

EAUC Scotland Smaller Institutions Sustainability Meeting: Biodiversity Agenda

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Event time: 10 June 2025, 10:00 - 16:20

Event location: In person at Forth Valley College, Stirling Campus.

Room: S1.18 - Kildean Suite

Address: Stirling Campus, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1SE

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Note: Please pick up your visitor pass from the reception desk on arrival

Agenda

10:00 Tea and Coffee

10:15 Introductions

10:30am Workshop 1: Biodiversity on the Estate

- 10.30 Rory Hill, Sustainability Project Manager – Joint Sustainability Partnership
 - Tree-planting with the International Tree Foundation at Borders College and West Lothian College
- 10:37 Vicki Tierney, Project Officer (Estates and Sustainability), West Lothian College
 - Partnership working with Cedarbank School and West Lothian College
- 10:45 Rory and Vicki Q+A
- 10:55 Mareike Moeller-Holtkamp, Urban Nature Adviser, NatureScot
 - Brief introduction to the SOS-UK Nature Friendly Grounds Programme on behalf of Jo Wilkinson, Senior Project Manager, Biodiversity, SOS-UK
- 11: 05 Mareike Q + A
- 11:15 Gabi Brame, Sustainability Development Coordinator, University of Stirling
 - Introduction to iNaturalist
 - Making campus dashboards and hosting Bioblitz events
- 11:35 Gabi Q + A
- 11:45 General discussion on biodiversity on the Estate

12:00 Lunch and Networking

- Vouchers will be provided for participants to purchase lunch on campus

1:00 Workshop 2 – Biodiversity Walk using the iNaturalist app

- Route will preferentially visit the Kildean Nature Walk (more information via: [TreeLink Stirling](#), [Froglife](#)), or, if it has rained heavily before or during the event, we will visit the meadow and pond areas next to the River House restaurant, Stirling.
- We will be accompanied by Larissa Purves (Walking and Cycling Officer) and Aileen Webster (Active Travel Coordinator) from Forth Valley College; Gabi Brame (Sustainability Development Coordinator) from University of Stirling, Mareike Moeller-Holtkamp (Urban Nature Adviser) from NatureScot and Andy Muir from the University of Glasgow.

Note: This workshop will involve walking outside and using the [iNaturalist](#) app. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothes suitable for the outdoors and bring a smartphone with the iNaturalist app installed.

2:00 Comfort break, settling back

2:15 Workshop 3: Integrating Biodiversity into Learning and Teaching

- 2:15 Sarah Shea, Environmental Sustainability Manager, Glasgow Kelvin College
- 2:25 Sarah Q + A
- 2:35 Patrick Boxall, Lecturer in Education, Division of Psychology, Sociology and Education, Queen Margaret University
 - Presenting on Queen Margaret University's [Outdoor Learning Hub](#)

3:30 Roundtable chat

- This discussion is open to any topic of interest to SISM members and does not need to be under the topic of biodiversity.

3:50 EAUC Summary

- Lara Fahey, Sustainability Projects Lead, EAUC

4:00 – 4:20 Optional: Forth Valley College, Stirling Campus Tour

- Pauline Donaldson, Soft Services & Sustainability Manager, Forth Valley College.

4:20pm Close