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#### Winner of the Sustainability Challenge

Our Sustainability Challenge, which focused on seeking creative and innovative ideas to progress circular economy and waste on campus, concluded on the 25th of November when shortlisted teams delivered their presentations outlining their projects.



The winning teams:

- 🏆 Team 16 - Abby Thring (Life Sciences), Wanwei Wu (WMG), Edoardo Rusconi (Engineering), Sofia Nenna (GSD)
- 🏆 Team 6 - Ilina Joshi, Esha Shah, Saskia Wagner (Sociology)
- 🏆 Team 14 - Kevin Zhou (Education Studies), Siddhesh Pawar (Engineering), So-Owunari Danagogo (GSD), Rania Jhumka (GSD)

Huge congratulations to the winning teams, and of course, to all of students who participated in the Challenge and created amazing projects to tackle waste on campus! We look forward to seeing more of you in the future Challenges.

Also thank you to the judges: Rosie Drinkwater (Group Finance Director - Warwick), Kate Thompson (Waste & Recycling Manager - Warwick), Parvez Islam (Director of Environmental Sustainability), Ian McFarlane-Toms (Business Ready Programme Manager

- Warwick), and Dr Lorenzo Lotti (Associate Professor in Economics of Energy and the Environment - UCL). Last but not least, of course, thank you to the organisers: David Chapman, Evelin Sanderson-Nichols, Dr Lory Barile, Dr Bo Kelestyn, and Nikita Asnani.

### **"For or Against Nature? Philosophy and the Climate Crisis" talk**

Thank you for everyone who attended the "For or Against Nature: Philosophy and the Climate Emergency" talk delivered by Dr Andrew Cooper on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November! Special thanks to the [Philosophy Society](#) & Department of Philosophy for helping us organise this event.



### **End of the Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge**

As part of our Silver Initiative for Hedgehog Friendly Campus, we took part in the Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge. We've collected over 60 bags of litter with the help of over 63 students and staff members. Thank you for helping us making the campus cleaner and more hedgehog friendly!

Email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk) if you're interested in being added to the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Volunteer Group, to be alerted of other litter picks we have coming up!



### **Warwick Debating Society Public Debate**

Thank you so much to the [Warwick Debating Society](#) for teaming up with the Energy and Sustainability Team in organising today's Public Debate. If you'd like to collaborate with us in the future send us an email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).



### **17 SDGs of Christmas**

During the countdown to Christmas this year, we will be highlighting each of the SDGs through our #17SDGsofChristmas posts. We'll share with you how you can get involved locally and make Christmas a sustainable time of the year. Follow us on social media [@WarwickUniSust](https://twitter.com/WarwickUniSust) to keep up with our countdown, learn about each of the SDGs and see our other tips to have a greener Christmas. If you don't have social media, check out [our article](#) every day from the 1st of December for our top SDG-related tips leading up to Christmas.

### **Pop-up Sustainability Stands across Campus**

This year, one of the goals of the university's Sustainability Team in collaboration with the Transport team is to increase visibility. So far in Term 1, we popped up at the Sports Hub, Oculus, FAB, School of Life Sciences, and University House.

This week, come & chat with us **3-4pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Postgraduate Hub**. Follow our social media pages for further updates and look out for our January newsletter with our Term 2 timetable. If you'd like us to visit your location send us an email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).



### **Waste & Recycling Team New Jackets**

Did you know that the University's Waste & Recycling team's new jackets are made of 50% recycled plastic? The jackets are EcoViz® from Leo Workwear. Leo Workwear is the leading brand of high visibility clothing made from recycled or sustainably sourced fabrics.

All EcoViz® products fully conform to ISO 20471 whilst constructed from fabrics derived either from recycled post-consumer clothing or recycled plastic bottles. Find out more about their environmental impact [here](#) and find out more about the University's commitment to making the most of our resources and ensuring that, through the Waste Hierarchy and Circular Economy, we reduce the impacts of our waste on the environment [here](#).



### **If you don't use it, donate it!**

Have you bought too much food over this festive season or didn't like something new you were trying? Give it away to someone who needs it. You can use the [Olio app](#) to connect with neighbours or local businesses to share this food instead of throwing it away.

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## **Events**

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### **Sustainable Christmas Decorations event with Craft Society.**

In collaboration with Warwick Craft Society, we're running a sustainable Christmas decoration making event **4-530pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in H0.60** (Humanities). All materials will be provided. The event is £1 for non-members and FREE for all members! Sign up now [here](#).

### **Recycle your Cycle bike sale**

Have you started thinking about your New Year's resolutions yet? Why not include sustainable travel on your list? Next year on the **26<sup>th</sup> January 2023** we'll be hosting another Recycle Your Cycle second-hand bike sale event. For more information follow our [social media pages](#).

### **Cycle Maintenance Course**

Interested in learning a useful skill? Attend a Cycle Maintenance Course this **Saturday, 10th December 10:30-12:30 at the Coventry Peace House**. Find out more [here](#).

### **Celebrate Hogmas with Hog-Friendly!**

In the run-up to the festive season, Hog Friendly Campus team would like to invite you all to our annual [Hogmas](#) event on **Thursday the 15th December, 7-8:30PM**.

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## **Opportunities**

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### **FREE Cycle Training**

The University has partnered with Sustrans as part of a Community Engagement Programme to provide a number of cycle training and skills sessions for the local communities hosted on main campus from November 2022 to March 2023. The training sessions are at two different levels: Learn to ride & Cycle skills.

**Learn-to-ride sessions:** These sessions are for complete beginners and will teach you balance and pedal action to get you riding and making sure you can start/stop independently.

**Cycle skills:** These sessions are for people who can already ride a bike and will help to increase your skills taught include riding at different speeds, observing hazards all around whilst stationary and moving, control of the bike in different circumstances, effective use of gears, and communication including signalling.

If you're interested, book your place on the training course [here](#).

### **Choose Your Way Warwick & Betterpoints app**

[Choose Your Way Warwick](#) are looking for staff and student ambassadors to become influencers on campus and share their experiences of using our travel modes. Would you like to join in? [Sign up here](#). You will be rewarded for taking part! For more information, follow their [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#).



There is an exciting project currently running that is making positive waves on our campus. Maybe you have heard about it already? The Choose Your Way Warwick programme is expanding and improving the sustainable travel options on campus and surrounding areas. You can also earn rewards by travelling by walking, cycling, bus and other sustainable forms of transport. Why not get started?

#### **So, how does it work?**

Staff and students can download the free [BetterPoints](#) app, and register with their Warwick email address to join the programme. You can then track sustainable and active journeys into and around campus and earn BetterPoints and BetterTickets as a result. BetterPoints can then be redeemed for a range of retail vouchers or donated to charities. You can find a guide on how to use the app on the link provided above.

#### **What travel options are available?**

Have a look at these sustainable modes below:

- [Walking & Cycling](#)
- [West Midlands on Demand](#)
- [E-scooters/E-bikes](#)
- [Buses](#)
- [Liftango carpooling](#)

So, happy travels! - Choose how you'll get around campus today and earn well deserved rewards.

### **Green Stories Writing Competition**

"The aim of Green Stories is to use fiction to share green solutions with a mainstream audience. We offer a series of free writing competitions across various formats to solicit stories that showcase what a sustainable society might look like. Open to all, with prizes (equivalent in other currencies). Upcoming: Orna Ross Green Stories Novel Competition £1000 first prize, £500 runner up + publication mentorship package. **Deadline 3rd Jan 2023.**" Find out more [here](#).

### **Help to shape a sustainable future for Warwickshire**

Residents, businesses and community groups across Warwickshire are being invited to have their say on Warwickshire County Council's draft Sustainable Futures Strategy. Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

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## **News and events from further afield**

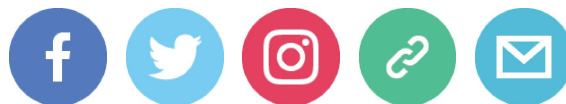
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### **Key takeaways from COP27**

Cop27 reached a historic agreement on a fund to compensate developing countries for loss and damage – but there was failure to progress on cutting emissions. Read the summary of the agreement [here](#).

### **ECO+ government scheme**

"Government joins with households to help millions reduce their energy bills. New measures set to help hundreds of thousands better insulate their homes and reduce consumption while saving families hundreds of pounds each year." Read more [here](#).



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