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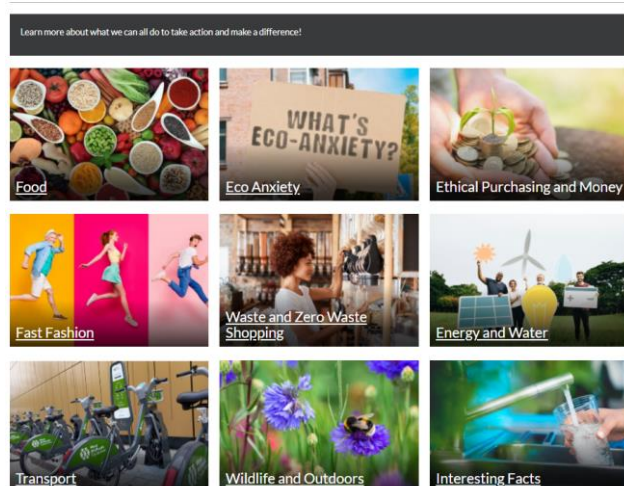
Warwick News

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Warwick University for the new term and New Year! 2022 holds many exciting opportunities to get involved with Sustainability and make a difference to our lives and planet. With each New Year we get closer and closer to 2030 – the year that the University aims to be Net Zero by for Scope 1 and 2 emissions and for the world to have tackled the UN Sustainable Development Goal. It also brings us closer to 2050 – the year the University aims to be Net Zero by for Scope 3 emissions! It's really important that we continue to focus on working together to keep improving Warwick's sustainability. By working together we can make 2022 a really big year for Sustainability!

New Sustainability + You website

Take Action



We're pleased to launch our new **Sustainability + You** website, which includes lots of information about how you can get involved on campus and in the local community as well as how you can take action for sustainability. You'll also find forthcoming events, latest news and blogs.

To find out more about sustainability across the University visit the Way to Sustainable and Sustainable Research sections of the website.

New Years Resolutions

We all know how overwhelming Global Warming and Sustainability can be. Sustainable New Years Resolutions are a great way to break down Sustainable living into small chunks to chip away at. Rather than overwhelming yourself this January, try using the New Year to set yourself small Sustainable tasks or monthly goals to work towards slowly! Follow us on social media at @WarwickUniSust, as we'll be posting regular Sustainable New Years Resolution ideas.



Veganuary

Veganuary is an annual challenge where people pledge to eat Vegan for the whole of January – cutting out all animal products from their diet, including dairy and eggs etc. We might be heading toward the end of the month but its not too late to start and discover the variety of great food out there. Veganuary can also include eating Vegetarian or reducing meat consumption – all makes a difference! The dairy industry alone, not including the meat industry, makes up [3.4% of the World's carbon emissions](#) – more than the emissions from the aviation and shipping industry combined. And beef produces around [20 more emissions per gram](#) of protein than producing pulses such as lentils and beans. Around [two thirds of agricultural land](#) is used to rear cattle, leaving only one third for all crops worldwide - imagine how much more food could be produced if less land was used for cattle! If we all made an effort to eat more Vegan/Vegetarian, and decreased our demand for meat, we would have space to produce more food, and decrease the environmental impact of our food. Veganuary is the perfect introduction to this – sign up to the pledge on [Veganuary's website](#), and check out all the tips and advice on there too!

Green Week

HYPERLINK "<https://greenweek.coventry.domains/>" [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 7th-13th March 2022 so follow @WarwickUniSust and the page to keep up to date with what's going on and how you can get involved. [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



Cut the Flow

With term 1 officially over we have our first winners of our Cut the Flow competition. Congratulation to Bluebell 4 for being the block to reduce their energy consumption the most and to Sherbourne 1 for reducing their water consumption the most! Prizes are being arranged and will be awarded soon!

Remember to reduce your energy and water consumption and encourage your flat mates to do the same to give your block the chance of winning at the end of term 2. We'll have weekly updates on our social media and our Cut the Flow Ambassadors will be making regular visits to your accommodation to answer any questions you may have and give you more information!

Visit [our website](#) and follow us on social media for easy tips on how you can reduce your energy and water consumption.

Bus Route changes

From the 4th January there will be multiple changes to the Coventry bus routes. There have been multiple issues with the bus routes the last couple of months due to problems with staffing, but these new changes will hopefully improve this.

The changes see some routes replaced with others mainly running less frequently, such as the 11 to Leamington, which used to run quarter hourly, will now run every 20 minutes.

Read more about the changes and read the full list [here](#).

Tree planting on campus

The University is committed to protecting, creating and enhancing spaces for biodiversity across campus. As such, to 'achieve ecology and biodiversity net gain' has been identified as one of our five pathways to a sustainable future.

To help with this aim over 800 trees will have been planted on campus by the end of this winter and this planting will help to extend habitats and create wildlife corridors.

The Grounds Team are also now using fully compostable guards made from recycled materials, so they will naturally degrade back as the trees and hedgerows become established.



Sustainable Christmas Decoration Competition

Congratulations to Aishah for winning our Sustainable Christmas Decoration Competition! Aishah made a beautiful wreath out of leaves and twigs collected from the woods, and twine, which is biodegradable. Thank you for everyone that entered, we had loads of great entries! Keep an eye out for more sustainable competitions coming up this year!



Warwick Green Action case studies

The WMG, SLS/WMS and Chemistry Green Action teams have remained active throughout the pandemic partly due to some continued presence on campus while many other teams were working from home. Find out more about what they've been up to in [case studies](#) on our new website. If you're involved in an active team elsewhere, please let us know.



If you were involved in a Green Action team before the pandemic and would like to be more active please get in touch and we will be happy to help. In addition, if a team doesn't exist in your area but you'd like to get involved, contact us to find out more.

Bike repair and maintenance on campus

The [regular "drop in" bike repair service](#) is back again this term every Thursday 10am – 4pm on the Piazza. A range of services are available including bike health checks, bike repairs, supplying bike parts, and fitting of parts. Cost will depend on the service required!

Events

Sustainable Spring Ball



Global Sustainable Development are holding a Sustainable Spring Ball in March 2022! This is open to all societies linked to sustainability! Register your interest [here](#).

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 Oxfam

Warwick Oxfam Society have multiple events coming up, including a collab with PhotoSoc this week! Be sure to follow their [social media pages](#) for more information.

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.

Healthy and Sustainable Food- Eating for a Better Future

This is part of the resonate Festival taking place January-March 2022. The talk will explore the connection between healthy and sustainable eating. It will suggest some practical lifestyle changes for the benefit of our own bodies, the environment and all the people on this planet.

The talk is being given by students from a variety of departments who are taking part in our interdisciplinary public engagement module.

The event is taking place online on Tuesday 18th January 7pm-8pm, read more about it [here](#).

Disability Inclusion in Employment

Warwick is a signatory and founding member of the Disability Employment Charter. On Tuesday 25th January 3:45pm the University is running a webinar to talk about how the DEC was formed, what it covers, and the work Warwick is doing on disability equality and accessibility. There will be presentations and a panel discussion from a number of staff involved with DEC at Warwick, and the opportunity to ask questions at the end. Sign up to register your interest in attending [here](#)!

Birmingham Kilo Sale

There's a Kilo Sale Happening in Birmingham, in [The Custard Factory on Sunday 30th January](#). Kilo sales are a great way to grab second hand vintage and branded clothes at a much cheaper price, that would otherwise end up in landfill.



Winter Walk with Friends of Canley Green Spaces

Explore the beautiful countryside surrounding the University of Warwick, on a guided walk that visits ancient woodlands, lakes, ponds and streams. This is a great opportunity to see nature and wildlife.

They will be meeting outside Pret by the Rootes Building at 10.30am on 22nd January. The 6 mile walk circular route is easy to walk and should take about 4 hours to complete. We will be back on campus by 2.30pm. [More information and signup.](#)

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! 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

PhD Scholarships in Global Sustainable Development: Apply Now!

Applications are now open for the Leverhulme Trust Doctoral Scholarships Programme, '[TRANSFORM: Transformations of Human-Environment Interactions to Sustainable Development](#)'. The programme is led by the [Global Sustainable Development Department](#) in the [School for Cross-faculty Studies](#). Doctoral scholars will work on transdisciplinary projects that address a real-world sustainability challenge, under the supervision of at least two academics from different disciplines. Scholars will spend four years undertaking their research, joining the School's [MPhil/PhD in Global Sustainable Development](#). Application deadline: **12 pm (GMT) on Monday 7 March 2022**. [Find out how to apply.](#)

Warwick Volunteers

[Join Friends of Foundry Woods](#) on the 30th January 10am-12noon, for care-taking in Foundry Woods. Learn about the important woodland, while helping with maintenance of trees, wildflower areas and paths. Gloves and tools and all training provided!

News and events from further afield

Charity Plant Based Food Swap



Solihull Zero Wasters are meeting on Thursday 27th January at 7pm to celebrate Veganuary! Bring a plate of Vegan food to share, and a small donation for the Healing Horse Sanctuary, and take your pick of other delicious Vegan food provided! There will be a raffle too in the evening – find more information on their [Facebook page](#).

Erth Fest

On Saturday 29th January Earth Creative are hosting Erth Fest in Birmingham, an evening festival full of vegan food stalls, eco-brands, self-care masterclasses and fruit buffet! Attendance is free – [book online](#) to grab a place. The Festival is taking place in Iron House studio's Jewellery Quarter.

Building a Career in Sustainability: Advice from Consulting Professionals

Bard's Graduate Programs in Sustainability are hosting a webinar series on Wednesday 19th January, to provide aspiring change-makers access to sustainability experts to gain tips on launching their own careers in sustainability. [Join this](#) conversation to hear from experienced consultants working across the sustainability industry on how they launched and grew their career, what tips they have for working in sustainability consulting, and what they look for in their new hires. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of panellists.

GLIDE Sustainability and Circular Economy Course

GLIDE is offering a free four-week course of online specialist workshops, taking place from the 24th of January – 16th of February, for anyone interested in sustainable business! The course will introduce you to multiple frameworks, practices, models, and demonstrate what a low carbon business looks like. It will also introduce you to the Circular Economy, and highlight the substantial economic, social and environmental benefits from this. [Register online](#) for a place!

Beyond gas: How do we secure warm, safe homes for all?

Heating our homes makes up around a fifth of UK greenhouse gas emissions, while millions are stuck living in fuel poverty in cold leaky homes. We need to rapidly decarbonise our homes and ensure everyone can live somewhere warm and safe. What would a campaign to get rid of gas in the heating sector look like? Join this webinar to help shape the direction of this new campaign. This is an online event 25th January at 7pm, sign up [here](#).

What next for our nature campaigning?

Friends of the Earth believe that everyone should have access to good quality nature on their doorsteps. Join them to share your thoughts on the latest opportunities in nature recovery and explore how we can build a new campaign that improves nature accessibility for all. This event will be taking place online on 31st January at 7pm, sign up [here](#).



What is Climate Justice?

Climate Justice has become a rallying call for the climate and environmental movements. But what does it actually mean? Join Friends of the Earth to explore what the international climate justice movement is pushing for, why we look for solutions to the climate crisis which create a better world for all, and how we can campaign for climate justice in our communities. Sign up for this event taking place on 18th January at 6:30pm, [here](#).