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Warwick News

Ukrainian visitors - opportunities for hosting

Warwick has already welcomed six Ukrainian visiting academics and their families, funded by Fernandes Fellowships and by Warwick. new colleagues are continuing their research and scholarship here at Warwick and building collaborations across campus and beyond. We are working to help more people who have been affected by the invasion of Ukraine in the same way.

In most cases, we are using the government's <u>Homes for Ukraine</u> (HfU) scheme, which relies on local individuals and families who act as a visa sponsor and provide accommodation. If you or someone you know are thinking about hosting then please get in touch at <u>IAS@warwick.ac.uk</u>. <u>See more information about the HfU scheme</u> including details about the monthly payment (up to £350 pcm). We are also working with a <u>local group</u> who will help to guide the process.

One Coventry Plan

Coventry City Council is refreshing it's local plan, so that is it more focused on the needs and aspirations of local communities. By working with local people, the Council aims to develop a plan that makes the best possible impact on the lives of those living in Coventry.

They are looking for suggestions to help develop this plan. <u>Fill out the survey</u> to have your say on what the Council should be prioritising, and let them known what's important to you. The Council is also running a face to face workshop, that anyone is welcome to sign up to, on the 20th September, 12:30-2pm.

Events

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 area safe for wildlife.



National Allotments Week

National Allotments Week happened from the 8^{th} – 14^{th} August this year, with the aim to acknowledge the importance of gardening with nature in mind. An allotment plot is a complex web of plants, microorganisms, fungi, insects and animals that not only produces food but also supports eco-system services such as pollination and offers a refuge for wildlife in urban areas. Visit the website to learn how to get involved with Allotments, and information about opportunity in your local area!

<u>Download the survey</u> put together by the National Allotments Society, to help contribute to the monitoring of bugs. Use their <u>Insect Identification Sheet</u> for help filling this out!

Organic September

Organic September is a month-long campaign to raise awareness of the many benefits of organic food and farming. Benefits include supporting biodiversity and wildlife, helping to combat climate change and supporting higher standards of animal welfare. There's a number of ways you can get involved with the campaign! You could make a <u>Pledge for the Planet</u>, and use the pledge finder to make one that's right for you. You could learn how to grow your own fruit, veg, herbs etc. at home. You could become a member of the <u>Food for Life programme</u>. Visit Soil Association's website for loads more ways you can take action and <u>join the movement</u>.

Ecofest

Celebrate everything eco at the <u>Pump Room Gardens</u> on 3rd September rom 10am to 5pm. Learn more about how you can decrease your carbon footprint, increase your healthy eating and step outside more to explore beautiful local green spaces.



District Council's Climate Change Panel

The public participation session of Stratford District Council's Climate Change Panel is happening on the 6th September. Email <u>climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk</u> with any climate questions you have related to the local area, that you would like answered!

Opportunities

ActNowFilm2

ActNowFilm2 is a youth voices film, seeking to showcase your voice and how climate change is affecting you. It builds on last year's success of ActNowFilm, which received worldwide coverage at COP26 and on various media outlets. The film will give you an opportunity to tell decision-makers why climate action is important to you and future generations, what you are campaigning for, and what messages you would like to give to the COP27 negotiators.

Whether you're looking to submit a film, or want to find out how else you can get involved, <u>visit the ActNowFilm 2 website</u>. Here you'll find further information on how to submit, terms of reference, as well as top tips and technical specifications. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail them to info@zero.cam.ac.uk



Warwick Volunteers Recruitment

Warwick Volunteers are recruiting for <u>Project Leaders</u> and <u>Session Leaders</u> for the next academic year! The programme is looking for committed, enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate new and longer-standing projects. This will require working closely with community partners and volunteers to ensure the smooth running and development of projects. Anybody can run for these positions, though it would be of great benefit if you have previous volunteering experience. Deadline for application is September 13th!

Waste and Recycling Assistant

The Estates Team are currently hiring a Waste and Recycling Assistant, to help support the University's Sustainability Strategy. This will involve keeping the Campus clean by collecting and segregating waste and recyclable materials. Application closes at midnight on 30 August 2022. Click here for more info.

News and events from further afield

Vintage Vera Kilo Sale

Fargo Village is having a Kilo Sale on the 10th September 10am-5pm and 11th September 10am-4pm. Vintage sales and a great way to grab clothes that would otherwise end up in landfill. Visit <u>Fargo Village</u> Events for more info.

Kilo Sale

There's a Kilo Sale happening in the Custard Factory, Birmingham, on 18th September 10am-4pm. Visit for a great selection of second hand and vintage clothing, and pay for however much your clothes weigh! Visit the <u>event page</u> for more info.

Volunteering in Stratford

Join Stratford Climate Action for a volunteer session on Wednesday 7th September, when they will be helping Heart of England Forest remove tree guards and manage bracken and scrub regeneration at a nearby location. If you would like to join, please contact Jenny on jennyloynds@live.co.uk if you are interested. Car shares will be organised.