



# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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## Warwick News

### Student's Union votes to declare state of Climate Emergency

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Warwick SU voted to declare a state of Climate Emergency. This calls for the President to call a climate emergency which has a target of being net carbon neutral by 2030; and for the SU to support the '[PROJECT: Climate Emergency](#)' campaign run by student organisations on campus. For the full story head to [The Boar](#).

### Environmental Sustainability Fund

There is still time before the end of the year to apply for funds from the Students' Union. This is open to all students as individuals or societies. The next deadline is **3rd June 2019** and you can apply here: <https://www.warwicksu.com/democracy/fundingyourideas/>

### Give your opinion

We are seeking student opinions on the government and the environment. This short survey will take less than 6 minutes. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJJ73XS>

### Green Action Teams

There are currently five active 'Warwick Green Action' teams across the University covering Gibbet Hill, Social Sciences, Chemistry, IT Services and Conferences. Four other areas are also considering getting involved to assess and improve the environmental performance of their area. If you would like to find out more please email us: [Sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

### Warwick Summer Interns

Three Warwick students will be working with us over the summer as part of the WSI programme to enhance their knowledge and work experience while supporting us on some of our key activities. They will be working to:

- Help support environmental communication and marketing activities and to promote the sustainability message across the University;
- Undertake an initial review of how the University could map our current contribution to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Manipulate data that the team receives to assist in energy saving in buildings across the campus and help automate systems.

## Events

### **RAWKUS** (29th and 30th June)

We are looking for volunteers to help us collect food surplus and other items from all the halls of residence as the students leave for the end of the academic year. The mid-March collection saw the highest turnout of volunteers since the initiative began but the summer event is much bigger so more volunteers are needed. Please support this fantastic initiative to save food surplus from going to landfill. We are currently only looking for Staff and Students but we are expecting this to change soon.

[SIGN UP](#)

### **WBIT – Behavioural Science Summit** (20 June 2019, Registration Required)

Last year the WBIT successfully organised the first Warwick Behavioural Science Summit. To continue the legacy, this year we are hosting the Behavioural Science summit on the topic of health and wellbeing. This is an opportunity you can't miss to explore how Behavioural Science can be used to improve everyone's life.

[BOOK NOW](#)

### **Swap Shop** (10-4pm, 5th June)

Do you have some clothes you no longer wear? want a new wardrobe? or just cannot fit all of your belongings into a suitcase to take home with you?

Head down to the Swap Shop at the SU next Wednesday 5th June to exchange them or donate them. Or you can purchase them on a pay as you feel basis.

All clothes remaining and money raised will go to charity. [More information](#) on the event.

### **Making Connections: Circular Economy** (9.30-3pm, 4th June 2019)

This one-day workshop is designed to connect people across the University to explore the topic of the Circular Economy and to identify possible small-scale research networking activities that may help to further develop thinking about possible longer term/larger scale research collaborations in the future. There is also an opportunity for seed funding from this event (£100.00 - £3,000.0 per project).

Registration and full details about the event can be found [here](#).

## Opportunities

### **Student Micro-grants now available**

The NUS are delighted to announce the launch of a micro-grants scheme to fund students to run their own activities around the Environment Act. They plan to fund 40-60 student-led projects, between £50 and £150 each. There's no limit on the number of applications per institution. Please e-mail [Sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sustainability@warwick.ac.uk) for more information on how to apply.

### **Wildlife surveyors wanted**

Do you have a passion for wildlife and a knowledge of species? We need you!

We would like to increase our knowledge of the species present on site and are therefore looking for staff and students to either (a) report any interesting species spotted to us or (b) undertake regular surveys. We are looking for people with particular knowledge of birds, wildflowers and insects but would also welcome

anyone with a passion for other wildlife that could be found on campus. If you're interested please get in touch.

### **Summer School on Climate Change and Behaviour**

*WBS, University of Warwick, Tuesday 25th June to Friday 28th June*

The problem of our changing climate is entirely due to decisions made at the level of the individual, the organization, or the country. Consequently, many of the possible solutions to the rapidly worsening problem require an interdisciplinary approach, in which all areas of behavioural and social science are deployed in an integrated manner.

As always, the summer school is designed to appeal to the widest range of participants. It will appeal to students, including undergraduate and PhD students, who are studying behavioural science and want to learn the wide range of links between behavioural science and climate change. In addition, we have designed our talks to be interesting to a general audience, and to managers and marketers in the public and private sector who seek to learn more about behavioural science, and about how to combat climate change.

[Apply now](#)

### **Inductions and Presentations**

The University's Sustainability Team do a range of presentations and lectures for various departments currently as well as student societies. If you would be interested in a presentation as part of academic induction at beginning of 2019/20, part of a module or society event then please email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

### **Hubbub**

This fantastic group have various job opportunities open for anyone looking for a career in sustainability. Check out [Hubbub's jobs](#).

## News and events from further afield

### **UK Government Bans Plastics from April 2020**

After a large consultation the Government has [announced](#) that plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds are to be banned in England from April 2020.

The exception to this is that plastic straws can be stored by outlets for people with disabilities who need them. The University already comply with this new legislation in Conferences, Retail and SU outlets.

### **Relaunch of Coventry CAN**

The first meeting of Coventry Climate Action Network will be at 19:00 on Friday 7th June in Committee Room 2 of Coventry Council House, Coventry City Centre.

Items to discuss include:

- Declaring a Climate Emergency
- The future of Coventry Climate Action Network

The event is open to all who might be interested. The [meeting](#) will end no later than 21:00.

### **Green Drinks**

The next Coventry Green Drinks is on the 30th May (tonight) at Drapers Bar:

<http://www.greendrinks.org/West%20Midlands/Coventry>