



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2019 - 2024

3. STRATEGIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Where do we want to get to (and how do we get there)?

Following a review of the College's work on climate change and environmental sustainability during the 2018/19 academic year, this new strategy has been developed and aligned to four strategic themes.

These themes are based on the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges (EAUC) Sustainability Leadership Scorecard tool categories. Each of these four themes are then further broken down into strategic objectives, as indicated below:

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Board, Executive, SMT and
Sustainability Steering Group

PARTNERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

Sustainable procurement
& fair trade
External Partnership Activity

LEARNING & TEACHING

Sustainable Education

ESTATES & OPERATIONS

Energy, Water & Carbon
Waste
Travel & Transport
Community Growing & Biodiversity
Adaptation

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Sustainability Steering Group and
Sustainability Champions

ensure that sustainability is embedded in all areas of College activity. It will bring these champions together every year as part of the annual Learning and Teaching Seminar.



Sustainable EC

4-8 October 2021

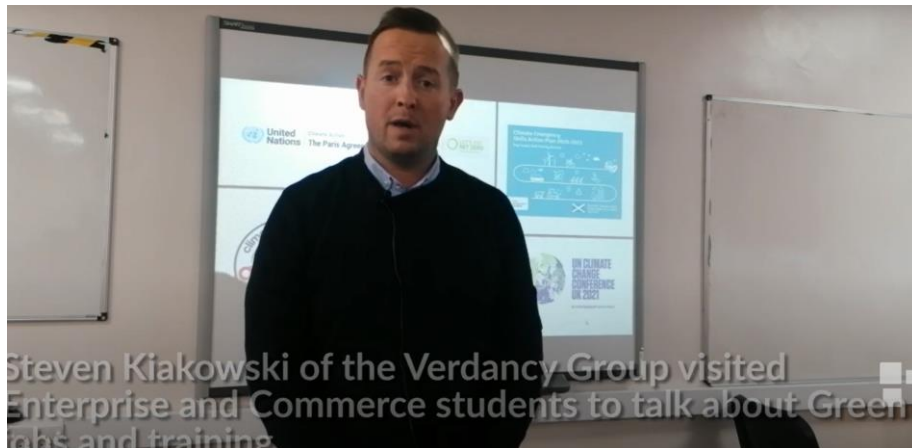
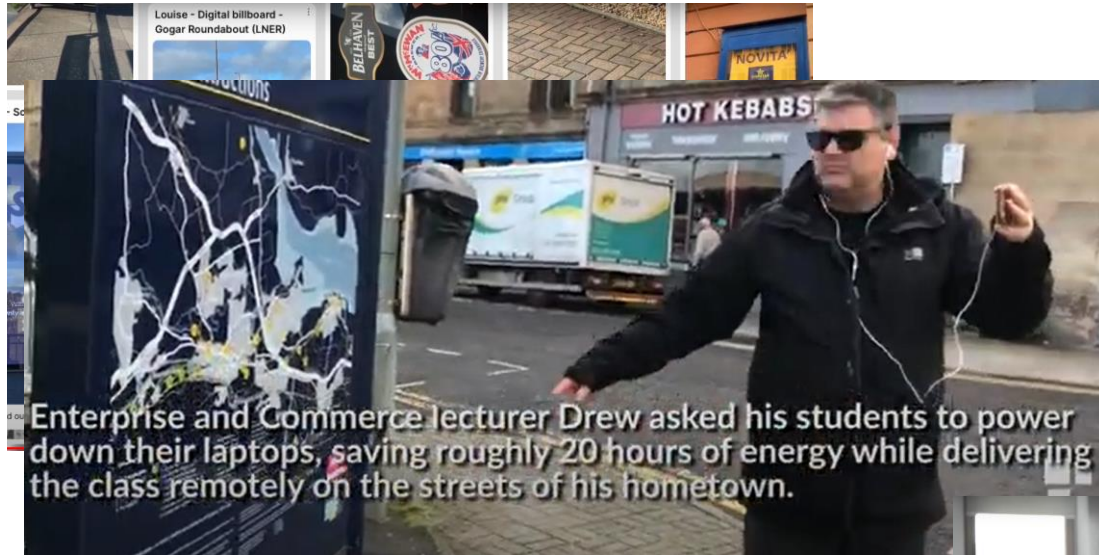
#GetOnWithIt #BeTheChange



Edinburgh College Students' Association is running a two year project (from 2020 - 2022) to help students travel more sustainably, reduce their food and textile waste, and to raise awareness of climate change.

- ECSA's Go Green project which ran from April 2020 to June 2022 and focused on active travel, climate education, food waste reduction, and clothing re-use. Despite the project running through the global pandemic, almost all original targets were exceeded – engaging more than 3,000 students and diverting a total of around six metric tonnes of food and clothing from waste.
- As part of the project, ECSA introduced Go Green Hubs at each of the College's campuses which comprise of Community Fridges and Clothing and Accessories Swap Shops, allowing students to collect free food, clothing, accessories and books, and as a result have prevented items from going to landfill while helping to alleviate poverty during a financial crisis. The team also delivered Climate Change and Sustainability workshops to classes across the curriculum.

Sustainable EC - Sustainable Education Week - YouTube



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Sustainable EC Pledges

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Being eco-conscious

I pledge to eat more locally sourced, seasonal veg and fruits (wonky too!) No more fancy exotic quinoa, avocados, soya or almond milk from overseas.

Also I will try buying more often from local fishmongers, butchers & bakers.

♡ 1

Electrical waste

I pledge to use my mobile phone for another 2 years (4 in total) after my contract expires - cut down on electrical waste.

♡ 1

I am going to start buying more food at local refill stores to reduce single use plastic in my kitchen.

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♡ 1

I am going to be careful when buying clothes avoiding clothing made of derived plastic as not reusable in circularity loop of material.

♡ 1

I'm going to travel to work on the train from now on, no more long round-trips in a diesel car!

♡ 1

I am pledging to eat all the food I buy and reduce food waste and reduce packaging by buying loose veggies.

♡ 1


I pledge to shop local to support local businesses and reduce my carbon footprint by not ordering online

♡ 1

focus more on purchasing goods and services which are ethically and socially responsible rather than focused on price and service


♡ 0

I'm going to reseat my fridge :)



♡ 1

No more flights abroad for me! Trains only from now on



♡ 0

Hive Heating

I've installed a Hive heating system - quite expensive but already showing results. Comparing Jan - Oct 2020 to Jan-Oct 2021 I have saved about 200Kg of carbon emissions and due a refund on my gas bill

♡ 1

Bulbs

I'm going to change my halogen bulbs with LED - doesn't sound much but we have 54 of them!

♡ 2

I will change my arrangements and resources used for personal travel and commuting to and from work to more sustainable methods.

♡ 0

I will choose to cook two vegetarian evening meals per week. Also I will walk for local shopping rather than using the car. I will continue to use reusable bags and water bottles.

♡ 1

I pledge to never use cryptocurrency or NFTs. They use an extraordinarily huge amount of energy to process them. Even if future methods that are promised, such as "proof of stake" use less energy, they'll still use a disproportionately large amount, produce tons of carbon and drive harmful mineral extraction.

♡ 0

I will only use 100% renewable energy suppliers.

♡ 0

I pledge to never own a personal car.

♡ 0

I'm leaving less appliances on stand-by and turned down my thermometer 1 degree.

♡ 2

I am going to make do and mend more, shop more sustainably and think more carefully about my consumer habits especially with gift buying in mind.

♡ 0

I am going to reduce the amount of meat in my diet and choose biodegradable or plant-based products when shopping.

Jack

♡ 0

I will eat less meat products and use more plastic free alternatives

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♡ 0

I'm going to buy products

♡ 0

I'm going to cut my dairy consumption and work

♡ 0


I am going to introduce a 4 minute shower limit in my household, switch to almond milk and try out a plastic free eco-friendly washing detergent subscription. Nyree

♡ 0


I am going to improve my sewing skills so I can do more mending and upcycling clothes. Maxine

♡ 4

I will use less bag for life and use paper bags when needed



♡ 0



I'm going to be even more vigilant about boycotting products that contain palm oil. I am vegetarian but I will further cut down my intake of egg and dairy products.

♡ 0

Sustainability Week

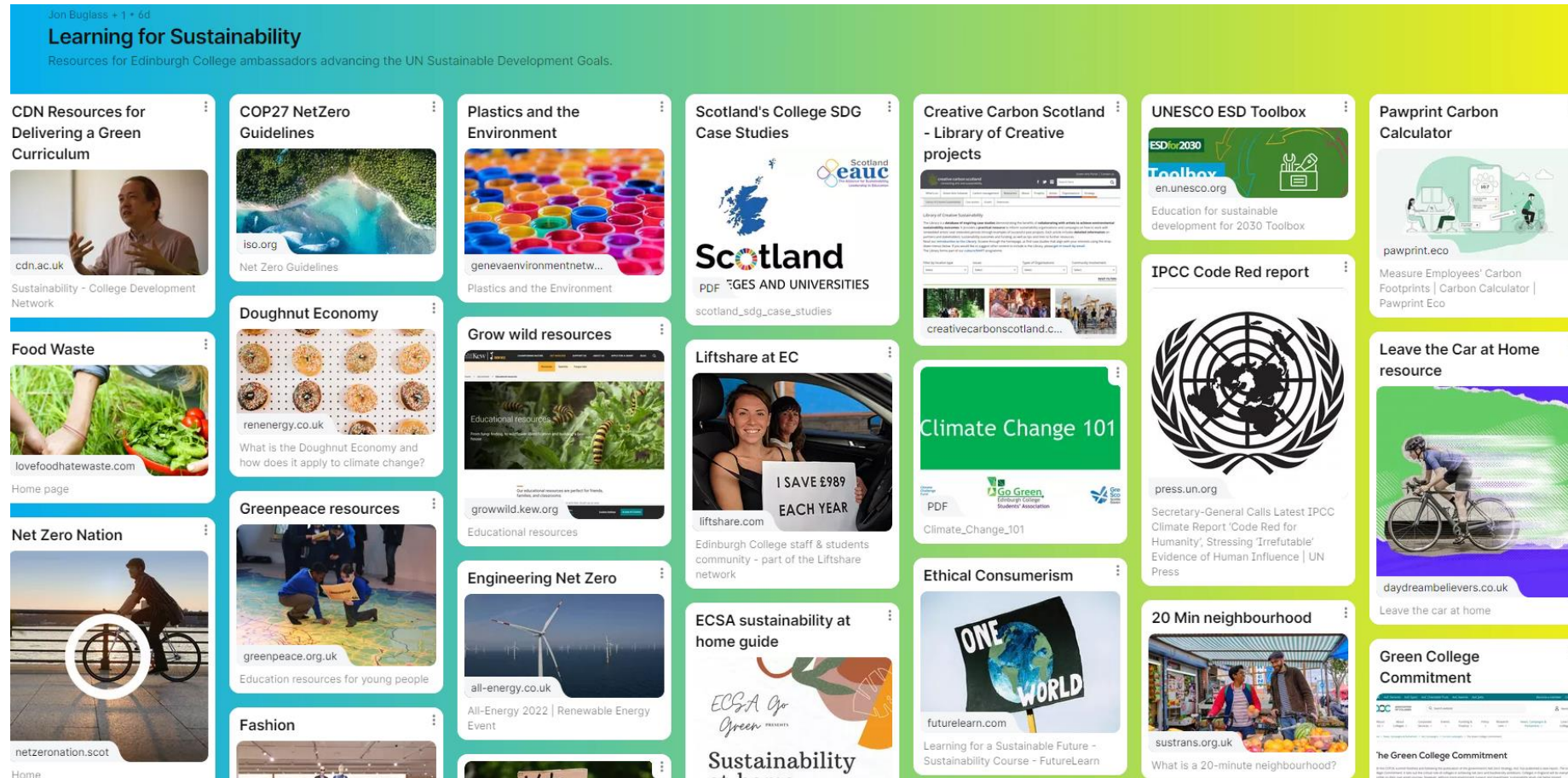
Edinburgh College Sustainable Education Week – Take on a Sustainability Challenge

As part of Edinburgh College Sustainable Education Week 2022, we are urging students and staff to take on an eco-friendly challenge this week, centred around saving energy, sustainable travel or reducing waste.

As an added incentive you can choose to enter the prize draw to win a Scotland Loves Local gift card. First prize is a £50 voucher with two £25 vouchers for the runners up. The Scotland Loves Local campaign is aimed at encouraging spend in our high street shops. The Edinburgh Card can be spent in over 250 shops including many independent and well-known retailers.

Tell us below which challenge(s) you are going to undertake and leave your contact details so we can follow up on your progress and enter you into our prize draw.

Learning for Sustainability (padlet.com)



What's Next?

- The Mezz
 - 'Climate Action'
 - Supporting SME networks
 - 'Follow the plate'
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- ...Repeat!