

SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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Warwick News

Crisp recycling

Crisp recycling on campus is really taking off! Some of the Green Champions on campus have started collections in their areas in order to feed the bin at the SU (we are doing the same in the Estates Office). The crisps will be collected and sent to Terracycle who are a UK based recycling scheme. We are currently investigating other items that we could recycle via Terracycle as well.



RAWKUS

This year's end of year collection was the largest we have seen. The weekend of 29/30th June was one of the hottest in the past 40 years (at least 36 degrees) but brave volunteers came out to support the collection and prevent the waste which would otherwise add to global environmental issues.

During the weekend we collected an amazing 6 tonnes from halls. The food was donated to four charities and the household items have been put in storage for students to buy during Welcome Week.

This is more than both of last summer's collections combined and we didn't even reach four areas of accommodation due to lack of time and amount of surplus left behind.

We are now seeking more volunteers to join us for the next collection on [7/8th September](#)



Warwick Farm

We are working with Life Sciences and Ryton's Five Acre Farm to investigate the plausibility of having a community farm on campus. Can we please ask everyone to take 1-2 minutes to answer a [short survey](#). Please share with friends and colleagues from the University.

Events

reStore

28th August, School of Engineering [EBS1.3](#) from 3-8pm.

The [Warwick Environmental Sustainability](#) team and the [School of Engineering Build Space](#) will be opening the doors to the second regular **reStore** pop-up event. The events are an informal get together in which people can bring along and repair and upcycle everything from electrical and mechanical devices, computers, bicycles and clothing using the tools and equipment available with the help of some expert repairers and makers. Sometimes a very simple repair is all that is needed to fix a broken or damaged item, saving it from going to landfill and reducing environmental costs. The act of repairing or upcycling extends a product's useable life, reduces waste and pollution, and saves energy, carbon emissions and finite non-renewable resources.

All are welcome to attend the event and with complementary drinks and food on hand to keep everyone fully charged. [Sign up today](#) or turn up with your item on the day.

There is also a Maker Meeting happening in the same room on Saturday 17th from 11am-9pm

Extinction Rebellion

Two new groups have recently started in the area to support Extinction Rebellions aims and they are looking for more members to support them.

Coventry = <https://www.facebook.com/XRCoventry>

Warwick District = <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292152688375452/>

There is also a large peaceful protest being planned to take over London from 7th October for at least a month. The Rebellion are also supporting the Global Climate Strikes taking place from 20th-27th September where school children are calling on adults to join them in calling for governments to take action fast before it is too late.

Change Festival

Warwick Arts Centre will be playing host to the Change Festival on 18-20th October. This is an arts festival celebrating and educating people on sustainability and changing the world for the better. For more information and to be kept up to date visit: www.changefestival.org

Green Week (2-8th March 2020)

Green Week 2020 is set to be bigger and better than previous years and we want you all to get involved. We would like you to get this date in your diaries and let friends, family and colleagues know about it. The event will once again be taking place across Coventry, Warwick Uni and Leamington Spa; we are looking to incorporate more departments, businesses, schools, and community groups than we have before.

If you think you know someone who would be interested in running an event or getting involved please ask them to contact sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Sustainability Fund at SU – Dates

The Environmental Sustainability Fund dates have been announced by the SU. This fund is open to any students on an individual, group or societies basis. Take a look to see [what you can apply for](#).

Monday 28th October 12noon – Funding Application Deadline

Monday 18th November 12noon – Funding Application Deadline

Monday 13th January 12noon – Funding Application Deadline

Monday 2nd March 12noon – Funding Application Deadline

Monday 27th April 12noon – Funding Application Deadline

Opportunities

transitionlab.earth have worked with various groups including the EAUC to create an open letter to Vice-Chancellors, UUK and UKRI, urging them to support scientists, academics and students to help address the climate emergency. The letter states there should be a series of new programs, fellowships, sabbaticals and voluntary placements to help the critical efforts needed to save all life on our planet.

To sign this please [CLICK HERE](#).

Green Champions

Many of you joined a great event recently about the Green Champion network and Warwick Green Action. We now have a number of teams up and running of getting off the ground. If you know someone who might be interested in signing up, or if you want to create a team in your area please [follow the link](#).

Wildlife surveyors wanted

Do you have a passion for wildlife and a knowledge of species? We need you!

We would like to increase our knowledge of the species present on site and are therefore looking for staff and students to either (a) report any interesting species spotted to us or (b) undertake regular surveys. We are looking for people with particular knowledge of birds, wildflowers and insects but would also welcome anyone with a passion for other wildlife that could be found on campus. If you're interested please get in touch sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Impact to Action: Knowing people's energy choices leads to energy transition

September 24th and 25th, Scandic Lerkendal, Trondheim, Norway

Behaviour Change group at WBS invite you to join them in Norway for a conference looking at how to steer peoples energy usage. More [information](#) and registration [here](#).

HUBBUB are looking to hire

From talking bins to the future of fashion, working at Hubbub is eclectic, fast paced and fun. But why listen to us when you can come and find out for yourself. Interested in environmental issues? Thrive off a challenge? Fancy working in London? We're looking for a new project co-ordinator to come and join our growing team at Somerset House. If you know someone who'd be interested or want to know more yourself, [check out the full job description and steps on how to apply here](#). Applications close at midnight, Monday 19th August.

[APPLY NOW TO WORK AT HUBBUB](#)

IGSD Launch Event: Supporting Global Sustainable Development through Research

10am, 25.09.19, Scarman, University of Warwick

This event will outline the strategy of the Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD) and the support that it will provide to researchers interested in engaging with the Global Goals. There will be an exhibition of case studies highlighting some of the research already being done across Warwick, and time for networking and community building.

This launch is timed to coincide with [Global Goals Week](#), an annual week of action, awareness, and accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Registration for the launch is open now. [Register](#)
Follow IGSD on Twitter @IGSD_UoW

Take part in the Big Green Conversation #YearofGreenAction

2019 has been designated the Year of Green Action by the UK Government, calling on people to join together to protect the environment. A coalition of environmental organisations across Birmingham have set up the Big Green Conversation to gather the views of the whole city. Feedback will be used to create a People's Charter for the Environment during the Year of Green Action 2019 (to be published in November). Fill in their short survey and share what kind of city you want to live in: <https://www.greenerbirmingham.com/events-2019>

How can Birmingham protect the environment and make it a better place to live? Fill in [@greenerbrum's short survey](#) and be part of the Big Green Conversation

Inductions and Presentations

The University's Sustainability Team do a range of presentations and lectures for various departments currently as well as student societies. If you would be interested in a presentation as part of academic induction at beginning of 2019/20, part of a module or society event then please email sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

News and events from further afield

Unilever warns it will sell off brands that hurt the planet or society

Unilever's chief executive Alan Jope said it was no longer enough for consumer goods companies to sell washing powders that make shirts whiter or shampoos that make hair shinier because consumers wanted to buy brands that have a "purpose" too.

Unilever has tasked its marketers with devising sustainable business plans for its portfolio of more than 400 brands, with Marmite, Magnum and Pot Noodle thought to be among the businesses that will need to find a raison d'être if they are to remain part of the group in the long term.

[Click here for the full story](#)