



SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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Warwick News

New Year Resolutions reminder



In the December newsletter we shared some helpful hints and tips on how you can make sure your New Year's Resolutions stick. If you're struggling with your promises to yourself, remember to take it steady and don't expect change overnight to be easy. We've also shared daily ideas for resolutions on our social media accounts so if you're looking for ideas for what else you can do to reduce your environmental impact, why not have a look – we're @WarwickUniSust on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

UI GreenMetrics

In December Universitas Indonesia (UI) released the result of UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2020. The University of Warwick was awarded 4th in the UK, ranking 29th of the 912 participating universities. [Read more.](#)

Sustainability Skills Survey

The University takes part in the annual Students Organising for Sustainability UK (SOS-UK) Sustainability Skills Survey, which asks students about their attitudes to learning for sustainable development. For the past ten years the results have shown how important sustainability is to students and 2020 was no different. The following summarises some of the headline responses for Warwick students:

- 96% agree / strongly agree that sustainable development is something which *the University* should actively incorporate and promote;
- 82% agree / strongly agree that sustainable development is something which *all courses* should actively incorporate and promote;
- 63% agree / strongly agree that sustainable development is something *all course tutors should be required to incorporate within their teaching*;
- 66% agree / strongly agree that sustainable development is something they would *like to learn more about*.

Events

Sustainability Webinar

Professor Stuart Croft recently joined a Warwick Alumni hosted webinar exploring how the use of sustainable construction practices can enable the University to deliver ambitious campus development sustainably. He was joined by:

- Jonny Wates – Warwick alumni and Director of the Wates Group;
- Professor Chris Ennew – Provost and senior sustainability lead; and

- Professor Georgia Kremmyda – Director of Studies, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

If you missed the webinar you can listen to it [online](#).



Food Waste Action Week – 1st – 7th March 2020

The University will be taking part in the inaugural [Food Waste Action Week](#) will run from 1st to 7th March. The Week will bring together organisations from retailers to local authorities, restaurants to manufacturers, and beyond. WRAP will work with a variety of partners to show that wasted food is an issue that affects everyone – and the planet. Wasted food contributes 8–10% of total man-made greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and roughly one third of food produced around the world is wasted.

To keep up to date with our plans, follow us on social media (@WarwickUniSust on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and check our [events calendar](#).

Green Week – 8nd to 14th 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 all to get involved. We would like you to get this date in your diaries, [like the facebook page](#), and let friends, family and colleagues know about it. The event will bring together Coventry and Warwickshire and we hope many from further afield. We are looking to incorporate more departments, businesses, schools, and community groups. 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.



How far can you go?

Feeling the need to get moving, be it running, walking or cycling? Warwick Sports might have the extra motivation you have [been looking for](#).

Opportunities

Sustainability Team Is hiring

We are pleased to announce that we are currently advertising for two short term roles for 10 hours per week to support us with our communications work. Application deadline Thursday 4th Feb. [Find out more.](#)

LEAF – sustainable labs

If you work/study in a lab and are interested in making it more sustainable please contact Lesley Ward to find out how you can get involved in the LEAF initiative. The programme comprises of a framework, calculators, a toolkit and resources, as well as user engagement. It is a great way to assess your impacts and identify and implement a number of actions to help reduce your impact. [Find out more.](#)



Sustainable labs webinar

Labs can be one of the most resource-intensive spaces in universities. If you work in them and are interested in finding out more about what can be done, and what is being done in other institutions, [view this webinar](#) and associated resources.

Global Goals Teach In

The fourth annual [Global Goals Teach In](#) is currently taking place for two weeks finishing on 5th March. The annual campaign calls on educators to pledge to include the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs) in their teaching and learning throughout the two weeks. The 2020 campaign saw over 300 educators reach 25,000 students in discussion around the SDGs and their relevance to a subject. According to the latest [SOS-UK research](#), 83 per cent of students would like to see sustainable development actively incorporated and promoted through all courses, and the Teach In is a great springboard for meaningful engagement in this area.



News, events and opportunities from further afield

Coventry Council – Let's Talk



Coventry City Council is committed to tackling climate change and to making a major contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions for the city. You can continue to send in your suggestions on how to tackle climate change through [Let's Talk](#) or you can email climatechange@coventry.gov.uk.

World Economic Forum

For the second year running, climate-related risks have topped the World Economic Forum's (WEF) ranking of long-term risks by likelihood and severity, alongside the new risks posed by Covid-19.

In this year's list of most likely risks, extreme weather events has taken the top spot. The UN has recorded more than 7,000 extreme weather events between the start of 2000 and the end of 2020, collectively affecting more than 4.2 billion people and resulting in 1.23 million deaths. It is warning that events are likely to become more frequent and more severe in the coming decades.

Climate action failure, environmental damage, infectious diseases and biodiversity loss are named as the other most likely risks. The WEF has taken care to note that all of these risks are interconnected. [Read more.](#)

New energy efficiency standards for homes and offices

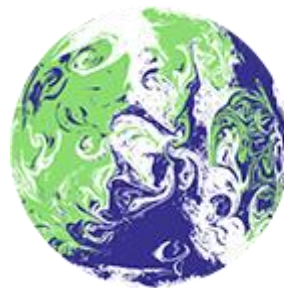
All homes and business facilities will be required to meet new energy efficiency standards that reduce energy consumption and lower bills by 2025, after the Government outlined responses to the Future Homes Standard. Housing Minister Chris Pincher announced that all new homes must be more energy efficiency and "zero-carbon ready" by 2025.

Existing homes will also be subject to improvements. A new energy efficiency standard for extensions will be issued and the requirements for any repairs will also focus on energy consumption, such as windows, heat pumps, lightings and cooling systems. [Find out more.](#)

COP26 – Volunteers needed

Applications for volunteering at COP26 are now open and being taken by Glasgow City Council.

You can find out more [here.](#)



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Getting Creative in Leamington

Creative Leamington are looking to collaborate with students on two arts projects which they are delivering this Spring.

They will be working with street artists and retail window designers to find bold and modern ways to carry the message of the climate crisis to the wider public.

They're interested in working with students with both a good understanding of the climate crisis and sustainability and also an interest in the arts (although this isn't necessary) to build clear messaging for the project. You'd be working with the artists and ourselves to make sure their work makes an impact, the right impact.

You can find out more about our work at www.creativeleamington.co.uk



Develop your knowledge of Circular Economy

The Ellen Macarthur Foundation is running a 10 week course *From Linear to Circular* aimed at postgraduate students and professionals at the start of their circular economy career. It is a fantastic opportunity if you want to bring greater purpose to your work or research and want to become a circular economy advocate and catalyst.

The programme is free and will run from 19th April to 25th June 2021.

The deadline for applications is 28th February, 23.00 GMT.