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**Hi everyone, Happy World Penguin Day … and welcome back, we hope you all had a nice break over Easter** J

UoM Climate Network Meeting

We’ll soon be holding another event (Title TBC) on a yet TBC month (likely one Thursday at 1pm-2pm); everyone is welcome to join.

(**please note:** we are planning to record this meeting, so please do ensure your camera is turned off when joining if you would prefer not to be recorded.  Thank you.)

Time: TBC, 2022 1:00 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/91740118062>

Meeting ID: 917 4011 8062

Passcode: 783228

Our recorded talks are now available on our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2cRMptAl_0ou8F2TT8C0kg).

UoM Events

**Energy Storage in Batteries for Sustainable Electrification**

bp International Centre for Advanced Materials (bp-ICAM)

28 Apr 2022 - 15:00 - 16:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:h1j7-l1q8ga1k-imyb8k>

**Sustainability in Research**

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

4 May 2022 - 15:00 - 16:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:l1io-l1ni8f13-254anc>

**Feeling Responsible: Ecological Grief and the Oscillating Pendulum of Hope**

School of Social Sciences

5 May 2022 - 16:00 - 17:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:q1ex-l0oabofj-xjtydl>

**Gardening Together: Horticultural Exchanges Between France and England in the Early Modern Period**

John Rylands Research Institute and Library

12 May 2022 - 12:00 - 13:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:c1c9-l09fsfim-vjh9tc>

**Climate politics between purification and complexity**

Sustainable Futures

12 May 2022 - 14:00 - 15:15

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:fuq-kww7gmca-8ykpzx>

**Business models for sustainable energy & Polyaromatic hydrocarbon-based cardiotoxicity**

Sustainable Futures

26 May 2022 - 14:00 - 15:15

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:cur-kww7jxja-icxbsz>

**Life cycle assessment and circular economy principles applied to the agricultural sector & Community Climate Resilience in Manchester**

Sustainable Futures

9 Jun 2022 - 14:00 - 15:15

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:ous-kww7onen-3xmbzt>

·       The strategy, policies, and plans of UoM’s Environmental Sustainability Team can be viewed [here](https://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/strategy/).

·       Harriet Bickley has created an [Easy Everyday Eco Actions booklet](http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=44432) full of practical info to help UoM staff & students live, work & study in a more eco-friendly manner.

·       Pooja Kishinani and Marion Smith, students at The University of Manchester, have created a [Student Guide to the Climate Crisis](https://climateemergencymanchester.net/student-climate-handbook/) centred around three themes: the emotions, basic information, and activist advice of climate change.

·       [Want Not Waste](https://www.thezerowastenetwork.com/united-kingdom/manchester/zero-waste-shop/want-not-waste) have recorded their various environmental talks, which you can view on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTpg3EG9LV9B14R1cXbHDig).

Greater Manchester Events

**Birchfield Park Forest Garden work session**

Birchfields Park Wildlife and Biodiversity Group

Various Days @ Various Times

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/birchfield-park-forest-garden-work-session/>

**Olinda Community Garden volunteering morning**

Olinda Community Gardens

Every Tuesday (for the foreseeable future) 2022 - 10:00 - 12:30

<http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/olinda-community-garden-volunteering-morning/>

**Rewilding: The Gathering**

Heal

25 Apr 2022 - 18:00 - 21:00

<http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/rewilding-the-gathering/>

**Bike Friday**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

29 Apr 2022 - 08:00 - 09:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/bike-friday-2/>

**Love Your Bike Social Ride: Clayton Vale**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

4 May 2022 - 18:00 - 22:00

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

**PAID EVENTS: Pint of Science 2022**

Pint of Science (Manchester)

9 - 11 May 2022 - Various Times

<https://pintofscience.co.uk/events/manchester>

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

       (1) [Recycling points for single-use face masks](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/campus-management/news/display/?id=27153) across UoM campus are now available.

(2) [Co-op](https://www.coop.co.uk/) are currently running a [soft plastics recycling scheme](https://packagingeurope.com/co-op-launches-collection-scheme-for-soft-plastics/) for plastic bags and product wrapping (plastics that can be scrunched and that ‘ping’ back) at their stores.  As an aside, yet still very much relevant to sustainability, Co-op are also currently [helping to expand Hubbub’s Community Fridge Network](https://www.co-operative.coop/media/news-releases/co-op-and-hubbub-partner-to-redistribute-6-8-million-meals-a-year-in-gbp500), a programme that can potentially tackle a number of societal ills, including: food waste, food poverty, and social isolation.

(3) 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/).

(4) An organisation called [ReWorked](https://www.reworked.com/) have now partnered with [Boots to offer beauty product recycling](https://www.reworked.com/2021/09/16/what-items-can-you-recycle-in-boots-stores-recycle-at-boots/) and [Wilko to offer single-use face mask recycling](https://www.reworked.com/2021/03/22/how-does-the-wilko-reclaimthemask-facemask-recycling-scheme-work/).  They also offer the ability to recycle lateral flow tests / face masks/ gloves / visors and many other household items but a recycling box must be purchased from their [online shop](https://www.reworked.com/shop/) (starting at £50 for each box, it is likely to be more cost-effective to share boxes in groups/organisations, although, then more boxes will likely need to be purchased).

·       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/).

·       Manchester Climate Change have released their own [15 actions to take to become a zero carbon city](https://www.manchesterclimate.com/15-actions)

Other Events

**PAID EVENT: ‘First Steps Into a Green Career’ Workshop Series**

The Field Studies Council

3 May / 21 Jun / 10 Aug / 12 Oct – 18:00 – 17:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-steps-into-a-green-career-workshops-tickets-262615619387>

**Sustainable Art for a Changing Climate**

School of the Arts - University of Liverpool

4 May 2022 - 17:30 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-lecture-sustainable-art-for-a-changing-climate-tickets-245880915437>

**Stories from Bangladesh and India**

School of the Arts - University of Liverpool

18 May 2022 - 17:30 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-lecture-stories-from-bangladesh-and-india-tickets-250224968617>

**A lens on the weather: historical perspectives on photography and climate**

School of the Arts - University of Liverpool

25 May 2022 - 17:30 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-lecture-a-lens-on-the-weather-tickets-251299733267>

·       [Kudos](https://info.growkudos.com/research-stories-communication-impact) an online tool for improving research impact, has recently created a [climate change knowledge cooperative](https://www.growkudos.com/showcase/collections/climate-change) to aid the sharing of the latest climate change research in a non-technical / comprehensible format.

·       A better future for our woodlands: [12 ideas to help British forests grow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX-LHyo_gJ4)

·       Downloading the [GreenLife](https://greenlife.cloud/) app on a smartphone provides you with daily tips to help you on your journey towards sustainable living and carbon neutrality; the website also provides a handy countdown to around 2028, seemingly the year by which they hope to achieve net zero emissions.

·       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 was scheduled to launch on 27 August 2021, currently only available via Apple devices.

·       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](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P2GFFCV) and each completed survey removes 100 plastic bottles from the oceans (thanks to their [Plastic Bank](https://plasticbank.com/) partnership).

·       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](https://co2widget.com/) created to communicate daily levels of CO2 by Matthew Shribman, his colleagues, and University of Cambridge / Cambridge Zero.  There is also the [Climate Action Tracker (CAT)](https://climateactiontracker.org/) that can be used to keep track of global climate action.

·       Some [suggested climate actions](https://itstime.earth/climate-actions) have been listed by Ecologi on their It’s Time website.

·       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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Volunteering Opportunities

Depending upon what you would like to get involved in, there’s plenty of choice when it comes to eco-volunteering:

* [People & Planet Manchester](https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/campaigns/peopleplanet) are looking for committed students to assist with its campaigning activities, a successful example of which has been its Fossil Free Campaign.  They can be contacted via email [peopleandplanetmcr@gmail.com](mailto:peopleandplanetmcr@gmail.com) and have an [active Facebook community](https://www.facebook.com/groups/peopleandplanetmanc).
* UoM’s [Students’ Union](https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/home) offers a range of options for students to support the local community, including via various sustainability projects (such as those listed by the ‘Student Action’ group): <https://manchesterstudentsunion.com/volunteering-and-fundraising>
* [Plastic Shed](https://www.plasticshed.org/) in Stockport are looking for marketing assistants, graphic & website designers, photography & filmmaking content creators, business advisors, social & environmental impact analysts, fundraising advisors, volunteer coordinators, shop volunteers, workshop volunteers, and plastic recycling volunteers.  If interested, get in touch with Caitlin (Co-Director): [caitlin@plasticshed.org](mailto:caitlin@plasticshed.org)
* [Cracking Good Food](https://crackinggoodfood.org/), a not-for-profit social enterprise, are looking for [volunteers](https://crackinggoodfood.org/about-us/volunteering/), 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.
* [The Kindling Trust](https://kindling.org.uk/) offers regular hands-on agricultural volunteering at both its Woodbank Community Food Hub (Offerton) and Agroforestry Tree Nursery (Glazebury): <https://kindling.org.uk/Calendar?field_event_type_target_id=7>
* [Manchester Friends of the Earth Manchester](http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/) can be supported in a number of ways, from campaigning to officer roles – you could join the Young FOE Manchester or help the communications team: <https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/current-volunteering-opportunities/>
* [Manchester Greenpeace](https://greenwire.greenpeace.org.uk/s/group/0F94H000000CHhtSAG/manchester-greenpeace?language=en_US) support Greenpeace campaigns in the local area; there are wide range of activities that they get involved in as a local Greenpeace group.
* [City of Trees](https://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/) want to hear from everyone – whether you’re a green guru, an eager novice, or just fancy helping out occasionally at some tree planting or orchard creation: <https://www.cityoftrees.org.uk/volunteer>
* [Sow The City](https://www.sowthecity.org/) are in regular need of help in a variety of ways, including: constructing or maintaining community gardens and planting fruit and vegetables: <https://www.sowthecity.org/jobs%20and%20volunteering.htm>

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**Manchester: assemble to save the bees! 🐝**

This Saturday, protestors from across Greater Manchester will be gathering at St Peter's Square to call on the UK government to enforce a total ban on the production and export of bee-killing pesticides.

**Date/time/location: Saturday 30th April, 12pm-2pm @ St Peter's Square:** <http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/protest-to-save-the-bees-savethebeesmcr/>

Seed bomb making will be available for all! 🌱

If anyone might be interested to represent a group or to speak at the protest, please contact [francesca.jobson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:francesca.jobson@hotmail.co.uk) or get in touch over Instagram at @savethebeesmcr.  More information on the Facebook event page <https://fb.me/e/1GQVta4JI> ”

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Here’s the [link](https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/preview/SV_0dG0wKnlWCxKKeq?Q_CHL=preview&amp;Q_SurveyVersionID=current&Q_CloneSession=FS_38eP56BOKIimvDj) in case the QR doesn’t work (below).

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The Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill

**118 MPs are now supporting the CEE Bill, tabled by Caroline Lucas MP, across all nations of the UK**

Parliament declared a Climate Emergency back in 2019 – but actions haven’t matched their words. An emergency requires strong, decisive action to reverse the climate and ecological crisis … Enter the [CEE Bill](https://www.ceebill.uk/).

The Bill requires the UK to take responsibility for its fair share of greenhouse gas emissions, to actively restore biodiverse habitats, and to stop damaging our natural world through the production, transportation and disposal of the goods we consume.

You can pledge your support for the CEE Bill as an individual here: <https://www.ceebill.uk/sign-up>

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The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

**2,185 scientists and academics call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

On the eve of the United Nations General Assembly, thousands of academics have urged governments to negotiate an international treaty to tackle the climate crisis at its source: fossil fuels.

If you are a scientist, academic, or researcher, please sign the treaty here: <https://fossilfueltreaty.org/open-letter>

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Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Petition

**Call On CCAMLR to protect Antarctica and secure the largest act of ocean protection in history**

Did you know Antarctica regulates our climate, and its waters feed the fish that feed the world? But who protects Antarctica and its ocean? One international organization does, called CCAMLR (Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources). This year it has the power to create three marine protected areas: the East Antarctic MPA proposal, the Weddell Sea MPA proposal, and the Antarctic Peninsula MPA proposal—**the largest act of ocean protection in history!**

Please sign [Only One](https://only.one/)’s Petition here and to find out more about the movement: <https://only.one/act/antarctica>

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The Co-operative Party’s Petition to Ban Bee-Killing Pesticides

**Close the loophole on bee-killing pesticides**

Earlier this year, when the Government announced it would use a loophole to temporarily allow the “emergency” use of banned bee-killing pesticides by sugar farmers, the Co-operative Party fought until the Government reversed its decision.

The Government has already said they “anticipate” that the emergency authorisations loophole – which allows bee-killing pesticides to be used – may be “needed” again in 2022 and 2023.

Please sign the [Co-operative Party](https://party.coop/)’s Petition here to protect our bees: <https://party.coop/bees>

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Dear Colleagues,

Would you like to improve sustainability in your lab?

LEAF (Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework) is a sector-wide framework containing a set of criteria aimed at improving the sustainability and efficiency of research and teaching laboratory spaces. Such spaces include typical wet laboratories, science teaching spaces, and IT research laboratories.

Teams taking part work to improve the environmental performance of their laboratory throughout the year. This is done by working through clear and easy to implement environmental actions in the LEAF platform, categorised into Bronze, Silver and, Gold.

Many teams across the University of Manchester are already taking part, and hundreds of labs across many Universities in the UK have already achieved a minimum of Bronze Award.   
  
Learn more and sign up by following this link <https://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/staff/leaf>

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Best wishes

The UoM Climate Network

The CLIMATE-NETWORK list is archived at: <http://listserv.manchester.ac.uk/cgi-bin/wa?A0=CLIMATE-NETWORK>