



SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Warwick News

Warwick's Carbon Targets Explained

We are happy to see so many staff and students changing behaviour and processes to support the university in reducing our carbon emissions.

We thought we would take a moment to explain our new carbon targets and what we mean by scopes 1, 2, and 3. The Targets: Net Zero Carbon Emissions scope 1 and 2 by 2030 and Net Zero Carbon Emissions scope 3 by 2050.

Net Zero refers to the understanding that we will still need to emit some emissions but we will reduce as much as possible and offset the remaining emissions to equal zero. This differs to Carbon Neutral as this means that no emissions are created at all.

Scope 1 = Emissions created by the generation of energy (on campus these come from our Combined Heat and Power plants which are still one of the best ways to create energy)

Scope 2 = The emissions created because of our use of energy on campus e.g. lights being on, your computer charging.

Scope 3 = These emissions are those created by other individuals or groups that are outside of the direct control of the University but are created because we exist e.g. students travelling to the University or our waste being collected.

What about the other greenhouse gases? The targets are Carbon equivalent so we are seeking to reduce all emissions and the way we report on these will be equal to the impact they have on the environment e.g. Methane is 23x more damaging than Carbon Dioxide which is why we suggest to people they reduce their red meat intake.

We hope this explanation is beneficial to everyone and helps many understand why scopes 1, 2 and 3 were split into two targets.

Recycle League

Several waste and recycling information stands have been held over the past few weeks to raise awareness of how to dispose of different items across campus. We continue to compete against the 10 other universities until the end of November to reduce our overall waste and increase our recycling. For more information check out the article on the [Recycle League](#)

Warwick Waste Quiz

Take part in our [Warwick Waste Quiz](#) to find out more about recycling on campus and be in with a chance to win £20 of Eat at Warwick credit.

Cut the Flow performance update

The Cut the Flow ambassadors have started they're weekly walkabouts of accommodation to raise awareness of energy and water consumption and how to recycle on campus. Unfortunately, consumption has increased, both in terms of energy and water, since the start of term. Please support the University to achieve our Carbon Targets by reducing your usage.

In other Cut the Flow news:

We believe a photo says a thousand words, and so we are giving you the opportunity to participate in our photo competition and the chance for two students to win £20 on your eating at Warwick card!

Upload a photo on Instagram and tag @warwickunisust and use [#CutTheFlow2019](#) (these steps are essential) for a chance to win!

The winners will be judged on creativity and by a panel from the Sustainability team. Competition ends at 12 pm on the 22nd of November 2019. [#CutTheFlow](#)



WIN £20 ON
YOUR EATING AT
WARWICK CARD

PHOTO COMPETITION

PHOTO MUST BE

- YOUR OWN CREATION
- ILLUSTRATING YOUR EFFORTS TO EITHER;
SAVE WATER
SAVE ENERGY
RECYCLE OR
REDUCE WASTE

ESSENTIAL TO TAG US
@WARWICKUNISUST
ALONGSIDE THE
HASHTAG
#CUTTHEFLOW2019

COMPETITION ENDS 22ND NOVEMBER

SocsMark – Environment and Community

The Student Union's new SocsMark initiative will encourage student societies to get involved in sustainability and make a positive difference. There is an Environment and Community section which encourages societies to promote environmental sustainability to members, consider sustainability whilst carrying out activities, and support local community groups. The bronze, silver and gold awards vary in commitment with a key aspect of all levels requiring societies to have a Green Champion exec member to lead on the change. So far six societies have registered Champions but obviously there are many more societies.

If you are involved in a society and would like to be their registered Champion, speak to their Exec and then contact sustainability@warwick.ac.uk to register.

NUS Skills for Sustainability – WIN £500!

All students at Warwick can be in with a chance of winning £500 by completing our confidential online survey about your time at university and the skills you develop for getting a job.

The short survey, which is being run in conjunction with the National Union of Students, will take about 15 minutes to complete.

The closing date is 10th November 2019 and students will be entered into a draw to win £500 or one of 10 £50 runner-up prizes.

Take part in the survey: www.nus.org.uk/uni-skills

Events

Disco Soup x Mayhem WWK

11th November (12pm – 3pm), Piazza

Come along to Disco Soup on Monday 11th November! We collect surplus food from around the Coventry and Warwickshire area that would otherwise have been wasted, take it and cook it into delicious, warming soup perfect for a cold November day. All food is vegan, and our soup is 'pay as you feel', with all proceeds going to Leamington Winter Support, a local night shelter who need a wish list for over winter. Mayhem will also be providing amazing music throughout the day as you sip your soup!

See you there (if you can bring your own container to collect some soup that would be brilliant, this is by no means a requirement but it does help us reduce waste as otherwise we have to use single use cups)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/534975953989695/>

Extinction Rebellion Talk: Heading for Extinction (and what to do about it)

11th November (6pm – 8pm), Warwick Zeeman Building - Lecture Theatre MS.01

The planet is in ecological crisis: we are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction event this planet has experienced. Scientists believe we may have entered a period of abrupt climate breakdown. This is an unprecedented global emergency. The government has failed to protect us. To survive, it's going to take everything we've got.

In this public talk organised by XR Warwick Uni, members of Extinction Rebellion will share the latest climate science on where our planet is heading, discuss some of the current psychology around climate change, and offer solutions through the study of social movements.

Everyone is welcome and there will be time to ask questions and discuss afterwards.

For more info on Extinction Rebellion: <https://rebellion.earth/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2623126797909286/>

Swap Shop

13th November (10am – 4pm)

Bring any clothes you no longer want to SU HQ Reception before Wednesday of week 7, or directly to the Swap Shop in the SU Atrium (10am-4pm). You'll receive tokens for your clothes, which you can swap for new clothes at the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/530735894153222/>

Our Green Future: A Forum on Climate Change

13th November (2pm – 6pm)

Are you worried about what our future will look like? Is plastic good or bad? Are electric vehicles actually going to save our planet? Come and join us at Our Green Future to find answers to all these questions. Open to students from all disciplines.

The forum will focus on 'Clean Transport', 'Plastics with Potential' and 'Food of the Future' and will host a large number of industry leaders and academics to address the topical issue of climate change.

Tickets available here: <https://www.warwicksu.com/venues-events/events/4097/18103/>

All money from tickets will be donated to charities fighting against climate change!

Green Tea - Discussion Group 2nd Edition

Climate Reality Campus Corps returns for another Green Tea. Themes this time will be focused on current environmental issues such as zero waste/ plastic free packaging, sustainability and technology, sustainable transport, climate impact of vegetarianism/ veganism, climate change and inequality as well as how politics might affect climate change.

Come with your opinions, positive energy and don't forget your Mug/Tumbler to enjoy the Tea and Coffee.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2864555726942453/>

Mapathon – 14th November (6pm)

Mathematical Sciences Building MBO.07, University of Warwick

Each year, disasters around the world kill nearly 100,000 and affect or displace 200 million people. Many of the places where these disasters occur are literally 'missing' from any map and first responders lack the information to make valuable decisions regarding relief efforts. A mapathon is an opportunity for you to map these vulnerable places so that local and international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) can use these maps and data to better respond to crises affecting these areas. [Check out this short video](#) for more information on how making maps can save lives.

We are delighted to invite you to the first humanitarian mapathon of this academic year, organised by the Warwick Resilience Mapping Society and supported by the Institute of Global Sustainable Development, the [Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies](#) and the [Warwick Institute for the Science of Cities](#).

During this event we'll do some online mapping (which involves working on crucial project such as [Map2endFGM](#)), learning about OpenStreetMap (OSM) and the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT) in the process. We'll also have a chance to discuss some of the issues that emerge from mapping processes including questions on representation, empowerment and participation.

No previous mapping experience is required - you will just need a laptop (and, if possible, a mouse)!

Pizza and soft drinks will be provided at the event with thanks to WISC.

Register your place now!

Talk: Monash Sustainable Development Institute and Monash Art Design and Architecture

15th November, 10am – 12pm Lecture Theatre 0.013, Warwick Business School

Speakers:

- **Dr Jane Holden, Citaurm Program Manager, Monash Art Design and Architecture & Monash Sustainable Development Institute**
- **Dr Dwinanti Rika Marthanty, Senior Lecturer, Civil Engineering, Universitas Indonesia**
- **Professor Diego Ramirez-Lovering, Director, Informal Cities Lab, Monash Art Design and Architecture**

The Institute for Global Sustainable Development is delighted to be hosting a talk from the Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash Art Design and Architecture and Universitas Indonesia. This talk presents a great opportunity to hear about the work being undertaken by Monash and to meet key contacts working on sustainability in Indonesia.

The talk will include time for Q&A and a lunch will be provided at the end for all attendees.

Register your attendance now!

Blackout: The SU

15th November (6pm – 9pm) SU Atrium

The Blackout is back and will be turning off all the lights on the piazza and inside the SU to promote energy saving and how to live a more sustainable lifestyle in general.

We have so many different types of societies performing from dance, music and everything in-between!

Everyone is welcome so please join us for this fun and unique way to promote sustainability on campus.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1477153192441283/>

The Environmental Humanities Network Reading Group

20th November 12pm – 3pm

The Environmental Humanities Network is delighted to announce the first instalment of its reading group on 20th November 2019 on “The Blue Humanities”

The meeting will be held at the Institute of Advanced Study, which is located in the Zeeman Building (please see Warwick Interactive map [here](#))

There will be lunch from 12-1 in the common room, followed by the reading group from 1-3 in the adjacent meeting room.

We ask that all attendees register prior to the event. Please email Michael.Paye@warwick.ac.uk.

For more details and the readings please see our website [here](#).

Please note that on the same day 5-7pm Professor Jennifer Wenzel (Columbia University) will also be delivering a talk in room OC1.01 in the Oculus Building (please see Warwick Interactive map [here](#)).

For more details please see the EHN Events website [here](#).

Sustainability Summit

28th November (6pm)

We're celebrating sustainability at the University on Thursday, 28th November, and we'd love for you to join us.

Warwick Sustainability Summit brings together students, staff and members of the general public with a passion for sustainability.

We will be hearing from Joel Cardinal (Head of Energy and Sustainability at University of Warwick) amongst other groups at Warwick and a Keynote Speaker.

*Booking is essential to ensure we cater to the right amount of people (food and drinks provided)

Keep an eye on social media and future newsletters for more information.

https://warwick.ac.uk/about/environment/news/sustainability_summit_nov_2019/

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2381429062119562/>

Staff Green Champions lunchtime meeting

2nd December (12.30pm)

The next lunchtime meeting will be taking place on Monday 2nd December and will last approximately one hour including lunch. Come along to find out more about what is happening across campus and how you can get involved. To book your place email sustainability@warwick.ac.uk.

Green Week – 2nd to 8th March 2020

Green Week 2020 is to be bigger and better than previous years and we want you all to get involved. We would like you to get this date in your diaries and let friends, family and colleagues know about it. The event will once again be taking place across Coventry, Warwick set Uni and Leamington Spa; we are looking to incorporate more departments, businesses, schools, and community groups than we have before.

If you think you know someone who would be interested in running an event or getting involved please ask them to contact sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Opportunities

Winter lighting

The dark nights have arrived and it's now dark when many staff and students leave at the end of the day or go out again in the evening. We are aware that some lights are not on sensors and not all are turned off at the end of the day. If you leave later than normal or are back on campus for an event in the evening, and see lights left on in empty rooms, please let us know and we can investigate further.

Academic volunteers wanted for paper saving

We are conducting a Simplify.Collaborate.Deliver project to reduce paper waste. We are looking for a number of academics willing to work with us to stop the printing of unnecessary lecture handouts/slides.

Please email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Do you like top fruits? Are your interested with trees maintenance?

We are looking for volunteers to learn and help with the maintenance of university orchards.

As we are planting more trees and fruit trees, we will soon need to maintain our orchards (prune, clean, enjoy the crops).

We are planting trees on main campus and have an established orchard at Wellesbourne.

Please email sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

News and events from further afield

Zero Launch Weekend

9th November (9:30am – 2pm)

Delighted to say the shop is ready to welcome one and all! Located at 41 Russell St, Leamington Spa- right next to the Covent Garden Car Park. Zero will be open this week from Wednesday onwards, head along and celebrate (and experiment with plastic free shopping) this weekend 9th-10th November.

Huge selection of dried goods, grind your own coffee beans, whole room of cleaning products to refill and much more. Come for a look- and remember any clean dry container is welcome! The shop is fully accessible to both pushchairs and wheelchair users. If you have any allergies please ask for advice from one of our lovely team. There's a product list here: www.zerostore.co.uk but much more to add which will be posted about on this event page this week.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/722252888240697/>

Visual arts competition

The Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges (EAUC) are inviting students from a visual arts background or who have a hobby in this direction to join a very exciting competition and help choose the winning image of EAUC's Annual Conference 2020. This is a great opportunity for students to have their work exposed on a variety of media platforms, enrich their portfolio and contribute to a very topical theme: the climate!

To enter the competition, students are requested to supply a photograph, a graphic, a painting or any other visual representation they feel appropriate as representing climate anxiety, climate hope or changing climate and to complete and send the entry form to info@eauc.org.uk by Friday, 17th January 2020.



Wildlife Trust Survey

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, working with lots of partners, is applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a large grant to help improve the River Sherbourne and green spaces in Coventry for the benefit of wildlife and people. As part of the application process they are undertaking this survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KVLQNHL> to capture the thoughts of the people of Coventry about the river, its heritage and greenspaces in the city. Please do fill it in if you have time (it will take about 2 mins) @WKWT