

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## Warwick News

### The Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF) achievements

A typical laboratory will consume much more energy per m<sup>2</sup> than academic spaces. As such the University took part in the LEAF initiative for the first time in 2019/20. LEAF provides a systematic approach to help improve sustainability and efficiency in laboratories. The following labs achieved awards:

#### **Silver awards:**

- Computing Advanced Microscopy Development Unit (CADMU), Medical School
- Perrier Laboratory, Chemistry department

#### **Bronze awards:**

- WPH Proteomics Facility RTP
- Crop Centre, School of Life Sciences, Wellesbourne campus
- Genomics Facility, School of Life Sciences Gibbet Hill Campus



Developed at University College London, LEAF allows laboratories to work towards a defined standard, Bronze, Silver or Gold levels, similar in concept to the [Athena-Swan programme](#). LEAF contains criteria which lab users can implement around areas such as waste and recycling, equipment management and procurement. For example making sure fridges and freezers don't run colder than needed and are routinely defrosted. LEAF addresses reproducibility and research quality as key efficiency targets, in recognition that reproducible science is sustainable science.

LEAF 2021 will launch in the autumn; we would love more labs to take part. If you are interesting in getting involved email [Lesley.A.Ward@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Lesley.A.Ward@warwick.ac.uk).

### SocsMark achievements

The SocsMark initiative is open to all societies and its Environment and Community section encourages societies to be sustainable, environmentally conscious, engage with the community and raise money for charity. It includes meeting with a member of the Energy and Sustainability Team to consider and implement actions to reduce the society's environmental impact. During 2018/19, the first year of the initiative, the following six societies achieved awards:

- Brass Society (Silver)
- ChemSoc (Silver)
- Enactus Warwick (Gold)
- Harry Potter and Quidditch (Gold)
- Tabletop Games and Role-Playing Society (Silver)
- Warwick Tap (Bronze)

To find out more please contact [Olly Barron](#), Societies Officer.



## Events

### Pay As You Feel Market

Visit the Pay As You Feel Market where you will find pots and pans, cutlery, clothes, and much, much more that have been used but have plenty of life left in them. Save yourself some money and reduce your impact on the planet. This is part of the University's RAWKUS initiative, in collaboration with Emmaus, which collects household goods and food items for reuse and distribution in the local area. All proceeds will be going to Emmaus.

The event is open to all University staff and students and will follow social distancing requirements. It will take place at the Junction (old sports centre near the Oculus) from **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** between 10am and 4pm, or until items have all been taken. [Find out more.](#)

We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to help staff the event. If you are available please email David Chapman – [D.M.Chapman@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:D.M.Chapman@warwick.ac.uk)

### Sustainability at Warwick inductions

The University's Sustainability Champions will be running three induction sessions for new and returning students during Welcome Week. Come along to find out what the University is doing to reduce its impact and how your actions and choices are part of making your campus and lives greener and healthier (it might also save you some money too!). Sessions are being advertised on MyWarwick and will be taking place on:

- Monday **28<sup>th</sup> September** 2pm
- Wednesday **30<sup>th</sup> September** 12noon
- Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> October** 2pm

### Cut the Flow Ambassador training

Students living in on campus accommodation are encouraged to join the Energy and Sustainability Team for one hour on **6<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> October** to learn ways to reduce energy and water consumption in your accommodation. These will be very useful things to know when you are living off campus and paying your own bills. Attendees will be signed up as Cut the Flow Ambassadors and thereby encouraged to share their learning and enthusiasm for positive environmental change with others. You will in turn be involved in online promotions, communication with your accommodation (online) and possibly some face to face events on campus; these will be great skills to have on your CV. [Booking is essential.](#)



## Opportunities

### Social media volunteer required

The Energy and Sustainability Team are currently looking for a student to volunteer for 3-4 hours per week to support the Team with creating regular/daily social media content. The student will require a working knowledge of the various social media platforms and have an interest in sustainability. There may also be an opportunity to create marketing materials such as posters so experience of using Canva would be useful.

Volunteers will be required to sign a Volunteer Commitment Form.

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### Green Champions

The [Green Champions](#) network consists of staff and students who are passionate about sustainability and sharing their enthusiasm with others. There are more than 200 staff Champions and over 600 student Champions. Staff are invited to a termly lunchtime meeting and engagement sessions are also planned for students. Sign up to be a Green Champion to receive a regular newsletter with the latest University news, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved.

### Warwick Green Action

Warwick Green Action is entering its third year and is an initiative designed to empower teams to make positive environmental changes within their area. There are 15 teams across the University lead by staff Green Champions who are keen to involve interested students. Teams are provided with a checklist of ideas which help to embed sustainability and support is provided by the Energy and Sustainability Team. Find out if there is a [Warwick Green Action team](#) in your area.

