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The Elephants in the Room
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Carbon and Procurement Workshop

Angus Warren, APUC

- Outlined their key projects, including Electronics Watch
- Gave a general overview of procurement in HE and what APUC are doing.
- They're doing work on the climate emergency at the moment – particularly looking Scope 3 and the work they are doing with us.
- They warned institutions about not just moving carbon emissions from one area of their estate to another. They must reduce emissions.

Andy Laszlo, Glasgow Kelvin College

- Talked about the lifetime of products – and that people need to think more about the cradle to grave of products. So rather than throwing things away and replacing, we need to look at the sustainability of new products, and how we can make the most of current products.
- Used an IT example, where he showed how at Glasgow Kelvin College, they had a number of old computers, and after doing some calculations, they worked out it was better (people/planet/profit) to upgrade the computers they had with new parts than it was to buy new computers. They saved themselves a lot of money, and they didn't create product demand for something unnecessary and saved the computers from landfill.
- This was a good example of a way FE can contribute to sustainability, even with their limited resources and capacity. Much of the change needed is mindset.

Peter Hayakawa, University of Edinburgh

- Spoke about his role in policy, and about the carbon emissions from procurement and other scope 3 areas.
- Outlined University of Edinburgh's Carbon Reporting Project and the difference between spend based and non-spend based approached. Also discussed the disconnect with much of the Scope 3 work, and silo-ism.
- Praised EAUC for its work on Scope 3 methodology calculations, piecing together the work undertaken by an academic at University of Leeds, and creating collaboration opportunities through the Scope 3 working groups.