

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

## February 2021 and Green Week

### Warwick News

#### Green Week (8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021)

Green Week 2021 is going digital and looks to be bigger and have a wider sphere of influence than previous years, and **we want you to get involved!**

We would like you to get the dates in your diaries, like the [Facebook page](#), and let your friends, family and colleagues know all about it. #GreenWeek2021 #WeAreGreen

The **calendar** with all the events (so far) can be found [here](#) – more and more events being added each day so make sure you book to avoid disappointment!

The event will bring together activists from Coventry and Warwickshire, and we hope many from further afield. We are looking to incorporate more departments, businesses, schools, and community groups than ever before. If you're part of a Warwick Green Action team or University society and would like to support the event, please get involved. In addition, if you know someone who would be interested in running an event, please ask them to contact [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).

#### Tell us what you have been up to as a Green Champion

Have you got a story to share that we can publish for Green week? We are looking to showcase Green projects you have been working on either on campus or during lockdown to share with staff, students and the local community. Send us your videos, photographs or research to demonstrate your life as a Green Champion and be featured on the University social channels and articles during Green Week.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/about/environment/news/sustainability-video-guidelines>



### Love Food Hate Waste: Food Waste Action Week

Did you know that we can help protect our planet by saving food? We have partnered with The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to act against food wastage. We'll also be taking part in the Food Waste Action Week Challenge taking place on Monday 1 March - Sunday 7 March 2021. [Find out more about the campaign](#), talks/events and how to get involved; and follow @WarwickUni and @WarwickUniSust on social media.

### SOS-UK Food Survey

SOS-UK are carrying out research to find out more about your views and opinions relating to food, including the food at your university. Complete this [15-minute survey](#) before the **28<sup>th</sup> February** and you'll be in with a chance of winning a cash prize of up to £250!

### SU Spring Elections: Vote for your next Environment and Ethics Officer!

This week the SU is holding its annual Spring Elections for a number of full-time and part-time positions, including the Environment and Ethics Officer. Your votes will decide who leads the next chapter of the student experience at Warwick and drives change in a whole host of areas, including sustainability. This year candidates' manifestos cover issues ranging from improving recycling facilities, pushing for more sustainable food options, to increasing Warwick's reliance on renewable energy sources.

Check out all of the candidates' manifestos at [www.warwicksu.com/vote](http://www.warwicksu.com/vote) and cast your votes before **polls close on Friday at 7pm!**



## Events

### 'Online Education: Teaching in a Time of Change' Webinar

21-23 April 2021, 05 March 2021

Join this cross-disciplinary virtual conference, coordinated by Routledge, AMPS and PARADE, during which speakers will be addressing the challenges of teaching online and exploring new methods for teaching issues relating to sustainability, resilience and cities.

#### **Keynote:**

Professor Rashida Rana - Head of Art and Design, Beaconhouse National University in Lahore, Pakistan.

#### **Context:**

Recent events across the world of academia have brought online education and research into full light. As universities, schools and colleges closed across the world in 2020, researchers, teachers and students scrambled to adapt to a new reality. This conference seeks to explore how we are responding, what we have learned and how we are developing new teaching methods. Amongst its themes are built environment education and the issues related to sustainability brought about by online learning globally.

More information, including where to register, can be found [here](#).

### 'City Conversations – Designing to Empower' Webinar

City Conversations is a series of informative thought-leadership open discussions around the big issues that are changing our cities - growth, technology, resource efficiency and climate change. The Conversations will address not only the new and changing infrastructure of cities but also the how these are brought about and their impact on the lifestyle and wellbeing of citizens.

This webinar will examine where the power lies in design, construction, and infrastructure projects working with international communities, and look at how the power of design and of designers can be directed to improve people's lives; or indeed, be misdirected to dis-empower and harm them.

#### **Panelists include:**

- Tom Newby, Happold Foundation - chairing
- Maggie Stephenson, Architect and Technical Consultant
- Geomilie Tumamao-Guittap, Emergency Architects Philippines
- Jennifer Furigay, Accord Philippines
- Mark Harvey, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)
- Christopher Otieno Aboch, Community Leader & Chairman of Vuma Group, Kenya

**Location:** Online event

**Date and time:** Tuesday 23 February 2021, 12:30 – 14:00 (GMT)

More information, including where to register, can be found [here](#).

## Opportunities

### Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholarship Programme TRANSFORM now open

- 6 fully funded PhD scholarships available in 2021
- Applicants can either choose from four suggested topic areas or develop their own topic area within the TRANSFORM themes.
- UK (home) and international students are eligible to apply for the scholarship

The call for applications for six doctoral scholarships under the TRANSFORM programme at the University of Warwick is now open. Successful applicants will enter a new four-year PhD programme in Global Sustainable Development. They will be trained in how to advance sustainability in the real world, getting to the root of huge challenges like boosting climate resilience and establishing healthier cities.

Called 'TRANSFORM: Transformations of Human-Environment Interactions to Sustainable Development', the doctoral scholarship programme is directed by Professor João Porto de Albuquerque, who is also the Director of the [Institute for Global Sustainable Development](#) at the University of Warwick.

Each doctoral scholar will receive academic supervision from two Warwick experts in separate fields (such as engineering, medicine, business, humanities, arts, and law), as well as mentorship from a partner organisation (such as UN-Habitat, the British Geological Survey, African Population and Health Research Centre).

This year, candidates have the option either to apply for one of four suggested research topics or to propose their own research under one of the three research themes of the programme.

Suggested topics include:

- [Climate Memory from Environmental Data Archives: An Exploration of Slow Change, Extreme Events and Human Adaptation](#)
- [Data, community and reconfiguring the post-pandemic city](#)
- [Understanding the global impacts of electric vehicles](#)
- [Financing 'Green' and 'Sustainable' Transitions](#)

Full details of the application process, including topics, guidance and eligibility can be found [here](#).

**The closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

## [Ingenuity 2021](#)

**4pm - 4.30pm, Wednesday 24 February**

A partnership between universities, corporates, SMEs, and public and third sector organisations, seeks to find the brightest ideas that will have the greatest impact in the UK across four themes:

### **Building Community, Tackling Climate Change, Improving Health, and Creating Prosperity**

Ingenuity is looking to financially invest and support bold new business ideas that will tackle society's challenges.

We, the University of Warwick, are very proud to be hosting Ingenuity West Midlands, enabling us to explore challenges with a regional focus.

Find out more [here](#)! **Registration deadline 28th February**

Or come along to our [Ingenuity Information Event](#)

## [Global Sustainable Development postgraduate programmes](#)

Warwick's Global Sustainable Development department is excited to welcome new students and familiar faces to the community as they open their doors to postgraduate students for the first time.

### [MASc in Global Sustainable Development](#) -

Warwick's MASc in Global Sustainable Development is a unique opportunity to join a community of transdisciplinary research and teaching experts. On this course you'll combine academic learning with practical application to help you tackle problems of global sustainable development.

### [MPhil/PhD in Global Sustainable Development](#) -

Warwick's MPhil/PhD in Global Sustainable Development offers you the opportunity to cross disciplinary boundaries to address complex challenges of global sustainable development. Working with experts from GSD and

the Institute for Global Sustainable Development, on this programme you'll deliver impactful, lasting sustainable development research.

More information, including how to apply and dates for upcoming postgraduate study live chats, can be found [here](#).

### **Reusable overshoes**

MukGuard is a new, innovative, reusable overshoe. Created for professionals regularly entering customers' properties through the course of their work, they are perfect for DIYers, gardeners, and anyone looking to protect floors from dirty boots and shoes.

Features:

- Reusable
- Washable
- Carabiner attachment
- Excellent grip
- Abrasion resistance

To find out more and grab yourself a pair, head [here](#).

## News and events from further afield

### **Coventry Live reports that the collapse of two energy firms has left thousands without a provider**

Coventry Live reports [here](#) that the sudden collapse of energy firms Green Network Energy (GNE) and Simplicity Energy left over 400,000 customers without energy access.

This change came just as colder temperatures swept across the UK, leaving many uncertain as to how to heat their homes and buildings to cope with the cold weather.

### **Warwickshire County Council runs Solar Together**

Solar Together Warwickshire is an innovative new scheme offering high-quality solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage. It is a group-buying scheme, which brings Warwickshire households together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price helping you through the process and keeping you informed at every stage.

Do you already have solar panels installed? You can also register to have battery storage added to your existing solar panels to maximise the benefits of your system.

[Find out more](#)

### **COP26 – Applications still open to volunteer at COP26**

As part of COP26, Glasgow City Council is looking to enlist the help of friendly, outgoing and enthusiastic volunteers to contribute to the success of this momentous event.

Find out more, including how to apply, [here](#).



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### **Combining COVID-19 recovery with climate justice**

The overriding impression from a two-week reporting trip around Britain by the Guardian, which asked people in different regions how they view COVID recovery and whether there is an appetite for more fundamental change, has shown that there is an overwhelming appetite to prepare the country for a number of issues, including the climate crisis.

During the trip, mayors and academics said more could be gained if the state opened its wallet with investments to modernise the economy, create jobs and cut emissions. With local communities having already adapted to lockdown with a variety of creative measures to gain greater self-sufficiency, such as “buy local” movements and community energy projects, there is increased hope that changes made in lockdown are building blocks for a more climate-friendly future.

Read more of the report [here](#).