



# SUSTAINABLE WARWICK NEWSLETTER

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### Warwick News

#### Bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award



Staff and students started work on the criteria required to achieve the Bronze Award in September 2021. The Hedgehog Friendly Working Group was established, and regular meetings took place to discuss work on campus and next steps. We have now met the criteria and have achieved the bronze award and are now working towards the silver award. Read more about the steps taken to reach our bronze award and how you can help us reach silver in 2022 [here](#).

We will also be running a Hedgehog Friendly Launch event during Green Week! This will be on the Pizza on 9<sup>th</sup> March from 11am-3pm. Come along to learn more about Hedgehogs, the HFC scheme and take part in the activities we're running at our stall.

#### Green Week

[Green Week](#) is a time to celebrate the environment and to learn more about how we can all be more sustainable in our day-to-day lives. It will be taking place from **7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March 2022** and there are lots of great events planned so follow [@WarwickUniSust](#) and the [Green Week 2022 Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with what's going on and how you can get involved.



If you are a part of a society, department or a project/group outside of university in the Coventry and Warwickshire area and are interested in getting involved in Green Week please email us at [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

## **Become a Student Home Energy Auditor with SOS-UK**

This training opportunity will support you to develop transferable employability skills, which you'll then put into practice by conducting home energy audits of your own! You'll develop a better understanding of sustainability- supporting students to make changes that could improve their homes, reduce their energy bills, and support their wellbeing.

Open to all students currently private renting whilst at university- no prior experience is needed! £15 bursary for each completed student home energy audit, and a digital badge to demonstrate your experience.

Online training will be on 23rd or 24th February 2022, 2-5pm. Find out more and apply here: <https://sos-uk.typeform.com/to/abApgxp0> Apply by 22nd February!

## **Sustainable Labs initiative**

The Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) is an initiative which provides a systematic approach to improving sustainability and efficiency in the laboratory. A tool like this is crucial, as a typical laboratory consumes much more energy per m<sup>2</sup> than academic spaces.

LEAF allows laboratories to work towards a defined standard, bronze, silver or gold levels, and contains criteria which lab users can implement around areas such as waste & recycling, equipment management, procurement, and more.

Read more about LEAF and how to get involved [here](#).

LEAF also have a stand in the IBRB room on the 8<sup>th</sup> March between 12-2pm, with information about the initiative, and Sustainability. Visit the stand to learn more about the work, and to ask any questions you have about the initiative!

## **Events**

### **Bracelet Making**

Crafting Happiness is running a Bracelet Making Activity on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3pm in OC1.07, in collaboration with [Warwick Mauritian Society](#). Add your bracelets to the number of bracelets gifted to vulnerable children with [Global Care](#) - a charity tackling global poverty. - or you can choose to create and keep a personalised bracelet of your own! [Book a space online!](#)

### **WIDS Day of Development**



WIDS society is hosting a Day of Development with the theme being Sustainable Finance. The day will consist of panels, career workshops and lots of opportunities to network with experts and analysts in the ESG industry! The event is taking place on **Saturday 26th February** in Faculty of Arts Building 0.03, [register your interest now](#).

## Climate Reality's Sports Competition

Climate Reality are encouraging societies at Warwick to be as sustainable as possible and put sustainability towards the heart of sport!

Each sports society will receive a DM from Climate Reality with a form to sign up! After that, just tag them in the sustainable changes you make within your society, this could be anything from using sustainable transport methods to get to fixtures to running sustainable events and socials. Then in week 10 they will decide the winner who will receive a trophy and a cash prize!

Encourage your sports exec to sign your society up! Read more about it on the [Climate Reality Facebook](#).

## Warwick Veg Soc

Warwick Veg Soc are running fortnightly in-person vegan cooking classes! The perfect place to learn some new plant-based recipes, as well as meet other people interested in vegetarian and vegan food. Follow [@WarwickVegSoc](#) on social media for regular updates. They're also running a pub quiz on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at 7:30pm, at the Clarendon Pub!



## Preventing plastic pollution: Tackling avoidable plastics in laboratories

This is a free webinar on the **8th March from 10am-12pm** to learn about how to reduce avoidable plastics in your laboratory. Hosted by the Environment Agency, this webinar will include insights from a University College London sustainable labs expert and two case study examples. The event will include tips and links to resources to help you review and reduce plastic use in your lab. Register your interest [here](#).

## Introduction to Beekeeping

[Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers](#) are offering an introduction to beekeeping course in April. The course is ideal for anyone who would like to keep honeybees. It provides comprehensive advice on how to start as a beekeeper. The course runs in April and is held over a weekend. [There are still spaces available for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April](#), but this is a popular course, so please book early if you wish to attend as places are limited. It provides each participant with the skills and knowledge to enjoy keeping bees safely and confidently. If you are a student or member of staff at the University you can mention this on your booking form for the opportunity to be involved with looking after the apiary on campus.



## Research Seminar: Dr Priti Parikh, Associate Professor at the Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction

This event is **15th March 2022, 1.30pm**, Scarman Conference Centre.

The seminar will be a fascinating talk by Dr Priti Parikh, Associate Professor at UCL's Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction. During the talk, Dr Parikh will present her research. Dr. Parikh has expertise in infrastructure (water, sanitation and energy) for resource constrained settings such as slums and rural communities in Africa and Asia. She is also leading research on developing evidence base to link SDG's and infrastructure. [Register your interest now.](#)

### **International Womens Day Event**

CTC Coventry is celebrating International Women's Day with a free event on **Sunday 6th March**. Women from all over Coventry and Warwickshire will be gathering by Coventry Transport Museum. They are holding a number of rides across the area, inviting other cycling clubs to join us, women who don't yet ride with a social group, and encouraging women who don't yet ride to start with us. Find out more and email to [sign up here](#).

### **Student Sustainability Society Summit**

There is a Students Sustainability Society Summit running on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6-8pm in H0.52. Come along to learn more about what Sustainability Societies are up to on campus currently, and how to get involved with these!

## Opportunities

### **Sustainability Blog**

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)



### **Circular Fashion Design Course**

The Circular Fashion Design Course is four-week course of free, online specialist workshops taking place from the 28th of February - 23rd of March. The course will include an introduction to the concept of sustainable fashion and design, an examination of the economic, social and environmental benefits of circular fashion and explore case studies of companies creating more sustainable models. It is being funded by European Regional Development Fund and Buckinghamshire New University. [Register your interest](#) in the course, and see the full prospectus!

### Climate Investment Challenge

The [Climate Investment Challenge](#) calls on graduate students to develop and describe creative financial solutions and innovations addressing the defining challenge of our time – climate change. This could include identifying untapped climate finance opportunities or developing innovative financial structures or instruments that improve the bankability of climate investments.

**Deadline: February 28, 2022**

### Global Sustainable Development Competition: Entry now open

Each year, the Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Department runs a competition for year 11 and 12 students (students aged between 15 and 17 years). The competition provides students with the opportunity to think creatively and gain valuable research skills as they learn more about global sustainable development.

Entry for the 2022 GSD competition is now open and entries must be received by midnight UK time on **Friday 29 April 2022**. Shortlisted entrants will be invited to a virtual event with GSD students and teaching staff where winners will be announced and awarded prizes.

If you are in touch with any teachers or school students who may be interested in the competition, please share the word!

[Find out more about the competition and enter here.](#)

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## News and events from further afield

### The SDG Teach In



The SDG Teach In is a campaign to put the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and sustainability, at the heart of all stages of education. The annual campaign runs in February/March of each year and calls upon educators to include the SDGs within their teaching, learning and assessment during the campaign (and beyond!). The 2022 campaign will run from **21st February - 11th March 2022**. Educators of all kinds can [pledge to take part using the form here.](#)