

Anglia Ruskin University Sustainability Professional Award

Dr Aled Jones

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Summary

Aled is the inaugural Director of the Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) at Anglia Ruskin University. Over the past four years the GSI has grown into an internationally recognised brand, with a group of 40 individuals and external income of almost £400,000 per year. His work in climate finance has been recognised by the State of California and he has received a key to the city of North Little Rock, USA. In the recent REF Aled led his team into two Units of Assessment (UoA16 and UoA17). In 2013 he led the team at Anglia Ruskin University who won the International Sustainable Campus Network Award for integrating sustainability and his research has been shortlisted for an EAUC Green Gown Award and the Lloyds of London Science of Risk Awards.

The GSI also leads on the Education for Sustainability (EfS) work on behalf of the University and has achieved significant success over the last year in embedding EfS into its regulations and processes. Aled was part of the Anglia Ruskin team for the most recent EAUC Green Academy initiative. The EfS team are involved in significantly upscaling their activities in 2015 following further investment by the University. Videos, blogs, online support and further staff engagement activities are all underway. The GSI also publish the So What? magazine which is aimed at students. One of Aled's first initiatives when setting up the GSI was to set up the annual Sustainability Art Competition. The 2015 art competition winner, Ian Wolter, whose work is a monument to climate denial, has received coverage in the Telegraph, Guardian, Spectator and a full page in the Daily Mail.

The GSI regularly supports external facing events. These are run as standalone events or as part of the Festival of Ideas or Science Week. Examples include an annual Treasure Hunt (funded by ESRC) – attracting around 100 children and charring the Question Time for the Cambridge parliamentary candidates before the 2015 election – an audience of over 200.



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- 31,500 students 4,000 staff (academic and non-academic)
- Multicampus (Cambridge, Peterborough, Chelmsford)

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“At Anglia Ruskin University our corporate plan commits us to continue our work in education, research and estates action on sustainability. The Global Sustainability Institute has proved an important part of our delivery. A Green Gown Award would allow us to take pause, celebrate our success and build on work in this important area.”

Professor Michael Thorne, Vice Chancellor.

Further information

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