

SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

February 2020 and Green Week

Warwick News

Green Week (2-8th March 2020)

Green Week 2020 is to be bigger and better than previous years. The event will once again be taking place on campus in addition to across Coventry (including Coventry University) and Leamington Spa.

Click out the latest calendar of events on the website (greenweek.coventry.domains) or on facebook (www.facebook.com/GreenWeek2020). Please be aware some events require booking!

You can also download [this poster](#) for your department notice boards

#GreenWeek 2020



Taking Action for Climate Emergency - A Panel Discussion - Weds 4th March

On 4th March, as part of our Green Week line up on campus we welcome everyone to attend a panel discussion on the Climate Emergency. This will be from 18:00 until 19:30 with networking and refreshments available afterwards. There is a limited number of seats so sign up is essential. Click [HERE](#) to find out more and sign up.

Warwick Cup

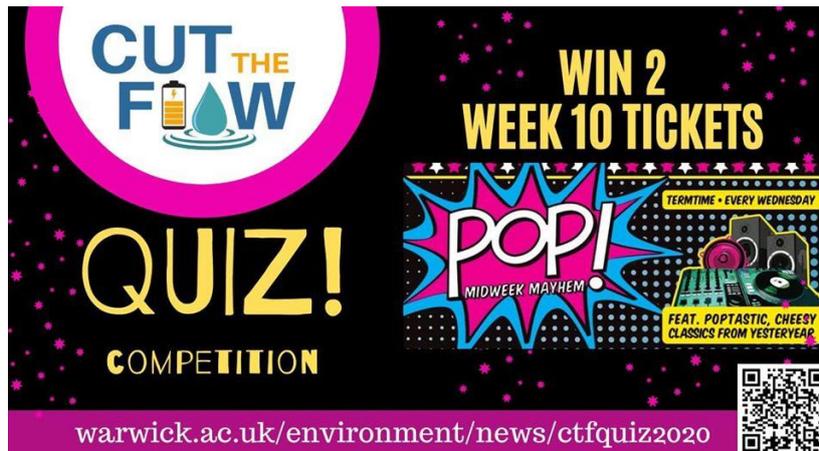
The [Warwick Cup scheme](#) was launched on Monday 24th at Curiosity. This initiative by a group of students who have recently returned from Australia where they had the idea will be piloted in the SU outlet with the hope that it will be rolled out across the campus.

What does it do? Disposable cups across campus cannot be recycled for the most part. This scheme allows you to borrow a cup, use it and return it via one of the collection bins on campus. In their own motto: BORROW. USE. RETURN.

So not only are you saving money but you are also saving the environment! Please support this project and be sure to return your cup.

Warwick Quiz

Be in with the chance to win two Week 10 POP! tickets by completing a 2 minute quiz about energy saving and increase your knowledge at the same time. [Take the quiz now to win!](#)



Cut the Flow – Sherbourne Data and winners

This term the top three performing blocks for water and electricity are being advertised on social media and on display screens within residences. Additional data is also being provide in Sherbourne residences so students understand how well their block is performing compared to others within Sherbourne. The aim is to improve understanding and reduce consumption. This will also be found at Tocil in the near future. If successful, it will be rolled out to other residences from term 3.

Events

reStore – Monday 2nd March

Join the [School of Engineering Build Space](#) and the [Warwick Environmental Sustainability](#) team at the next reStore event to repair and upcycle anything from electrical and mechanical devices, computers, bicycles and clothing. Repairers and makers will be on hand and a range of tools and equipment will be available. Follow the reStore banners from the front entrance to Engineering.



Swap Shop – Weds 4th March

The SU Swap Shop returns for a Green Week special. Its time to have a look through your wardrobe for clothing you don't wear anymore and swap them out for a whole new wardrobe – or you can just find an item on the day and donate. Lets tackle fast fashion together! For more information [click here](#).

Sustainability Fair – Friday 6th March

Come and join the Sustainability team, societies and other local groups to find out how to tackle climate emergency and get involved. Act On Energy will be in attendance to support staff and students unsure about how to keep bills down at home or wanting advice on changing to cheaper and/or renewable tariffs so bring your recent bills along for support with that. We will also have Red Tent, who will be answering your questions on reusable period products (save money, reduce waste and protect the environment). Zero will also be in the room to show you just how easy it is to ditch plastic!

STAND UP, STAND BACK, STAND WITH: Art Exhibition – Tues 3rd – 22nd March

Art Exhibition surrounding the issue of Gender Based Violence. The issue is showcased through different medium from film to paint. In collaboration with artists from all over the UK and beyond, some victims themselves.

Wilder Future launch event – 12th March

The Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be launching its' Wilder Future Project to give young adults a voice in helping to deliver a wilder future for our local environment. The project is recruiting volunteers aged 18 to 35, who are committed to bring about change to protect our natural world. Ambassadors will receive a range of training in grassroots conservation, as well as in campaigning, social media influencing and storytelling. [Find out more and book your seat](#). Keep an eye on social media for more information.

RAWKUS – 14th March

The next RAWKUS collection will take place between 9am and 6pm in Jack Martin and Arthur Vick residences. [Sign up to volunteer](#).

Green New Deal Event

Join local individuals and groups as they come together to discuss a Coventry Green New Deal. Please book a space here and find out more about the event [here](#).

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/122261462542709/>

Opportunities

Food Intercept

Food Intercept organises weekly lunch sales every Monday from 12:30pm to 3:00pm in the Social Sciences Courtyard.

Food Intercept is a student-run social enterprise which exists to tackle the issue of food waste. They collect perfectly edible, fresh fruit and vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away, and give this to their partner "Mum's Kitchen" - a social enterprise in Coventry that empowers disadvantaged women from ethnic minorities. The women cook the collected food into delicious meals which are then sold on campus.

Check out the [Facebook page](#) for the menu as it varies every week.

Schneider Go Green Competition

This competition is seeking entries from students who can shape the future. There are four categories to choose from (1) sustainability and access to energy, (2) buildings of the future, (3) plants of the future, and (4) grids of the future. Find out more <https://gogreen.se.com/en>

Academic volunteers wanted for paper saving

We are conducting a Simplify.Collaborate.Deliver project to reduce paper waste. We are looking for a number of academics willing to work with us to stop the printing of unnecessary lecture handouts/slides.

Please email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Magazine request

Do you have some magazines you plan to throw away from departments or home? Please get in touch with [Kate](#) before Thursday 5th March as she is running an event for the module 'Feminist Pedagogy/Feminist Activism', which will be hosted for International Women's Day.

The team are running a zine-making workshop and are looking to source old magazines, newspapers, brochures etc to use as collage materials.

Warwick Summer Interns

We will shortly be advertising for four WSIs to work with us and the Waste and Recycling Team for six weeks over the summer. Keep an eye on social media and find out more in the March newsletter. Applications go live on the MyAdvantage website from 2nd March.

Coventry City Council wants your ideas to combat climate change

The City Council have launched a 'Let's Talk' page where the community is posting their views on tackling climate change in Coventry. Please follow [this link to contribute](#).

News and events from further afield

Leamington Spa becomes Plastic Free Community

Leamington Spa have successfully become a Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community. Read more about the work that went into this project [here](#) and get involved [here](#).

Microsoft pledge Carbon Negative

Microsoft have recently made a massive move forward with their carbon emission targets, pledging to not only be carbon neutral but carbon negative by 2030 and capture all the carbon they have released since the start of their business. [read more](#).

Malasia send back plastic waste

It has been well known for a while now that there is just too much plastic in the world. We use it and throw it away and it is a culture that has to change. Recently Malasia decided they had had enough of the mountains of plastic in their country and have started to ship it back to the origin countries. The UK received 42 containers (that was nearly 1/3 of containers returned!). [read more](#).

The People taking action on transport

In recent weeks Bristol had heard reports from people taking a stand against climate emergency and voted to [reject airport expansion](#) plans. This morning we also had word that a [court has ruled against the UK Government](#) over plans for expansion of Heathrow stating that it goes against the Governments own carbon targets.

Warwick DC plan to tackle Climate Emergency, will the community support them?

Last night Warwick DC met at Leamington Spa Town Hall and voted to hold a local referendum to increase the council tax by £1 for those paying rent in Band D properties. This would create a £3m ring fenced Climate Action Fund. [Read more](#).