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UoM Climate Network

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

UoM Events

**Wild Whitworth**

The Whitworth

4 – 6 Apr 2023 - 12:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:f1a5-lfv959f5-r6nqi5>

**NCHS: Meditation in Nature**

The Whitworth

6 Apr 2023 - 17:45 - 18:45

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:m1a0-lfv8eggy-mfsjk6>

**NCHS: Dementia Naturally Active**

The Whitworth

11 Apr 2023 - 14:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:o1a2-lfv8nusg-lp4csc>

**MIOIR Seminar Series - Roadmapping for strategic alignment**

Alliance Manchester Business School

17 Apr 2023 - 15:30 - 16:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:a197-lfqzzwqe-e882c0>

**MIOIR Seminar Series - Introducing the OECD S&T Policy 2025 project: promoting STI policy transitions to meet the sustainability challenge**

Alliance Manchester Business School

19 Apr 2023 - 13:00 - 14:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:x19j-lfs51shp-8hfbbo>

**Video Games & Sustainability and Climate Change, Ukraine, Economy**

Sustainable Futures

20 Apr 2023 - 14:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:e13g-lemoccgt-97bp2c>

**Research café: The cladding crisis - research and performance**

Creative Manchester

26 Apr 2023 – 12:00 - 13:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:g19c-lfs2xozw-2gn0lr>

**Guarding the border of the forest - from conflict to law to art (workshop)**

School of Arts, Languages and Cultures

27 Apr 2023 - 11:00 - 16:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:j17j-lf72aif0-izplma>

**Under the Weather: Reimagining mobility in the climate crisis (book launch)**

Faculty of Humanities

23 May 2023 – 12:30 - 14:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:fr4-lckf1isd-8pmb0l>

·       For any sustainable actions you carry out as a staff or student member, you can log them via 50,000 actions webpage can be accessed [here](https://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/50000actions/).

·       UoM’s Environmental Sustainability Team has launched a new microsite to demonstrate how it is addressing UN SDGs [here](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=29283).

·       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) - 10:00 - 12:30

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

**Gardening and Clean Up**

Olinda Community Gardens

First Sunday of every month (for the foreseeable future) starting 1 Jan 2023 - 10:30 - 13:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/gardening-and-clean-up-2/>

**One last ‘Welcome to XR Manchester’**

Extinction Rebellion Manchester

3 Apr 2023 - 18:30 - 19:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/one-last-welcome-to-xr-manchester/>

**April Social Cycle Ride – Wilmslow Road Corridor and Parks to Fletcher Moss**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

6 Apr 2023 - 18:00 - 21:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/april-social-cycle-ride-wilmslow-road-corridor-and-parks-to-fletcher-moss/>

**Manchester Monthly Meet**

Just Stop Oil

6 Apr 2023 - 18:30 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/manchester-monthly-meet-just-stop-oil/>

**Greater Manchester Devolution Deal: In conversation with Mayor Andy Burnham**

Centre for Cities

12 Apr 2023 - 16:00 - 17:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/greater-manchester-devolution-deal-in-conversation-with-mayor-andy-burnham-centre-for-cities/>

**Earth Day Weekender**

Manchester Museum

22 Apr 2023 - 13:00 - 16:00

<http://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/manchester-museum-earth-day-weekender/>

**Kinder Scout Mass Trespass 91st Anniversary Walk**

Manchester Greenpeace

23 Apr 2023 - 11:00 - 16:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/kinder-scout-mass-trespass-91st-anniversary-walk-manchester-greenpeace/>

**Manchester – People, Planet, Pint: Sustainability Meetup**

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27 Apr 2023 - 18:00 - 20:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/manchester-people-planet-pint-sustainability-meetup-4/>

**Bike Friday**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

29 Apr 2022 - 08:00 - 09:00

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

**Fix it courses: basics in electrical + clothing repairs**

Boiler House

29 Apr 2022 - 09:30 - 16:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/fix-it-courses-basics-in-electrical-clothing-repairs-boiler-house/>

·       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/) have been 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 [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/) have temporarily stopped 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) but are creatively recycling and repurposing their existing stock 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/), who also run their own [events](https://www.merseywayworkshop.com/whatson) too.

(4) An organisation called [ReWorked](https://www.reworked.com/) 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/).  They also offer the ability to recycle lateral flow tests / face masks / disposable 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).

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

Other Events

**The Earth Convention - The Four Elements: Fire**

5x15

17 Apr 2023 - 18:00 - 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-earth-convention-the-four-elements-fire-tickets-479062618187>

**Demystifying solar – what you need to know**

Green Economy in partnership with Bee Net Zero

18 Apr 2023 - 12:00 - 13:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/demystifying-solar-what-you-need-to-know/>

**Unite to Survive**

Extinction Rebellion

21 – 24 Apr 2023 @ Various Times

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/april-21st-unite-to-survive-parliament-square-extinction-rebellion/>

**Of Walking on Thin Ice: A film about walking, family, connections, climate and a better future**

Of Walking on Thin Ice

2 May 2023 - TBC

<https://ofwalkingonthinice.com/>

**PAID EVENT: Animal Magic: A Night of Wild Enchantment**

The British Library and 5x15

5 May 2023 - 19:00 - 20:30

<https://www.bl.uk/events/animal-magic-a-night-of-wild-enchantment>

**Sustainability in the research and innovation endeavour**

The Royal Society

16-17 May 2023 - 09:00 - 17:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainability-in-the-research-and-innovation-endeavour-tickets-511610991247>

·       Dr. Emily Heath of [Scientists for Global Responsibility](https://www.sgr.org.uk/index.php/) has shared [9 tips](https://www.sgr.org.uk/resources/encouraging-culture-climate-activism-universities) to encourage a culture of climate activism in universities.

·       In Spring 2022, the Department for Education (DfE) released a [new policy paper](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy/sustainability-and-climate-change-a-strategy-for-the-education-and-childrens-services-systems) entitled ‘Sustainability and climate change: a strategy for the education and children’s services systems’, setting out key goals such as the introduction of a Natural History GCSE, a National Education Nature Park (NENP), a Climate Leaders Award (CLA), and a National Climate Education Action Plan (NCEAP).  MMU are [champions of the NENP and CLA](https://www.mmu.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/story/?id=15023), whereas The University of Reading will lead the [implementation of the NCEAP](https://www.reading.ac.uk/planet/climate-education/climate-education-plan).

·       Do you own land (or know of potentially suitable land) for tree planting? Fill in this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjHC3CW6UnvMQkRIUmRSr2Mc6jjuwYefmqRNufg-s6NCE3dw/viewform) and let the people behind TreeApp know.

·       UCL’s Generation One collective have created their own [Climate Podcast](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/climate-change/podcasts-videos/generation-one-climate-podcast).

·       The new [Sustainable Futures careers course](https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/sustainable-futures), targeted at teenagers (14-18y.o.), has been developed by [WWF-UK](https://www.wwf.org.uk/) in an attempt to bolster the next generation with a greater awareness of sustainability as they decide upon their future careers.

·       [The Garden](https://onegarden.com/) offers a wide array of talks on a wide range of topics, many of which are relevant to environmental sustainability.

·       [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 [MyWorld](https://www.joinmyworld.com/) app (formerly MyTrees website) on a smartphone provides an assortment of ways to tackle climate change, you can track and record your everyday eco-actions as well as making real world impact and earn ‘Karma coins’ as a reward, then link your bank account and start earning or exchange your coins for green perks.

·       Downloading the long-awaited [Tred](https://tred.earth/) app on a smartphone could potentially provide you with a tree-planting credit card that allows you to track the carbon footprint of your spending, gain discounts on eco-friendly products, and earn rewards for engaging in environmentally beneficial actions.

·       Downloading the [WeAre8](https://www.weare8.com/) app on a smartphone affords you with a way of tackling eight different themes of societal issues: climate, peace, education, health, animals, poverty, water, and equality.  WeAre8 is essentially an ethically oriented advertising platform – the [video on the WeAre8 manifesto webpage](https://www.weare8.com/irmp) mentions that for every 1 minute of advertising you watch you will receive £0.15 and charities will receive £0.01, although it seems that these figures may vary.

·       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).

·       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); besides many organisations will now offer their own in-house recycling schemes, as is the case for [Google Devices](https://store.google.com/gb/magazine/recycling?hl=en-GB); yet there are many other organisations, like [Music Magpie](https://www.musicmagpie.co.uk/) and [Mazuma Mobile](https://www.mazumamobile.com/), that will pay you for items that you trade in.

·    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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Are you able to join or promote a community-owned farm investment opportunity?

**Join the Kindling Trust in the purchase of a farm by investing in their community share offer between 1st April and 1st July 2023.**

The Kindling Trust are running another Community Shares Campaign, which aims to attract community investors to help them raise funds to buy some land on the outskirts of Manchester that will be developed into an agro-ecological, organic farm; providing fresh, local fruit and vegetables to the citizens of Greater Manchester and beyond.

Plus, you can read more about the project here: <https://kindling.org.uk/HelpPromoteFarm>

Also, there will be the following three online seminars that can be booked onto to learn about different aspects of the community farm:

1. Introduction (17th Apr – 19:00-20:30): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kindling-farm-webinar-join-us-to-buy-this-farm-tickets-602410946357>
2. Biodiversity (26th Apr – 19:00-20:00): <https://kindling.org.uk/event/kindling-farm-webinar-designing-farm-biodiversity>
3. Renewable Energy (23rd May – 19:00-20:00): <https://kindling.org.uk/event/kindling-farm-webinar-generating-renewable-energy-farm>
4. Eco-Building (20th Jun – 19:00-20:00): <https://kindling.org.uk/event/kindling-farm-webinar-eco-building-opportunities-farm>

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Support Manchester Friends of the Earth’s #UnitedForWarmHomes Campaign

**Join Manchester Friends of the Earth in their call on the government to tackle/minimise the effects of both the energy crisis and the cost of living crisis.**

The three main calls of the campaign are to ask the government to:

* Support individuals struggling with their energy bills
* Insulate homes to tackle energy usage, heat loss, and carbon emissions
* Move away from a fossil fuel-based energy system and create a sustainable and just green energy infrastructure

Add your name to their petition here: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/ask-greater-manchester-mps-to-take-action-for-warm-homes>

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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:

·         [UoM People & Planet](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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Timeline

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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 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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The 6R Sustainability Approach

* Follow the 6R protocol to manage plastics sustainably at [home and on campus](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16wjxe1q4OAjBTvzqIEfk9czKxUgdXbISYN78Dq2gmv0/edit?usp=sharing) or in the [labs](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PBHZzpCqedexWnwd8WtCeYIxzVzCamUqrVRrmKg-iBo/edit?usp=sharing)
* These UoM [videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiONsNvprJGR4CSkPvAni0A/videos) and [texts](https://www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk/waste/recycleweek2022/) can answer all your questions about recycling (plastics and other items)

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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>