

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

October 2019

## Warwick News

### Warwick declares Climate Emergency and New Carbon Targets

As many will have heard by now the University of Warwick showed its support for the Climate Strikes on 20th September. During this event the University declared a Climate Emergency and announced its new carbon reduction targets to reduce emissions from scope 1 and 2 (emissions from our onsite power generation and our energy usage) to net zero by 2030 and scope 3 (emissions caused by things outside of our direct control e.g. student travel) to net zero by 2050. Check out the [full statement here](#).

This will require a lot of change across the University in both practices and behaviour so we ask that everyone think more about what they are doing day to day and change habits and processes. We are here to support you with more information – [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

### Recycle League

During October and November as part of our aims to reach net zero by 2030 and improve our sustainability we are joining 10 other Universities in the UK in a new NUS Pilot called Recycle League.

The aim of this league is to improve recycling rates across the University so as to win the prize.

We will be sending out more information on this soon but in the meantime check you are putting items in the correct bin, that you are following the waste hierarchy: Prevent, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Dispose and if you are unsure of where something should go check out [www.warwick.ac.uk/recycling](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/recycling) or e-mail: [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)



### Cut the Flow Ambassador Training

Are you a student living in halls? Do you want to learn how to reduce your energy and water usage, reduce waste and help your flat mates and others to do the same?

We are running 2 Ambassador training sessions on Wednesday 16th October. Please follow the link to [sign up](#) and share it with others you believe might be interested.

Please feel free to also share this [poster](#) around halls/departments.



## Greening Student Societies

Were you unable to get into the Societies Fair during Welcome Week? Maybe you are just getting into sustainability as a topic or are interested. Do not worry as we have all the environmental societies listed on the [Sustainability Hub](#) section of the website. Get involved and make your mark.

It is also a new request that all societies should have a Green Champion, if your society doesn't not yet have one please nominate someone and have them [sign up here](#).

## Events

### reStore

15<sup>th</sup> October, School of Engineering [EBS1.3](#) from 3-8pm.

The [Warwick Environmental Sustainability](#) team and the [School of Engineering Build Space](#) will be opening the doors to the third regular **reStore** pop-up event. The events are an informal get together in which people can bring along and repair and upcycle everything from electrical and mechanical devices, computers, bicycles and clothing using the tools and equipment available with the help of some expert repairers and makers. Sometimes a very simple repair is all that is needed to fix a broken or damaged item, saving it from going to landfill and reducing environmental costs. The act of repairing or upcycling extends a product's useable life, reduces waste and pollution, and saves energy, carbon emissions and finite non-renewable resources.

All are welcome to attend the event and with complementary drinks and food on hand to keep everyone fully charged. [Sign up today](#) or turn up with your item on the day. The Facebook event for this can be found [here](#).



### Making Coventry's Clean Green Future - Public Meeting All Welcome

*Sat, 26 October 2019, 09:00 – 12:30*

The UN science-based climate emergency requires 50% cut in current carbon emissions by 2030 to contain global warming within 1.5 degrees and so avert an irreversible catastrophe for life on earth. Coventry, as other cities, recognises the dual challenges of urgently addressing local atmospheric pollution and global warming from using fossil fuels. The solutions would be to produce clean energy locally and combine this an emphasis on energy and other resource efficiency.

This event will share details of the exciting progress that is being made and also demonstrate how individuals and organisations can take action to accelerate the move to a low carbon 2030.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-coventrys-clean-green-future-public-meeting-all-welcome-tickets-71254121997>

### Warwick Climate Negotiating Forum

On 25th and 26th October GLOBUS bring you the first Warwick Climate Negotiating Forum; a simulation of the UN's annual Conference of Parties negotiations, which produce global climate pacts such as the Paris Climate Agreement. Run by students, delegates to the Forum will represent fifteen nations in teams, and attempt to negotiate a broad range of goals compatible with 1.5 degrees of global warming. To produce a rounded, educational experience, we will also be inviting a range of guest speakers and offering a selection of workshops. Sign up here for free: <https://wcnf.co.uk/?i=1>

### Sustainability Summit

The next Sustainability Summit will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Keep an eye on social media and future newsletters for more information.

### Change Festival

Warwick Arts Centre will be playing host to the Change Festival on 18-20th October. This is an arts festival celebrating and educating people on sustainability and changing the world for the better. For more information and to be kept up to date visit: [www.changefestival.org](http://www.changefestival.org)

### Staff Green Champions lunchtime meeting

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12noon*

The next lunchtime meeting will be taking place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).

### Student Green Champions Meeting

*21<sup>st</sup> October at 6-7pm*

Calling out on all our Student Green Champions for an evening consisting of an introduction to the University's Sustainability Team, student-led discussion on the most pressing issues we face on campus, chance for network and pizza!

[BOOK HERE](#) for free. Facebook event [here](#).

### Green Week (2-8<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Green Week 2020 is set 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 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](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

### Sustainability Fund at SU – Dates

The Environmental Sustainability Fund dates have been announced by the SU. This fund is open to any students on an individual, group or societies basis. Take a look to see [what you can apply for](#).

The next deadline is: **Monday 28th October 12noon**

## IFSTAL event

The Interdisciplinary Food Systems Teaching and Learning programme (IFSTAL) is a free programme for postgraduate students at Warwick and partner Universities. You'll learn the latest food systems thinking, build on your studies and gain the tools to collaborate for change.

Access free workshops and online modules • Learn from food system experts • Work with students from a range of disciplines • Gain the skills employers are looking for • Network with food industry figures • Join a network of 1400 food system changemakers.

IFSTAL is a collaboration between the University of Oxford, the University of Warwick and The London Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture & Health (LCIRAH) – comprising The Royal Veterinary College (RVC), The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

Join and find out more at the [IFSTAL launch event at Warwick on Friday 18 October 2019 at 12.30pm](#).

## Autumn Walk with Friends of Canley Green Spaces

*Saturday 12 October 10.30am-2.30pm*



Join us as we explore the beautiful countryside surrounding the University of Warwick, on a guided walk that visits ancient woodlands, lakes, ponds and streams. The 6 mile (approx. 10 kilometres) circular route is easy to walk. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear you don't mind getting mud on (e.g. trainers or walking boots) as sections of the path may be muddy or uneven. Please bring water, lunch and snacks for yourself. The walk will also be an opportunity to find out about volunteering opportunities with Friends of Canley Green Spaces and see first-hand the impact volunteers have made on the local environment.

[Sign up here](#)

## Canal Clean Up – Leamington

*Sunday 13 October 9.15-1.30pm*



Could you spend this Sunday morning in Leamington helping the Inland Waterways Association to remove rubbish that has been dumped into the Grand Union Canal?

In previous canal clean ups we have managed to remove all manner of items from the canal including bicycles and even a moped! It should be good fun but you'll need to be prepared to get muddy! We can provide you with some wellington boots if you don't have your own.

Transport is provided from campus and also stopping off at Leamington Spa parish Church on the way. [Sign up here](#)

# Opportunities

## SU Elections

Nominations are now open for SU elections for various roles. Deadline 1pm TODAY (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct) 1pm, follow this link for [more information](#).

## News and events from further afield

### Kenilworth EcoFayre

12th October, 10am-2pm, St John's Church, Kenilworth

Be inspired with stalls, talks, reflection space and demonstrations. Local eco-groups, skin care products, e-car demo, plastic-free foodstuffs, energy saving advice, local honey, solar panel demo, waste reduction and more. Fairtrade refreshments will be available.

### Feedback to Warwickshire Council

Warwickshire Council are asking residence to make their voices heard over the future of the region.

<https://news.warwickshire.gov.uk/blog/2019/09/25/make-your-voice-heard-over-the-future-of-warwickshire/>



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](mailto:info@eauc.org.uk) by Friday, 17th January 2020.