

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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## Warwick News

### ISO 14001 audit

The Estates Office is pleased to announce that after a recent external audit they continue to be ISO14001 Certified. Estates ensure continued accreditation to this international standard as part of the University commitment to protecting the environment. Estates are currently looking to extend ISO14001 to its operations at Wellesbourne Campus.

### Climate Emergency

In November, Bristol City Council unanimously voted through a motion to pledge a Zero Carbon target by 2030, bringing forward their original plans by 20 years.

The commitment comes in the wake of the IPCC report, which warned that humanity has 12 years to take emergency action in order to prevent global warming greater than 1.5°C – a rise that will see hundreds of millions, especially in poorer countries, thrown into climate-related catastrophe.

This has struck a chord with staff and students in the Global Sustainable Development department who decided to do something about it. Todd Olive, [Globus](#) Editor-in-Chief and GSD student, along with others from the department put forward a similar motion to the GSD Student-Staff Liaison Committee and was recently “thrilled to announce that the Climate Emergency motion has been unanimously passed by the 3rd Normal Meeting of the Global Sustainable Development Division Student-Staff Liaison Committee.”



### Orchard planting

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 20 students, staff and members of the community helped plant a new orchard which is being developed close to Windmill Hill. In years to come the orchard will become part of the University's edible trail encouraging people to pick and enjoy the fruit and relax in the outdoor space.

We worked with a fruit tree expert from the Heritage Fruit Tree Company to select a good split of seasonality in the trees. There is a range of apples, pears and cherries, which will give the longest fruiting season for this area.

We will be planting the remainder of the trees for the orchard on Wednesday 13th March at 2pm. Email [sustainable@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainable@warwick.ac.uk) to find out more.



# Events

## **Warwick 40<sup>th</sup> Beer and Cider Festival (14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February)**

Warwick Real Ale and Cider Society have returned this year to the Copper Rooms for their [40th Beer Festival](#). This year they have added Copper Rooms 1 and a Key Keg bar to their offerings. Amongst the fantastic choice in beer, cider, fruit wines and mead is a wonderful section of Vegan and Gluten Free drinks. Some of these beers also come from the very sustainable breweries and as many of you may know mead is the most environmentally friendly alcohol you can get your hands on.

## **#CuttheFlow (19<sup>th</sup> February 11am-2pm)**

Want to know more about Cut the Flow? Wondering how the winners are calculated or maybe you have a question on more ways to reduce your water or energy consumption in your hall (or home)...or even want to know if THAT item is recyclable or not. Drop in to the stall between Tocil and Oculus to talk to our Cut the Flow team!

## **SEED Fest (19<sup>th</sup> February)**

Warwick SEED is bringing their inaugural [SEED Fest](#) to campus. This is a collaborative space that aims to challenge conventional career paths at Warwick by exposing students to the vast range of social enterprises and societies born on-campus that foster an entrepreneurial spirit, better well-being, and sustainability.

Collaborating with a number of different societies and social enterprises at the university, all wanting to promote business-for-good; they view business-for-good as having four components: Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Management, Well-being, and Sustainability.

This event invites everyone at Warwick, regardless of your degree background or interests, to learn more about social enterprise, how you can make a social impact and get involved with this growing movement. Do not miss out on the [Disco Soup](#) taking place as part of the event that day.

## **Blackout (22<sup>nd</sup> February)**

Warwick Blackout returns on this month at the SU Atrium bringing you a fantastic selection of performances as we turn as many lights off across the campus as an early celebration of Earth Hour! Please join them that evening at the SU as well as by getting in on the action by turning off lights across the campus and beyond!

## **Green Champions lunchtime meeting (26<sup>th</sup> February)**

Join us for lunch (12noon-2pm, **Oculus 1.04**) and to find out more about the University's latest sustainability projects, including our departmental Green Action initiative. There will be an opportunity to ask us questions and to network with other Green Champions acting as a voice for sustainability issues across campus. Please email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk) to sign up.

## Green Week (4<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> March)

Our third annual Green Week will be taking place with partners Coventry City Council and Coventry University. There are various activities taking place on campus for both students and staff, as well as lots of events in the local area including Leamington Spa.

Please raise awareness of the event to colleagues and students and why not consider doing an event in your area. Please like this page to receive updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenWeek2019/> #GreenWeek19

<https://greenweek2019.wordpress.com/>.



## Warwick Sustainability Summit (7<sup>th</sup> March)

Come and join us as we celebrate sustainability at the University on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6:15pm in H.052 (Humanities Building)

This Warwick Sustainability Summit will take place during [Green Week 2019](#) (4-10<sup>th</sup> March) and brings together students and staff with a passion for environmental 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.

Please [sign up](#) to ensure a seat. This event is open to staff, students and general public.

## RAWKUS (16<sup>th</sup> March)

The next RAWKUS collection will be taking place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March and we are looking for volunteers to help us collect the food surplus and other items from a number of halls of residence. Please support this fantastic initiative to save food surplus from going to landfill. [Sign up here.](#)

# News and Events from further afield

## Government launches world leading plan to tackle air pollution

The Environment Secretary has launched a new strategy to clean up our air and save lives. Air pollution is one of the biggest threats to public health in the UK and it is predicted that measures set out in the Clean Air Strategy will cut the costs of air pollution to society to £1.7 billion every year by 2020. [Find our more.](#)

## NUS's Global Goals Teach In – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February

The NUS's SDG Teach In began last year as an annual student-led campaign to engage teaching staff in embedding the SDGs in their teaching, learning, and assessment over the course of the week. It calls upon educators across all stages of education to pledge to include the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) within their teaching, learning, and assessment on their course(s) / in their classrooms during the week of the 18-22 February 2019.

There is an [online pledge](#) where teaching staff can share what they're planning to do during the week and [plenty of resources](#) to offer guidance and inspiration.



### Heading for extinction and what to do about it (20th February)

Public talk by Extinction Rebellion, 6 – 8pm (Lyttleton Theatre, [The Birmingham and Midland Institute](#))

“Come and find out more about the [Extinction Rebellion campaign](#). We are facing an unprecedented global environmental emergency. The government has failed to protect us. To survive, it’s going to take everything we’ve got.” Please book a place via [eventbrite](#) to ensure a place.

## Opportunities

### Climate KIC – Journey

The [Journey](#) offers a unique combination of academic study and real-world experience. Successful applicants join more than 400 participants in a four-week, full-time, intensive, residential learning programme hosted by top global universities.

The hunt is on for top young #professionals. @EITeu @ClimateKIC connect #solutions and break down silos. Will you join for #Summer2019? #ClimateJourney: [journey.climate-kic.org](#)

The application process is open until February 18th via the Journey platform.

For more visit the [Journey Comms Trello board](#).



### Energy GRP Summer Research Scholarships - in conjunction with URSS

The Energy GRP is once again offering summer research scholarships of up to £1600 for students to carry out research projects related to the theme of Energy. Undergraduate students from any department are invited to apply, and may work with academics from their home department or across disciplines.

For our academics, this can be an opportunity to facilitate small research projects that could open up new avenues, and to encourage the next generation of researchers. For our students this is a chance to work alongside leading academics, test out the research field and further your studies. Check out our URSS student case studies from [2017](#) and [2018](#) to find out more about what it is like to carry out or supervise a summer research project.

Applications will open on Monday 14th January and close on Wednesday 20th February

Please see their webpages for [more information and application form](#).