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**Hi everyone** 

UoM Climate Network Meeting

We’re still planning to hold another event (Title TBC) possibly in September, however, depending upon speaker availability this may be moved to October, everyone is welcome to join.

Time: Sep **(??)**, 2021 1:00 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/93259170908>

Meeting ID: 932 5917 0908

Passcode: 411011

UoM Events

**Various Manchester Museum events (lots are open schoolchildren)**

Manchester Museum

Throughout Summer 2021

[https://events.manchester.ac.uk/calendar/tag:manchester\_museum/](https://events.manchester.ac.uk/calendar/tag%3Amanchester_museum/)

**Sustainable Futures External Launch**

Sustainable Futures

20 Oct 2021 - 10:00 - 12:00

[https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:z1s-kngfzx4i-vl1orf/](https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event%3Az1s-kngfzx4i-vl1orf/)

       Harriet Bickley has created a booklet full of practical info to help UoM staff & students live, work & study in a more eco-friendly manner. Download from <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=44432>

       Pooja Kishinani and Marion Smith, students at University of Manchester, have created a guide for students around three themes: the emotions, basic information, and activist advice of climate change. Download it at: <https://climateemergencymanchester.net/student-climate-handbook/>

       Want Not Waste have recorded their various environmental talks on their YouTube channel, please take a look here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTpg3EG9LV9B14R1cXbHDig>

Greater Manchester Events

**Bat Walk at Platt Fields**

South Lancs Bat Group with Manchester Friends of the Earth

25 Aug 2021 - 20:00 - 21:00

<http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/bat-walk-at-platt-fields/>

**Bike Friday August 2021**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

27 Aug 2021 - 08:00 - 21:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/bike-friday-august-2021/>

**Love Your Bike evening social ride to Heaton Park**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

1 Sep 2021 - 18:00 - 22:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/love-your-bike-evening-social-ride-2/>

**Greater Manchester Friends of the Earth and Climate Action network meeting**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

6 Sep 2021 - 20:15 - 21:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/greater-manchester-friends-of-the-earth-and-climate-action-network-meeting-online/>

       There are a number of ways that you can recycle single-use plastics both within Manchester and further afield:

(1) Recycling point for single-use coffee cups in Piccadilly Train Station: <https://www.facebook.com/wantnotwastemcr/posts/808857489772186>

(2) Recycling point for face masks outside Morrisons on Grafton Street: <https://www.facebook.com/wantnotwastemcr/posts/820812448576690>

(3) [Co-op](https://www.coop.co.uk/) are currently running a soft plastics recycling scheme for plastic bags and product wrapping (plastics that can be scrunched and that ‘ping’ back) at their stores: <https://packagingeurope.com/co-op-launches-collection-scheme-for-soft-plastics/>

(4) Stockport-based [Plastic Shed](https://www.plasticshed.org/) are taking donations of [specific types of plastic lids, soft stretchy plastic packaging, vinyl banners, straws, and plant pots](https://www.plasticshed.org/plastic-drop-off) which they creatively recycle and repurpose into useful items.  They also hold workshops and act as a community space; they share their [Merseyway Workshop](https://www.merseywayworkshop.com/) with a community-focussed design studio called [Easy Peel Studios](https://www.easypeelstudio.com/).

(5) An organisation called [ReWorked](https://www.reworked.com/) are able to recycle lateral flow tests / facemasks / gloves / visors that would otherwise be sent to landfill (although this might not be free of charge): <https://www.mygreenpod.com/articles/recycling-rapid-tests/>

       [Cracking Good Food](https://crackinggoodfood.org/), a not-for-profit social enterprise, are looking for volunteers, mainly around the Stockport area, to help them in their goal to encourage and support more people to cook affordable, seasonal, and nutritious homemade food from scratch: <https://crackinggoodfood.org/about-us/volunteering/>

       Season For Change are running a few more events that are climate change-related, including their ‘Season For Exchange 2’ talks: <https://www.seasonforchange.org.uk/events/>

       The ongoing ‘In Our Nature’ Campaign, coordinated by a group of organisations in Manchester, aims to help everyone across the city live, work, and travel in ways that are good for us, our communities, and the environment: <https://zerocarbonmanchester.commonplace.is/>

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       Manchester Climate Change have released their own 15 actions to take to become a zero carbon city: <https://www.manchesterclimate.com/15-actions>

Science Museum Group (SMG) Climate Talks

SMG’s climate talks will be happening throughout this year, 12 of which (as indicated in the below list) will be part of [Manchester Science Festival](https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/manchester-science-festival); this local festival has a climate change theme this year and will be mainly occurring between 12th – 21st February 2021.

         [**Climate change: why should we care?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnsGlk994cA)(occurred on 28 Jan 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Transport: How can I be a good citizen of the world?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xl7mh0gnR1I) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 13 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Equality: How can I be a good citizen of the world?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pazufJoCA4) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 13 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Earth, but not as we know it: Lovelock’s legacy and our future**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PiVnwKRpPE) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 13 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Food: How can I be a good citizen of the world?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXp-ApuK03A) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 14 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**The Road to Carbon Zero: In conversation with Professor Myles Allen**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZTjeHUwXjo) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 14 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Changing the system: Brian Eno and James Thornton in conversation**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09b6rbk) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 15 Feb 2021 – BBC Sounds link provided ICYMI)

         [**You and the Planet: Air**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qggQz3MWCA) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 16 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**A Liveable Earth: Climate Change and the Faith Community**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Gsyaqa0WWM) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 20 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Let’s Talk About Eco-Anxiety**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uiuU_kLCEI) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 20 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Our Hydrogen Future: Delivering Net Zero**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnXD4thwQ4U) **- Manchester Science Festival** (occurred on 21 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Is Capitalism compatible with Environmentalism?**](https://youtu.be/Qa_qWftGBYQ) (occurred on 26 Feb 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Climate change: the view from space**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4TAwAZxd-k)(occurred on 16 Mar 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Our future planet: global greenhouse gas removal**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTxLfMta98U)(occurred on 31 Mar 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**1.5 v 2 degrees Celsius: Why half a degree really counts**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfA7w3rs5I0)(occurred on 29 Apr 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**The Clean Energy Revolution**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baIpPWlc3wA)(occurred on 13 May 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**The Future of Fuel**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms-5ysPXJQ0) **- Manchester Science Festival [rescheduled from 12th Feb]** (occurred on 5 Jun 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**How are our oceans responding to climate change?**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7DcQuy7lH4)(occurred on 10 Jun 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**Tony Blair In Conversation with John Kerry**](https://youtu.be/HAujaspI5io)(occurred on 29 Jul 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**COP26: How can it achieve what the world needs?**](https://youtu.be/o85iHWWOfsU)(occurred on 5 Aug 2021 – YouTube link provided ICYMI)

         [**How to feed the world without costing the Earth**](https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/how-to-feed-the-world) **-** (8 Sep 2021 - 19:30 - 20:45)

         [**The Electricity Revolution: Our Zero Carbon Future**](https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/manchester-science-festival/whats-on/electricity-revolution) **- Manchester Science Festival** **[postponed until further notice]**

Other Events

**Lunchtime talk with Milieudefensie**

Friends of the Earth

24 Aug 2021 - 12:00 - 13:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/lunchtime-talk-with-milieudefensie/>

**Taking part in the COP Global Day of Action**

Friends of the Earth

25 Aug 2021 - 19:00 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/taking-part-in-the-cop-global-day-of-action/>

       An interesting explanation of Sustainability: <https://www.treehugger.com/what-is-sustainability-and-why-is-it-important-5179651>

       An interesting explanation of Net Zero (and its related terms): <https://netzeroclimate.org/what-is-net-zero/>

       Downloading the [Buddlet](https://www.buddlet.com/) app on a smartphone allows you to improve the sustainability of your lifestyle by choosing from a range of eco-friendly swaps to your ordinary activities/purchases.  The app is scheduled to launch on 27 August 2021.

       Downloading the [Skoot](https://skootride.com/) app on a smartphone instantly plants 5 trees for free (and every friend referral also generates 5 additional planted trees for free), and then every journey, thereafter, that you make will be converted into 1 free planted tree.  It seems like they may change their model when they reach 1 million trees, due to the mention of the ‘1 million free tree challenge’ on their website, but for now it’s worth using.

       Downloading the [Treekly](https://www.treekly.org/) app on a smartphone allows you to plant 1 tree each week for free (seemingly in Madagascar); by tracking your footsteps, using either your phone’s built-in pedometer or a fitness tracker/smartwatch, you can convert your 25,000 steps per week [5,000 each day for 5 days] into the planting of a tree.

       Downloading the [TreeApp](https://www.thetreeapp.org/) app on a smartphone allows you to plant a tree for free, in an area that it’s needed e.g. often in the Global South, every single day (up to a daily limit of trees available – you’ll know when the limit has been reached as it prevents you from planting)

       Whilst it still seems to be in the early stages of uptake, [AllotMe](https://www.allotme.co.uk/) – marketed as the ‘Airbnb for your Garden’ sounds like a great concept –  whereby individuals can rent spaces to grow food within major cities/urban environments, and garden owners can monetise their land.

       Spare 3 minutes to fill in Currensea’s Sustainability survey and each completed survey removes 100 plastic bottles from the oceans (thanks to their [Plastic Bank](https://plasticbank.com/) partnership): <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P2GFFCV>

       Changing your internet browser settings to use [Ecosia](https://www.ecosia.org/) as the default browser means that you’ll be planting trees whilst you’re searching (approx. 45 searches = 1 tree planted).

       A CO2 widget created to communicate daily levels of CO2 by Matthew Shribman, his colleagues, and University of Cambridge / Cambridge Zero: <https://co2widget.com/>

       Some suggested climate actions have been listed by Ecologi on their It’s Time website: <https://itstime.earth/climate-actions>

       Really useful links to organisations who are promoting circular economy initiatives: <https://eeb.org/circular-future>

   Please take a look at the [Students Organising for Sustainability UK (SOS-UK) website](https://sustainability.nus.org.uk/) as well as two current campaigns they are running:

1. [Invest for Change](https://www.investforchange.uk/)

2. [Carbon Targets](https://www.carbontargets.uk/)

Social Media

You can now connect to the Climate Network on:

1. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/235576384126425/)

2. [Yammer](https://www.yammer.com/live.manchester.ac.uk/)

How To Subscribe To Us

Feel free to forward this newsletter on, but also please pay a visit to our website below (where you can subscribe to our mailing list, take look at our events calendar, and see a sample of the environmental groups affiliated with UoM):

<https://climatenetwork.uk/universityofmanchester/>

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Student Volunteering Opportunities

**Become an Eco-Team School Volunteer, as part of the Green Schools Project, a volunteering opportunity funded by** [**Wates**](https://www.wates.co.uk/) **– a construction company.**

Are you passionate about tackling the climate crisis and inspiring young people to join you?

Calling all Manchester University students! We require some enthusiastic volunteers to help deliver Green Schools Project and support a school Eco-Team in their mission to help them go green.

<https://find-volunteering.manchester.ac.uk/opportunity/result/36853>

Please get in touch if you have any questions - beth.newman@greenschoolsproject.org.uk

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**Hands-on gardening opportunities this month (on 25th August) and more to follow next semester.**

Hello - hope that you’re keeping well!

The Volunteering Team have been running Volunteer Days throughout the summer vacation – we’ve been out and about painting community centres, weeding and planting up new gardens!

We’ve got one Volunteer Day left to go this month and would appreciate your help promoting them to students who are in Manchester:

•             Volunteer Day: Community orchard gardening at the Irish World Heritage Centre - Wednesday 25 August - <https://find-volunteering.manchester.ac.uk/opportunity/result/36971>



And we’re busy planning lots of exciting Volunteer Days for the new semester to help students start their volunteering journey – we’ll share more details with you in the new year!

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Job opportunity with the University of Manchester

**Digital Futures & Sustainable Futures Administrator (deadline = midnight on Thursday 9th September)**

This is a varied and interesting role , you will provide support across both Digital Futures & Sustainable Futures platforms, working closely with the Strategy and Operations Manager, and the academic theme/challenge area leads to support the development of the Platforms’ programmes at The University of Manchester, providing administrative, communications and finance support.

For more information, job description, and to apply please visit: <https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/internal/displayjob.aspx?jobid=20648>

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Melbourne student runs for board seat at the Australian Gas Light (AGL) company

**Ashjayeen Sharif is looking to turn Australia’s biggest greenhouse gas emitter into a 100% renewable energy provider by 2030.**

Sharif, a student at the University of Melbourne, wants AGL to phase out its “dirty coal-burning power stations” within the current decade.  However, the AGL’s chairman recommended that shareholders vote against the appointment of Sharif, and AGL’s directors recommended that shareholders vote against aligning the company with the Paris Climate Agreement.

AGL says emissions from its coal and gas power plants were 42.2Mt last financial year and make up about 8% of Australia’s entire greenhouse gas footprint.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2021/aug/16/melbourne-student-and-climate-activist-runs-for-board-seat-at-energy-giant-agl>

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Chester Zoo is running a sustainability spectacular called ‘Love It For Longer’

**This event, which is all about waste, marks the zoo’s 90th anniversary as a leading wildlife charity**

The [Love it for Longer exhibition](https://www.chesterzoo.org/whats-here/love-it-for-longer/) begins on 11th June and will run until mid-October.

A range of thought-provoking art pieces have been created for the event, including a 20-foot-long chameleon made from recycled shampoo bottles, a sculpture that turns rainwater into music, and a maze made from unwanted fabric.

Additionally, a programme of events, talks, and classes focussed around waste, recycling, repurposing, and reducing consumption and waste will occur throughout the summer.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/rubbish-day-out-chester-zoo-20786482>

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The pioneering 6R Protocol that is improving sustainability in labs and at home & on campus

**The 6R lab protocol, developed in 2019 by Maggy Foster & Ruth Grady, initially to reduce plastics in labs is now expanding university-wide.**

* Before COVID, the 6R protocol had been applied in the Faculty of Biology, Medicine, and Health (FBMH) to 12 practical lab classes, several taken by 650 students yearly, and saved 37,000 items of plastics/year and £3000/year.
* The 6R Home and Campus protocol was developed in 2020 with two graduate students, Natalie Clarke and Rea Georghiades.  Two undergraduate students, Calista Ow and Hector Mangas Afonso, developed our logos for both protocols below.
* The lab protocol will next be rolled out to all FBMH practical classes;  the Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE) is beginning to adopt it too.  Plus, Lydia Wunderley will be heading a long-term project focussed around applying the protocol to FBMH research labs, specifically within the School of Biological Sciences (SBS).
* Maggy, Ruth and Chiamaka Anoliefo, a student intern, are integrating 6R within the University of Manchester-approved lab sustainability accreditation system called Lab Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF).
* 6R will soon be embedded in the curriculum. It will be advertised to Yr1 and Yr2 students as part of the Sustainability Challenge in September, and is part of 10,000 actions (student version to be released soon).

            

If you want more information or want to help, please contact: maggy.fostier@manchester.ac.uk for home, campus, practicals and Lydia.Wunderley@manchester.ac.uk for research labs.

Best wishes

The UoM Climate Network

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