

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

September 2019

## Warwick News

### Global Climate Strike and Special Announcement

On Friday 20 September, the UK will be joining in the Global Climate Strike. We invite all staff and student to join us on the [Piazza as the University of Warwick](#) shows its support for the Global Climate Strikes. At 1pm there will be an announcement from Christine Ennew, Provost, and Ben Newsham, President of the SU, on the big screen. There will also be food vendors in attendance to enjoy a bite to eat.

There are also events locally in Leamington, Stratford and Coventry.

Coventry CAN Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/412712892703545/>

Extinction Rebellion Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1124004104654643/>

Or, keep an eye on insite on Friday afternoon. For more information about Climate Strike in the UK, visit <https://ukscn.org>

### Assistant Sustainability Champion

We are pleased to welcome **Mishaal Bhurgri** to the Energy and Sustainability Team who has joined us for her intercalated placement year as part of her degree in Global Sustainable Development at the University. She will be supporting the team with staff and student engagement projects.



### RAWKUS

On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September, Volunteers came together to support the final collection of the year from Post Grad Halls of Residence. We collected **2 tonnes** of food surplus and other items.

There will be a Pay as You Feel Market and Sustainability Fair at the Arts Centre during arrivals weekend for incoming students to make use of items left behind which have been stored. If you are around Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and have some time to spare to help us move items to the Arts Centre please email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk). If you are interested in supporting future RAWKUS collections please [sign up here](#) for the RAWKUS mailing list.

### FSC vs. recycled paper

Warwick Print has recently carried out extensive research using FSC and recycled papers in printers. They found that devices developed consistent paper jam issues when recycled paper was used, which resulted in losses in operational efficiency, increased device downtime and Engineer callouts as well as wasted paper. We believe that FSC paper provides a better environmental and financial whole life cost than recycled paper and we will continue to assess this.

The decision has been made that **FSC paper should be sourced for all printers**. Warwick Print, Procurement and Office Depot have sourced 'Discovery 75Gsm A4 FSC Paper' (product ref: 6718005), which is provided in boxes containing 2,500 sheets with no additional packaging.



### Paper savings

The central print room and departmental printers used under the Managed Print Service report regularly on environmental savings. Since the service was initiated and monitored a total of 7,670,000 sheets of paper have been saved by not automatically being released for print, which is equivalent to 211,743kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, 76,719m<sup>3</sup> of H<sub>2</sub>O or 460 trees.

### Staff and Student Green Champions

There are now 200 Staff [Green Champions](#) who are interested in finding out more about sustainability and getting involved in helping to make positive changes across the University. Many of these Champions are now involved in Green Action teams within their departments and have consequently helped to improve the University's performance.

In addition to our staff Champions we have approximately 170 student Champions. We would like to significantly increase this number and work with students more whether that be through Green Action teams, course representatives, societies or other means. Please share this message and point any interested students in our direction.

### Warwick Green Action

There are eight active [staff Green Action teams](#) working hard to reduce the environmental impact of their area:

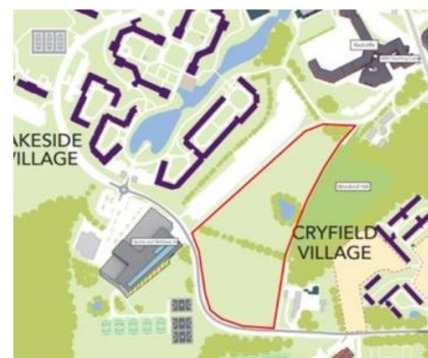
- Centre for Teacher Education
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Gibbet Hill
- ITS
- Social Sciences
- Warwick Business School
- Warwick Manufacturing Group

There are also a number of new teams in the process of setting up. Contact us to find out how to get involved.



### Spine route wildflower grassland

Works are currently underway to create a two hectare wildflower grassland alongside the spine route. Over the next few weeks they'll be mowing, ploughing and seeding of the area taking place. The grassland will take time to develop but in the long term will create a new habitat for a variety of insect life, which can be enjoyed as people make their way onto central campus.



## Events

### Welcome Week

The Energy and Sustainability Team will be involved in the following events for new students. Please share the details of these events with other. You can keep up to date with events via our [Facebook page](#).

Title	Date	Time	Location
Pay as you feel market (household items)	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	10am	Arts Centre
Pay as you feel market (household items)	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	10am	Arts Centre
Living at University fair	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10-4pm	Oculus
Make your mark fair	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10-4pm	SU Atrium
An introduction to sustainability at Warwick	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	3 – 3.30pm	OC04
An introduction to sustainability at Warwick	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 2.30pm	A0.42
Something for your fair	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10-4pm	SU Atrium
An introduction to sustainability at Warwick	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 2.30pm	R0.12
An introduction to sustainability at Warwick	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 2.30pm	R0.03
Wall-E Screening	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm	OC1.05
An introduction to sustainability at Warwick	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	2 – 2.30pm	Westwood lecture theatre
Find your cause	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	5 – 7pm	SU meeting room 2

### IGSD Launch Event: Supporting Global Sustainable Development through Research

25<sup>th</sup> September, Scarman, 10am

This event will outline the strategy of the Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD) and the support that it will provide to researchers interested in engaging with the Global Goals. There will be an exhibition of case studies highlighting some of the research already being done across Warwick, and time for networking and community building.

This launch is timed to coincide with [Global Goals Week](#), an annual week of action, awareness, and accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Registration for the launch is open now. [Register](#)

Follow IGSD on Twitter @IGSD\_UoW

## 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 and the first of the academic year. 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.



## Closing the Loop

8<sup>th</sup> October, Chancellor's Suite, Rootes Building, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Circular Economy Researchers' Network (CERN) is hosting a screening of the first feature length documentary on Circular Economy "Closing the Loop" followed by a panel discussed in conjunction with Innovative Manufacturing and Future Materials GRP.

Refreshments will be provided. Please register [here](#) for catering purposes. The event is open to everyone.

## Sustainability Summit

The next Sustainability Summit will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Keep an eye on social media for more information, and e-mail will be sent out regarding this in the near future.

## Change Festival 2019 - New arts festival invites visitors to imagine a better, brighter future

[CHANGE Festival](#) arrives at Warwick Arts Centre in Coventry 18 – 20 October 2019. This new event, quite unlike any other, brings together world-class shows, talks, comedy and workshops - with the aim to inspire visitors to imagine a better, more positive future for all.

The festival gathers performers, speakers and audiences from the West Midlands and beyond to imagine, play and explore. There will be some familiar faces and new performances enjoy, with over 20 inspirational events to choose from - because we all deserve to feel hopeful about the future.



CHANGE Festival producer Becky Burchell says, "CHANGE Festival will offer a better story about our future. Much of our current popular culture - TV, movies, news, theatre - paints a picture of a bleak, dystopian future where humanity is tearing itself apart. It's time to tell a different story - one that stretches our dreams and inspires courage and hope. Through this festival we hope to inspire visitors to imagine a better way of living – better communities, better food, better homes for us and the generations to come."

Highlights of CHANGE Festival include:

- Premiere of 'The World We Made', an urgent new play about our future, set in 2050 and based on environmentalist Jonathon Porritt's seminal book of the same name.
- A special comedy evening to ask, 'What Will Tell Our Grandkids?' - a hilarious exploration of the conversations we will have in years to come.
- 'Soonchild', a family show by dynamic company Red Earth, tells the story of a shaman who feels out of step with the modern world and sets out on a quest to find the forgotten 'world songs', which are essential for the world to exist.
- An all-female team of 14-17yr Coventry trailblazers have invited a panel of transformational women to share their bold, courageous and motivational stories for 'MetamorphoSISTER' – a specially curated event for young audiences. This event is part of Positive Youth Foundation.
- New discussion series, with speakers from the West Midlands and beyond, will explore 'Imagine Eating Better', 'Imagine Living Better', 'Imagine Dressing Better', 'Imagine Better Nature' and 'Imagine Feeling Better' to enlighten and enliven.

For full programme details visit [CHANGE Festival](#) / [facebook.com/changefestival](https://facebook.com/changefestival) / [#changefestival](#)

### **Green Champions lunchtime meeting**

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).

### **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](#).

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 12noon is the first funding deadline.

# Opportunities

## Cut the Flow job openings

We are currently recruiting for 4 x [Cut the Flow Assistants](#) to work three hours a week each to raise support our initiative to reduce energy and water consumption and increase recycling in accommodation. The role will include undertaking walkabouts in the residences to raise awareness of what people can do to make a difference. It is a great opportunity to develop communication and influencing skills and to get involved in University wide environmental events.

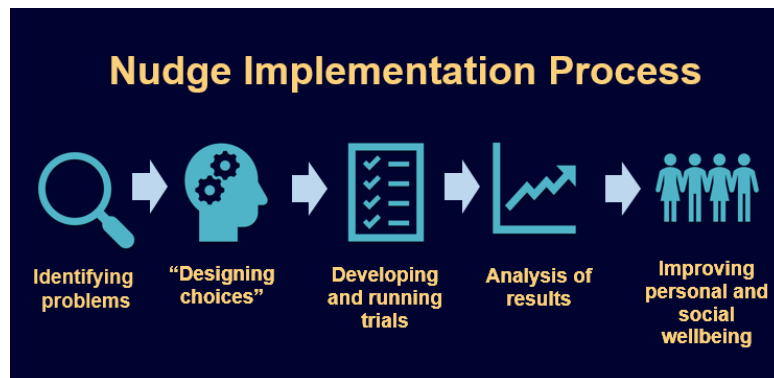
We are also looking for **Cut the Flow Ambassadors** to support the Assistants within your accommodation. The training will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

To find out more or promote the opportunities to others please contact us [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).



## WBIT Nudge Unit

WBIT is led by students from WBS, Psychology and Economics and they aim to solve problems at University level to promote behavioural science to the public. The Unit has been working on various behavioural problems which impact on the environment including turning off light switches and disposing of waste. They are keen to get involved in Green Action teams to help you solve the issues that are relevant to you. There is a weekly meeting one Wednesdays at 5pm which everyone is welcome to attend and you are also welcome to invite a representative to your meetings. Contact the team via [Facebook](#).



# News and events from further afield

## An SDG and a cup of tea

Following on from last year's successful Cup of tea and an SDG series, timed to celebrate Global Goals Week, the EAUC are running webinars which aim to inspire and encourage change and take action.

You can book your free place on any of the webinars below:

- 23 September (10:00 - 10:30am) [Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities](#)
- 24 September (10:00 - 10:30am) [Goal 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production](#)
- 25 September (10:00 - 10:30am) [Goal 13 - Climate Action](#)
- 26 September (10:00 - 10:30am) [Goal 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions](#)
- 27 September (10:00 - 10:30am) [Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals](#)

### **Extinction Rebellion**

Three new groups have recently started in the area to support Extinction Rebellions aims and they are looking for more members to support them.

Coventry = <https://www.facebook.com/XRCoventry>

Warwick District = <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292152688375452/>

University of Warwick = <https://www.facebook.com/xrwarwickuni/>

There is also a large peaceful protest being planned to take over London from 7<sup>th</sup> October for at least a month.

### **Kenilworth to Leamington Cycleway campaign (K2L)**

K2L Cycleway is a campaign calling upon Warwickshire County Council to build an appropriate, safe cycleway between Kenilworth and Leamington Spa by March 2022. The group have petitioned the Council and will meet with them later in the year. If you would like support the campaign they are encouraging people to write to their councillors and join [www.cycleways.org.uk](http://www.cycleways.org.uk).