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Warwick News

Sustainability and IGSD Strategy Launch

Join us for a series of events on 22nd and 23rd September 2022 that will be focused on sustainability and development. [Sign up now!](#)

On 22nd September, the University of Warwick will launch the Way to Sustainable, Warwick's approach to informing our decisions and activity, mainstreaming sustainability in to the decisions that we make, embedding it in to the research we undertake and the education that we offer. We will additionally be launching a new vision for the Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD) and hearing from a panel of high level speakers about their views on sustainable development. Everyone is welcome.

On 23rd September, IGSD will host a research conference exploring key research themes. Alongside this we will have a vibrant exhibition space where participants can meet up with those involved in programmes, research centres and institutes across Warwick that all play an important role in driving forward the sustainability research agenda.

Both events will take place in the Oculus building on the main campus at the University of Warwick. The building is exemplary in its environmental credentials. Tests indicate that it performs well above our already high standards for sustainability in new buildings.

New Skip for Electric Wires

Staff members – There is now a skip for the collection of waste electrical wire outside the back of the Energy Innovation Centre (EIC) (see image & instructions attached). For more information, you can email sustainability@warwick.ac.uk.



The Big Hog-Friendly Litter Pick Challenge

As part of our Silver Initiative for Hedgehog Friendly Campus, we will be taking part in the Big Hog-Friendly Litter Pick Challenge! This will be from 19th September until 30th November 2022. Litter picking is important for keeping the environment clean and safe for wildlife. Email sustainability@warwick.ac.uk if you're interested in being added to the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Volunteer Group, to be alerted of other litter picks we have coming up!



Events

Pay as You Feel Market

Warwick's second-hand kitchenware and other goods market returns! Join us in [LIB2](#) from 10am-4pm every day including weekends between 23rd September and 2nd October (or while the stock lasts). Keep an eye on our social media pages (@WarwickUniSust) for further information.

Great Big Green Week

The Climate Coalition's Great Big Green Week "is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. And everyone's invited. Help us make the 24 September - 2 October 2022 the greatest, biggest, greenest week the UK has ever seen! Host an event in your community, or find an event to attend in your local area." Find [events](#) near you.

Living at Uni Fair

Visit our Sustainability Champions' stand during the Living at Uni Fair to learn more about sustainable living at Warwick. Monday 26th September, 9am in the [Oculus Building](#).

Sustainability at Warwick Presentations

Calling all Freshers! Our Sustainability Champions will talk about Warwick's response to climate emergency, Cut the Flow sustainable living competition, waste hierarchy, Choose Your Way Warwick and more environmentally friendly transport tips, and many more.

Depending on your availability you can sign up to any of these three dates:

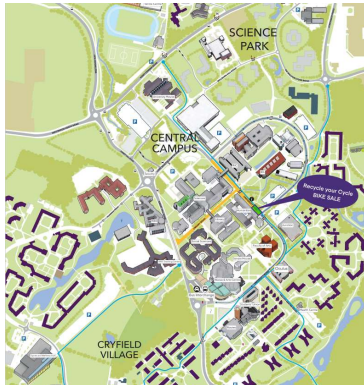
- 1200-1300 26th of September in [H0.58](#) (old Humanities building)
- 1000-1100 27th September online
- 1100-1200 28th September in [R0.03](#) (Ramphal building)

Greening Campus Walk

Freshers! Sign up via your Welcome Week timetable for our Greening Campus Walk and explore Warwick's Green Spaces. We'll be meeting outside the [Oculus](#) at 2pm on the 28th September.

Recycle Your Cycle - bike sale

If you'd like to buy a used cycle, come to the University Road ([outside Humanities B](#)) from 11am 29th of September for Recycle your Cycle's bike sale. All staff and students are welcome!



Sustainable Societies Fair

We're hosting our Sustainable Societies fair again this year. Join us 10am-4pm on the 30th of September in the [Oculus Café](#) to learn about what Warwick has to offer and meet sustainable societies! For more information follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook @WarwickUniSust.

Litter pickers celebrations with the Lord Mayor

"Litter pickers Celebration event at Butts Rugby Club. As you all remember a little while back the celebration event with the Lord Mayor was going to be Rescheduled. The new details are as follows 😊 As you can see we have a significant more number of spaces this time which is excellent so if you can make it let us know by filling out the [survey](#). For those who do not have access to this link another person may do it on their behalf but please make sure they are able to go in the first instance. Kids are welcome if time off can be permitted.

When: Friday 30th September 2022, Where: Butts Rugby Club, Time: 2pm onwards, Spaces: 150"

Campus Litter Picks

[Sign up for litter picks](#) this autumn and be part of the of the [Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge](#). Available dates:

- 1300-1400 4th October
- 1300-1400 7th November
- 1200-1300 30th November

Opportunities

Excellence in Gender Equality Award

There is a wonderful opportunity to gain recognition for gender equality work taking place at Warwick through the [Excellence in Gender Equality Award](#), entries to be received by 30th September 2022 – this is open to all members of our community, students and staff, and details can be found at the link below. We would welcome your support for this competition and please do encourage your colleagues to enter – it's our chance to learn about and celebrate the many initiatives taking place at Warwick.

Cut the Flow Assistants Wanted

Are you interested in helping to implement environmental engagement initiatives with the aim of embedding sustainable behaviour change across the University community? This opportunity is perfect for you - become a Cut the Flow Assistant! This is a paid opportunity. Applications will close at 23:59 on Sunday 2 October 2022. For more information, visit [UniTemps](#).

Cut the Flow Ambassador Training

Learn how you can reduce water and energy consumption and how to support others in halls to do the same. Create a positive impact on the sustainability of campus. Practice habits that will save you money when you live off-campus. [Sign up now!](#) Available training dates:

- 2-4pm 10th October
- 1-2pm 11th October
- 1-2pm 13th October

Coming soon - Sustainability Challenge: Waste

We will soon be offering students another opportunity to make an impact on Warwick. We are calling on everyone who has an interest in sustainability, waste or is just innovative or full of ideas to join the Sustainability Challenge focused on campus waste systems. More information and sign up pages coming soon, so keep an eye out on our social media (@WarwickUniSust).

Join the Students For Trees Council - Students For Trees

Are you a student passionate about trees and woodlands? Do you want to gain new skills and engage with other students? [Apply now](#) to join our Students For Trees Council for 2022-23! Students For Trees is a student led network, supported by [SOS-UK](#) and the [Woodland Trust](#) to help educate and mobilise students across the UK to learn about, and to take action for, woods and trees, to help fight the climate and nature crises.

The Council brings together around 15 students from across the UK to deliver a programme of events, resources and campaigns to engage young people with trees and woodlands, such as learning how to identify trees, organising tree planting days and campaigning for the protection of woodlands. They are currently recruiting for around 10 new students to join the Students For Trees Council for the 2022-23 academic year, you can [apply online](#) by the 9th October deadline!

Become a Student Home Energy Auditor

Opportunity for university students in private renting to become energy auditors and develop transferable skills! A £15 bursary is given for each student home energy audit. Online training will take place on 26th-27th October 2022 (2-5 pm). [Sign up now!](#)

Sustainability Bloggers

We have started a [sustainability blog](#) on our website where you can keep up to date with news and events and our HogBlog.

We would like for students and staff to get involved! We particularly want to hear about your experiences with sustainability, any challenges you faced and tips you could give to others. So, whether you're a Green Champion, part of a sustainable society on campus or just have a passion for the environment and you would like to contribute and write something for our blog email us sustainability@warwick.ac.uk.



West Midlands on Demand

[West Midlands Bus On Demand](#) is a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service, that meets you wherever you are! Book a ride on the West Midlands On Demand app by inserting a pick-up and drop-off location. You'll then be matched with other passengers heading in the same direction. Currently they are offering a number of promotions - use code "UOW22" on the app for two free rides if you have not used the service before! Or refer a friend - when they complete their first journey, 2 free rides will be credited to your account! You can find your unique referral code in the "Free Rides" section on the app.

News and events from further afield

US Infrastructure bill: \$1tn for clean energy, internet, trains and more

The US House of Representatives has passed a sweeping \$1tn (£722bn) infrastructure bill and \$73bn of this is for clean energy.

The [BBC writes](#): "Going green and clean was a big part of Mr Biden's campaign promises. His earlier hopes for over \$100bn towards clean energy have been temporarily dashed, but this bill puts billions towards new power lines, rebuilding America's old electric grids and expanding clean energy. Building new transmission lines with higher-voltage capacities will be key to getting this clean energy out across the country. There are over a dozen billions in addition for electrifying public transportation and building more electric car chargers. Add \$21bn more to the tally for cleaning up soil and groundwater in old mines and gas fields."

China's worst drought on record

A month-long heatwave and record low rainfall have resulted in an unprecedented drought along the Yangtze, China's longest river. Lakes and tributaries have receded as a result of the drought, exposing riverbeds and even a 600-year-old Buddhist stone carving and rocks below the famous Guanyin Pavilion, in Wuhan, Hubei province. For more information visit [What China's worst drought on record looks like - BBC News](#).

Sustainable Fashion Week challenging industry's footprint

Sustainable Fashion Week (SFW) comprised a catwalk show, workshops and talks promoting their ethos of "re-wear, repurpose, regenerate and reconnect". Organised in Bristol, it also had more than 80 community events happening across the UK from 16-25 September, as well as a couple in Nigeria and Australia. Read more [here](#).

Pakistan floods affecting 16m children, says Unicef

Devastating conditions were triggered by heavy monsoon rains that have so far killed more than 1,500 people. Read more [here](#).



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