

Notes from Sustainability workshops

- Less divisive campaign than some pursued by UCU
- More emphasis on saving resources (e.g. paper) in a period of cuts might be a good idea
- Issues of procurement and estates management offer potential to work with other campus unions
- There is a need for 'ready-made' ESD materials for hard-pressed lecturers
- Even if it is difficult to incorporate it directly into curriculum staff have an opportunity to encourage environmental awareness and responsibility in their students
- Green issues provide an opportunity for UCU to work more closely with student organisations, which, in turn, can lead to benefits in other areas (e.g. campaigns against redundancies)
- Local 'People and Planet' groups are key here. Their annual Green Week provides an opportunity for local events while their "Green League Tables" have been influential in raising the profile of environmental issues in HE. UCU should push for their extension into FE. Lobbying by UCU has produced a specific question on "what management is doing to engage staff, including local unions"
- Sustainability is an issue for employers , hence offers potential for 'partnership' working with UCU
- Opportunities to tap into academic expertise of members on climate change/sustainability issues