

Environmental Sustainability Newsletter



The Environmental Sustainability (ES) Good Newsletter aims to keep readers engaged with initiatives to improve ES on campus and research into ES at the University and beyond.

It is sent quarterly and many articles were written by School of Biological Sciences (SBS) undergraduate volunteers.

Welcome to our October newsletter. This month is packed full of content, with highlights including; [Associate Dean update](#), [Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework \(LEAF\) tours](#) and the [1 in 5 project](#)

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Please send any news stories, events, funding opportunities or involvement opportunities that you would like to be included in future newsletters to srbmh@manchester.ac.uk.

Associate Dean Update

Associate Dean update October 2023

Welcome to the second Environmental Sustainability (ES) Good Newsletter. For this month's Associate Dean update, Maggy provides an update on how we have progressed with the FBMH Environmental Sustainability agenda.

[Find out more](#)



Student blogs

Beneath the Surface: The Silent Battle Against Plastic Pollution

This blog by Alessandra Sabatini sheds light on work elucidating the chronic effects of plastic ingestion on marine mammals

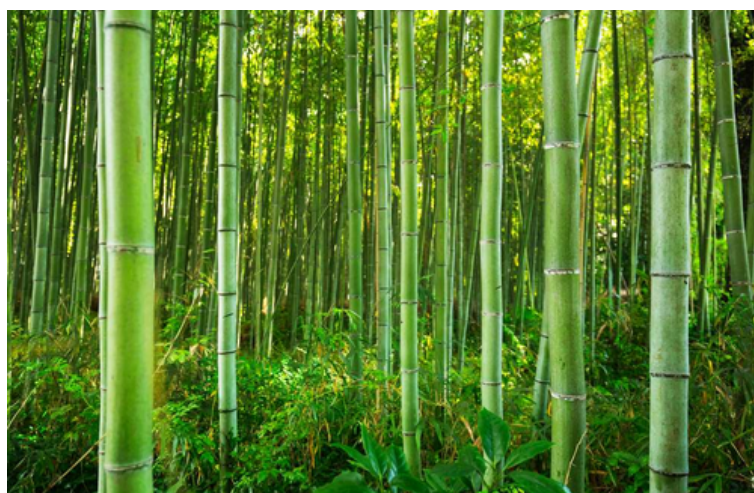
[Find out more](#)



Bamboo is Better!

This blog by Alessandra Sabatini shines a spotlight on bamboo, a plant with exceptional properties to help us tackle climate change.

[Find out more](#)



Read previous student blogs on our [Social Responsibility blogsite](#)

Events

Upcoming Michael Smith quad events

Issy and Lily, the Michael Smith Quad gardeners are hosting a series of events to highlight Environmental Sustainability on campus.

Open to staff and students, all events will take place in the Quad/café area of the building.

[Find out more](#)



Register now: Irene Manton Lecture (in person and online)

5.30-7pm, Wednesday 6th December

This lecture is free to attend and is open to everyone with A-level students especially welcome.

Celebrating the significant contribution made by women to the Natural Sciences, this year our speaker will be Julia Patricia Gordon Jones, Professor in Conservation Science, Bangor University. Julia will explore whether conservation is working and if so, how do we know that it is?

[Find out more](#)



Climate Cafés at The University of Manchester

A Climate Café is a safe space to share your thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis. Cafés are facilitated and supported by the Climate Psychology Alliance. Register today!

[Find out more](#)



Teaching and Learning

Free online courses on the Sustainable Development Goals and Public Health

The Department of Public Health, based in the School of Health Sciences, has developed a series of open-access courses on public health and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[Find out more](#)



Year 1 Pharmacy: Poster on Environmental Sustainability

First year pharmacy students share their posters on Environmental Sustainability in healthcare.

[Find out more](#)



The 1-in-5 Project: How Final Year Student Projects Can Drive Sustainability Efforts

The 1-in-5 project proposes a simple yet powerful idea: that 1 in every 5 final year university projects across every discipline should focus on sustainability or climate change.

[Find out more](#)



SBS: The Environmental Sustainability Projects legacy after two years

In September 2021, Ruth Grady and Maggy Fostier added the Environmental Sustainability Projects (ESPs) to our portfolio of final year research projects, to recruit students to help with our initiatives to become more sustainable.

[Find out more](#)



Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework (LEAF)

LEAF Training

The University of Manchester, has developed an interactive workshop to address sustainability challenges in the laboratory through our LEAF training.

[Find out more](#)



Top tips from Gold LEAF champions

Here are a few of the key practices we've adopted to promote sustainability and how they've made a significant difference in our lab operations.

[Find out more](#)



A Brief Guide To Sustainable Practice In The Lab

This blog covers some of the small changes we can make in the lab that make a big difference to sustainability.

[Find out more](#)



FBMH Takes Part in Europe's Largest Wildlife Survey

On the 29th September, students and staff from the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health took part in EuroBioBlitz on campus, an annual wildlife recording event that takes place across the whole of Europe.

[Find out more](#)

Environmental Sustainability (ES) Showcase

The Social Responsibility and Public Engagement Team recently hosted an ES Showcase session.


The showcase provided a platform for learning, engagement, and inspiration, leaving the participants with a deeper understanding of ES and its significance.

[Find out more](#)

Supporting Urban Biodiversity: The Michael Smith Quad

Originally an uninspiring lawn, the quad in the Michael Smith Building had limited capacity for any wildlife to thrive. However, over a decade ago, the site was transformed into the wildlife garden we see today.

[Find out more](#)



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Faculty of **Biology, Medicine & Health**

Campus Bioblitz


JOIN US FOR THE 2023 EUROBIOBLITZ

Record wildlife on campus (plants, animals, fungi) using the iNaturalist app and contribute to the study of Europe's wildlife, helping to shape conservation efforts and support scientific research.


11am-2pm
Friday 29th September
Student's Union Foyer



Scan the QR code to find out more:



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Easy eco for all booklet (recycling on and off campus)

Unsure where to recycle certain items?
Want to find out more about recycling on
and off campus? Read the updated 'Easy eco
for all' booklet!

Harriet Bickley, an FBMH mental health
researcher for @mashproject, has created
an eco-booklet to help staff and students
live, work & study in an eco-friendlier way.

Download to [find out more](#)

School of Health Sciences (SHS) Environmental Sustainability newsletter – October 2023

The latest issue of the SHS Environmental
Sustainability newsletter is now available.

Read about Algae in the Sahara, SHS Welcome
week stall and how to make soil fertile.

Download to [find out more](#)



University

New University Environmental Sustainability strategy (2023- 2028)

The University recently launched our new
Environmental Sustainability Strategy 'Our
Sustainable Future'. The strategy was
developed following extensive consultation
with colleagues and students and highlights
six priority operational areas, all linking back
to the United Nations Sustainability Goals.

[Find out more](#)



Useful Links and Resources

- Sign up to the **UoM Sustainable Future Newsletter** to find out the latest research news and our seminars/training sessions.
- Sign up to the **UoM Climate Network Newsletter** to find out about all the Climate events in Manchester, apps and publications
- Become a [LEAF champion](#) (FBMH PGR students and research staff), a green champion (FBMH PGR students and staff – [email Maggy](#)) or a FBMH [6R champion](#) (UG)
- Join the UoM [50,000 actions](#) platform to get inspired and/or record your actions (e.g. 6R or podcasts). Staff can take actions individually or as a team (e.g. their lab or kitchen area).
- BBC Radio 4 podcasts ([39 Ways to Save the Planet](#), [Costing the Earth](#), [The Climate Question](#)).

Social Media:

X (formally Twitter):

- [UoM Biology, Medicine and Health](#)
- [UoM Sustainability](#)
- [Social Responsibility](#)
- [FBMH Social Responsibility and Public Engagement](#)

Instagram:

- [UoM Biology, Medicine and Health](#)
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- [Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health](#)

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