill bin and what can be recycled.

- **Sustainable procurement:** Staff who order in from suppliers should read our top tips to be sustainable when processing new orders. Can the items be reused? Have a look at [this list](#) and share in the office.

- **WMG cup removal:** Warwick Manufacturing Group have now removed all of their disposable cups. From now on, all staff and students will have to bring in their own reusable cup. Great initiative WMG!



Events

- **RAWKUS Postgraduate Collection – 15th September:** Postgraduates mark your calendars. Before you move out please put excess food into the collection areas ready for RAWKUS volunteers to distribute to local charities. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer your time and help us collect surplus food.



- **Recycle Week 24th – 30th September:** “Recycling. We do. Because it matters” is this year’s theme for recycling week organized by WRAP UK. The aim of the week is to bring awareness to recycling and to recycle more. To find out more about this campaign, follow this [link](#). Remember that there are recycling bins all over campus.

Mixed Recycling: Paper, plastics, cardboard, tins and cans.

Landfill: Food waste, dirty recyclables.

Check your local council for recycling outside of campus.

Any queries about recycling, talk to us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Opportunities

- **RAWKUS** will be organising the Postgraduate collections along with the Sustainability team at Warwick on Saturday 15th September. This involves clearing out all of the kitchens from accommodation on campus, and donating any food and usable goods to charities that would otherwise have gone to waste! We really need your help, so if you have any further questions or would like to take part in a truly rewarding and fulfilling experience, please email Sophie Meakin (s.meakin.1@warwick.ac.uk) or David Chapman (d.m.chapman@warwick.ac.uk), and sign up [here!](#)

- **Buzzing** – Big Wasp Survey between 25th August and 8th September! Take part and collect wasps for science. The data collection will help gather information on where wasps live and what factors are affecting wasp populations. More information about this exciting survey can be found [here](#).

- **UN Accords:** Can you sign up to the UN Accords, recognising that, as educators, we have a responsibility to play a central and transformational role in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This agreement demonstrates the importance of education in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals and encourages other institutions to work to deliver them too. You can sign up [here](#).

- **Now or Never:** Community activists wanted in Leamington Spa for Clean Up Britain's Now or Never Campaign on Litter.

- **Got something you want to write about?** We are adding a blog space to our Environmental Sustainability page with the intention of creating a platform where staff and students from the university can share their ideas, hopes and dreams about sustainability. We are looking for writers! So please email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk if you have an idea you'd like to share.