

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

January 2019

## Warwick News

### UI Green Metric

In December Universitas Indonesia (UI) released the result of UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2018. The University of Warwick was awarded rank 26th of the 719 in our first year of submitting information. This places us 8th in the UK. UI GreenMetric World University Rankings is currently the only university rankings in the world that measure each participating university's commitment in developing an 'environmentally friendly' infrastructure. The rankings look at 6 indicators of each university (setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste, water, transportation and education). [Find out more.](#)



### Sustainability Communications

We have recently recruited two students who will be working for us until the summer to promote sustainable behaviours and to raise awareness of environmental issues. They will be using various social media streams and also attending various events. Follow us to keep in touch.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/WarwickSustainability/](http://www.facebook.com/WarwickSustainability/)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/WarwickUniSust](http://www.twitter.com/WarwickUniSust)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/warwick\\_uni\\_sustainability/](http://www.instagram.com/warwick_uni_sustainability/)

### Veganuary

We are half way through the month of January and that means we are half way through Veganuary. This is when people pledge (normally via this website <https://veganuary.com/>) to eat vegan for a month. This means not eating anything with animal products in it. Some people are also trying vegetarianism or just eating less meat for the month. This is important as reduced meat consumption can be healthier diet wise but if more of the world's population did this then methane production from animals would greatly reduce (methane is 25x more potent as a greenhouse gas than CO2) and it would also free up resources such as water to grow more food. If you would like more information from someone on campus contact [Warwick VegSoc.](#)

## News from further afield

### Keep it, bin it

The Keep it, Bin it campaign calls for an end to rubbish excuses for littering and encourages people to responsibly dispose of their litter. The campaign has a clear call to action: if there's not a bin, keep your rubbish and then bin it when there is one. Keep Britain Tidy has joined forces with the Department of Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and are partnering with leading brands across a range of sectors to run the campaign. This is one of the largest government-led anti-littering campaigns to date. Together, we can make a real change. Find out more: <http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/keepitbinit>



### M&S to phase out plastic cutlery in cafés

Marks and Spencer (M&S) will start [phasing out plastic cutlery across](#) its in-store cafés next month in a move it claims will remove 75 million pieces of plastic from its waste stream annually.

### Food Waste Champion

Michael Gove has appointed Britain's first ever [Food Waste Champion](#) to reduce food waste across the country.

## Events

### Wellesbourne Sustainability information stand – 21<sup>st</sup> January

We will be holding a general information stand on the Wellesbourne campus to raise awareness of sustainability initiatives and how people can get involved. Visit us between 11am and 1pm in the main café.

### Cut the Flow Ambassador Training – 30<sup>th</sup> January

Are you living on campus? Want to see your block do better in the Cut the Flow competition and help your flatmates use less energy and water? Maybe improve your recycling? Or maybe just want to know what more you personally can do? Sign up to be a [Cut the Flow Ambassador](#) during one of two training sessions.



### Celebration of orchards – 1<sup>st</sup> February

Come to our orchards celebration event to find out the importance of orchards for wildlife, habitats and landscape. We will also be planting a number of fruit trees to increase the size of our edible trail on campus. BOOKING ESSENTIAL email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)



## Green Champions lunchtime meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> February

Join us for lunch (12noon-2pm, **Oculus 1.04**) and to find out more about the University's latest sustainability projects, including our departmental Green Action initiative from two of our trial teams. There will be an opportunity to ask us questions and to network with other Green Champions acting as a voice for sustainability issues across campus.

## Save the date – Green Week 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March

Our third annual Green Week will be taking place with partners Coventry City Council and Coventry University. There will be lots of activities taking place on campus for both students and staff organised by the Student Union, as well as lots of events in the local area including Leamington Spa. Keep a look out for updates on social media and <https://greenweek2019.wordpress.com/>.

Please raise awareness of the event to colleagues and students and why not consider doing an event in your area.

Please like this page to receive updates: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenWeek2019/>



# Opportunities

## Volunteering Opportunities with Warwickshire Recycles

Would you like to make a difference to the environment by volunteering for a few hours a month? Help to spread the word about reducing waste and recycling more while learning new skills and meeting new people.

Contact us to find out more about volunteering in the following areas:

- Up-skill your friends and neighbours in home composting by becoming a **Master Composter**
- Encourage reuse and help Age UK Warwickshire as a **Reuse Shop Volunteer**. Or look into helping at your local charity shop
- Lead the way in reduction and recycling as a **Waste Minimisation Champion**
- Share your amazing skills as a **Repair Cafe repairer, organiser or helper**
- Clean up your neighbourhood as a **Litter Picking organiser or casual picker**

For more information contact us by emailing [waste@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste@warwickshire.gov.uk) or telephoning 01926 418088.

### **Pledge**

If you don't have the time to volunteer, why not make a pledge instead? **Do Nation** is a free service that aims to help people commit to make small behaviour changes that add up to a better world.

Warwickshire Recycles has a [campaign page](#) which can help you choose a waste related pledge from ditching single-use plastic to starting composting at home. And you don't have to stop at waste. You can even pledge to travel more sustainably by walking and cycling more.

## Energy GRP Video Challenge

Until the 1st February, Warwick students of any level on any programme can enter our 2019 Video Challenge to win a prize of £200. To enter, upload a 2 minute video presenting your ideas on the following question:

Warwick Students - What do you consider the UK's biggest challenge when it comes to decarbonising the energy economy? What solution would you suggest?

Visit their webpage for [full details](#).

## Energy GRP Summer Research Scholarships - in conjunction with URSS

The Energy GRP is once again offering summer research scholarships of up to £1600 for students to carry out research projects related to the theme of Energy. Undergraduate students from any department are invited to apply, and may work with academics from their home department or across disciplines.

For our academics, this can be an opportunity to facilitate small research projects that could open up new avenues, and to encourage the next generation of researchers. For our students this is a chance to work alongside leading academics, test out the research field and further your studies. Check out our URSS student case studies from [2017](#) and [2018](#) to find out more about what it is like to carry out or supervise a summer research project.

Applications will open on Monday 14th January and close on Wednesday 20th February

Please see their webpages for [more information and application form](#).

## Feeding the City

For the 2nd year running CU Social Enterprise CIC have partnered with [Impact Hub](#) on the [Feeding the City initiative](#) and have organised an **Ideation Workshop** to be held on **January 17th 2019 from 6-9pm**.



Feeding the City, is a **fully funded, 12 month programme** that supports sustainable food businesses to launch. The programme is open to teams whose business can add **real value to the communities** they are serving. Successful applicants will receive guidance from business and food experts based at Impact Hub King's Cross throughout 2019, receive bursaries and meet with investors.

This year they have teamed up with [Arabian Bites](#) who will provide their delicious food and host the event at their venue. Chernise Neo, **last year's winner and co-founder of award winning social enterprise [Proof Bakery](#)** will share her story of going through the programme.

If you're interested, have an idea, want to learn more about the programme or meet others to team up with, [sign-up to the workshop here](#).

**Date:** Thursday 17th January 2019

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Venue:** Arabian Bites, 1a Lamb St, Coventry CV1 4AE

### **Tocil Wood Conservation**

The next session will be held on **Saturday 19 January from 12-4pm in Tocil Wood on campus**. Volunteers will be coppicing, a traditional method of woodland management which involves clearing sections of the woodland of young trees. The group welcomes new volunteers, no previous experience is necessary as all training and equipment is provided on the day.

As the project involves working outdoors, it is essential that volunteers wear sturdy shoes and warm, waterproof clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. You can borrow wellies by booking them on the sign-up form.

[Sign-up here](#)

### **Ethical Living Guide update – Can you help?**

Our NEW Ethical Living Guide was updated by one of our student interns over the summer. It is very close to being finished but we need a little bit more help with research and finishing it off. If you are interested, please contact us to find out more: [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)