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**Hi everyone** J

UoM Climate Network

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

UoM Events

**Natural Cultural Health Service**

The Whitworth

A range of nature-based activities at varying times

<https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/getinvolved/nchs/>

**Redrawing the Economy (Workshop via current exhibition entitled ‘Economics the Blockbuster – It’s not Business as Usual’)**

Centre for Plausible Economies

26 & 30 Aug 2023 – 10:30-12:30 & 13:30-15:30

<https://www.whitworth.manchester.ac.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/currentexhibitions/economicstheblockbuster/liveeventsprogramme/>

**The Politics of Resourcefulness: Networking Workshop**

Sustainable Futures

12 Sep 2023 – 13:00 - 15:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:r1ps-lkchb3y9-jhy1h6>

**‘One Bin to Rule Them All’ Project Special**

Sustainable Futures

28 Sep 2023 – 14:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:q1pw-lkgyceqc-asz700>

**Data Science of the Natural Environment [visit the Eventbrite link for more details, inc. abstract submission deadline of 20th Sept]**

Digital Futures

4 Oct 2023 – 10:00 - 16:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:j1qx-lkv9h1hp-4x440m>

·       UoM Earth and Environmental Science PhD student Kaydee Barker and environmentalist Cody Sanford have co-created the [Livable Future Podcast](https://livablefuturepodcast.com/) focussed around current global challenges and how we can work together to create a more livable future.

·       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/).

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·       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/>

**Peer Support Group**

Climate Conversations

Every fortnight from 4 May 2023 onwards – 19:00 - 21:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/climate-conversations-peer-support-group/>

**Fossil Free Greater Manchester campaign meeting**

Fossil Free Greater Manchester

2nd and 4th Monday of every month – 18:30 - 20:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/fossil-free-greater-manchester-campaign-meeting-39/>

**Save Ryebank Fields Social & Music Night @ Carlton Club, Whalley Range**

Friends of Ryebank Fields

24 Aug 2023 – 19:00 - 23:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/save-ryebank-fields-social-music-night-whalley-range/>

**Bike Friday**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

25 Aug 2023 – 08:00 - 09:00

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

**Dance for your lives – Discobedience in Bolton**

XR Bolton

26 Aug 2023 – 14:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/dance-for-your-lives-discobedience-in-bolton/>

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

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31 Aug 2023 - 18:00 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manchester-people-planet-pint-sustainability-meetup-tickets-672154872317>

**Clothes Swap – Stanley Square, Sale**

Stitched Up

3 Sep 2023 – 13:00 - 16:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/clothes-swap-stanley-square-sale-stitched-up/>

**September Social Cycle Ride – City Centre to Home MCR via Salford**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

7 Sep 2023 – 18:00 - 22:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/september-social-cycle-ride-city-centre-to-home-mcr-via-salford/>

**Our Faith Our Planet Our Commitments**

Manchester Cathedral

14 Sep 2023 – 18:30 - 21:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-faith-our-planet-our-commitments-tickets-676670799577>

·       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

**Unlocking the Power of Food Sustainability for Business Growth**

Future Green Global

29 Aug 2023 – 12:00 - 13:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unlocking-the-power-of-food-sustainability-for-business-growth-tickets-658396129547>

**Urban Nature Day Festival**

UK Youth for Nature

9 Sep 2023 – 10:00 - 18:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-nature-day-festival-tickets-687427051817>

**The Marketer’s Guide to Sustainability**

Provenance

Six different online events on 12, 19, and 27 Sep & 5, 19, and 25 Oct – 14:00 - 15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-marketers-guide-to-sustainability-tickets-680013848727>

**Environmental Sustainability in Health Technology Assessment**

York Health Economics Consortium

14 Sep 2023 – 12:00 - 13:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/environmental-sustainability-in-health-technology-assessment-tickets-639157205407>

·       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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Would you, or a student you know of, like to help solve the climate issues of today and tomorrow?

The University Living Lab (ULL) provides opportunities for students to undertake sustainability-focussed projects that aim to provide tangible benefits to local and wider society by creating solutions for issues that businesses and other organisations may encounter.

With it being estimated that a quarter of all students at UoM (approx. 10,000) are already studying subjects that are directly related to sustainability, if each of those students dedicated half of their study hours (approx. 750 hours) to a ULL project it would equate to approx. 7,500,000 hours of research towards sustainable solutions to real-life problems.  Yet, there are many more areas of study that aren’t directly related to sustainability that could potentially also contribute!

Please take a look at the ULL website to see how you could get involved: <https://www.universitylivinglab.org/>

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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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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>