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**Hi everyone** J

**ICYMI:**

* **The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has accredited UoM as an institution – which is now 1/5 universities nationally and 1/20 universities internationally to achieve this accolade:** [**https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/university-awarded-united-nations-environment-programme-accreditation/**](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/university-awarded-united-nations-environment-programme-accreditation/)
* **The city of Manchester has become 1/64 cities globally to join the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC):**

[**https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/all-news/manchester-announced-as-an-unesco-city-of-lifelong-learning/**](https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/all-news/manchester-announced-as-an-unesco-city-of-lifelong-learning/)

* **A pioneering study has been launched by UoM in order to tackle domestic burning habits and air pollution (everyone is encouraged to complete the survey within):**

[**https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/university-launches-pioneering-study-with-greater-manchester-local-authorities-in-bid-to-tackle-domestic-burning-habits-and-air-pollution/**](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/news/university-launches-pioneering-study-with-greater-manchester-local-authorities-in-bid-to-tackle-domestic-burning-habits-and-air-pollution/)

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/>

**Climate Cafés**

Manchester Museum

In-person events running every 2 months from 4 Oct 2023 onwards – 17:30 - 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-cafes-tickets-520550379197>

**MIOIR Seminar Series - How do University-Industry Collaborations Benefit Innovation? Direct and Indirect Outcomes of Different Collaboration Types**

Alliance Manchester Business School

19 Feb 2024 – 15:30 - 16:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:d2r1-ls4kvbf7-jl1u8w>

**Sustainability in the Construction Sector - Retrofit Challenges and Opportunities**

Sustainable Futures

21 Feb 2024 – 09:30 - 16:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainability-in-construction-retrofit-challenges-and-opportunities-tickets-773771309817>

**Talk from Stephen Fernley (of** [**Save Ryebank Fields**](https://www.saveryebankfields.co.uk/)**)**

Save Ryebank Fields

21 Feb 2024 – 13:00 - ??

In-person @ Ellen Wilkinson\_AG.11 (UoM) … or online via Zoom details below:

<https://zoom.us/j/97832834309>

Meeting ID: 978 3283 4309

Passcode: 488385

**Chemical analysis of pollen and spores: new tools for reconstructing past vegetation and environmental change**

School of Environment, Education and Development

21 Feb 2024 – 15:00 - 17:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:b2pv-lrz1c1wp-f5phk0>

**Green Together**

University of Manchester

22-24 Feb 2024 @ Various Times

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/green-together-tickets-806536230577>

**Meet the academic team behind the MSc in Pollution and Environmental Control (online)**

University of Manchester

22 Feb 2024 – 12:30 - 13:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:w2ql-ls1w3t65-gjnqim>

**Climate Café @ UoM**

Department of Public Health, University of Manchester

23 Feb 2024 – 12:00 - 13:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-cafe-uom-tickets-799992137017>

**PAID EVENT: “If Stones Could Talk”: A Historical Walking Tour of Manchester's Stone**

Elemental Tours (previously via School of Arts, Languages and Cultures)

23 Feb 2024 – 13:00 - 15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/if-stones-could-talk-a-historical-walking-tour-of-manchesters-stone-tickets-752207842907>

**Only For UoM individuals: Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement: Social inclusion (+ 8 future events between April 2024 and May 2025)**

Office for Social Responsibility, University of Manchester

28 Feb 2024 – 12:00 - 12:45

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=30929>

**Careers in Humanitarianism Fair - Meet NGOs, charities, Careers Service and more**

Faculty of Humanities

28 Feb 2024 – 13:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:x2pz-lrz3sgq8-5ixesa>

**“A 43,000 strong force for change: Sustainability impact through the University Living Lab and student assessment" and “Title TBC”**

Sustainable Futures

29 Feb 2024 – 14:00 - 15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-futures-february-2024-seminar-series-tickets-795360794547>

**The CreaTech Network | Vision**

Digital Futures

4 Mar 2024 – 14:30 - 18:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:g2rb-ls8z9hsl-8c12vr>

**Low carbon Chinatown**

Sustainable Futures

4 Mar 2024 – 18:00 - 19:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:z2ff-lq1019z4-b7wwix>

**The power of community: launching One World Together community space**

One World Together

15 Mar 2024 – 15:00 - 16:30

<https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/all-news/the-power-of-community-launching-one-world-together-community-space/>

·       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 liveable future.

·       UoM’s Environmental Sustainability Team has launched a new environmental sustainability strategy (2023-2028); the update is provided [here](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=30043).

·       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

**Fossil Free Greater Manchester campaign meeting**

Fossil Free Greater Manchester

Online meeting on 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/>

**Manchester Extinction Rebellion Groups meeting**

XR Manchester

In-person meeting on 2nd Monday of every month – 19:00 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/manchester-extinction-rebellion-groups-meeting/>

**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/>

**Pond & Woodland Management in Salford**

City of Trees

Every Thursday (from 11 Jan 2024 onwards) – 10:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/pond-woodland-management-in-salford-city-of-trees/>

**EcoHome Lab: Monthly meetup and skill share**

EcoHome Lab

Online meeting on 2nd Thursday of every month – 18:00 - 19:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/ecohome-lab-monthly-meetup-and-skill-share-13/>

**Levenshulme Repair Café**

Levenshulme Repair Café

Third Saturday of every month (for the foreseeable future) starting 20 Jan 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/levenshulme-repair-cafe-6/>

**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

In-person meeting every fortnight from 4 May 2023 onwards – 19:00 - 21:00

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

**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/>

**Tree Planting – Leverhulme Park, Bolton**

City of Trees

21 Feb 2024 – 10:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/tree-planting-leverhulme-park-bolton-city-of-trees/>

**Make Your Mark X Amnesty: t-shirt printing**

Amnesty International Manchester

21 Feb 2024 – 11:00 - 15:00 (printing will be paused between 12:00-13:00)

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/make-your-mark-x-amnesty-t-shirt-printing/>

**Community Coalition Taster Session**

In Our Nature

21 Feb 2024 – 18:30 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/community-coalition-taster-session-in-our-nature/>

**Stop EACOP – From Uganda to Tanzania – through the lens of Stuart Spray**

Tipping Point

22 Feb 2024 – 18:00 - 20:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/stop-eacop-from-uganda-to-tanzania-through-the-lens-of-stuart-spray/>

**Bike Friday**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

23 Feb 2024 – 08:00 - 08:45

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

**Fossil fuelled pensions: calling out the elephant in the room – Join the call on Mayor Andy Burnham and the GM Council Leaders**

Fossil Free Greater Manchester

23 Feb 2024 – 08:30 - 10:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/join-the-call-on-mayor-andy-burnham-and-the-gm-council-leaders-to-get-the-shell-out-of-our-pensions/>

**Repair Cafe**

Boilerhouse

24 Feb 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/repair-cafe-boilerhouse/>

**Seed swap**

Friends of Chapel St Park

24 Feb 2024 – 10:00 - 13:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/seed-swap-friends-of-chapel-st-park/>

**Tree Planting at New House Playing Field, Bolton**

City of Trees

24 Feb 2024 – 10:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/tree-planting-at-new-house-playing-field-bolton-city-of-trees/>

**Hedgehog Friendly litter picks**

Salford Ranger Team and the University of Salford Environment & Sustainability Team

27 Feb 2024 – 12:00 - 13:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/hedgehog-friendly-litter-picks-peel-park/>

**Apple and fig tree-planting**

Sow the City

28 Feb 2024 – 11:00 - 13:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/apple-and-fig-tree-planting-sow-the-city/>

**Stop EACOP Marsh lobby**

Stop EACOP

29 Feb 2024 – 08:00 - 10:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/stop-eacop-marsh-lobby/>

**New Economy North Social #4: What would it look like if we were to centre the needs of marginalised communities in local economic strategies?**

CLES, IPPR North, Metropolis, NEON and the People’s Powerhouse

29 Feb 2024 – 18:00 - 20:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/new-economy-north-social-4-what-would-it-look-like-if-we-were-to-centre-the-needs-of-marginalised-communities-in-local-economic-strategies-cles/>

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

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29 Feb 2024 – 18:00 - 21:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manchester-people-planet-pint-sustainability-meetup-tickets-781648881847>

**Insure our Future, Not Fossil Fuels!**

Insure Our Future

1 Mar 2024 – 11:30 - 14:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/insure-our-future-not-fossil-fuels/>

**Rides for Women : Celebratory + Inclusive Rides for Women**

JoyRiders, Bee Pedal Ready, Station South, Bird Outdoors, Moston Cycling Club, Lady Pedal, Manley Bike Train, and Al-Hilal Communities

3 Mar 2024 – 11:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/rides-for-women-celebratory-inclusive-rides-for-women/>

**Didsbury Clean Air Citizen’s Assembly**

Didsbury Climate Alliance

4 Mar 2024 – 19:00 - 21:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/didsbury-clean-air-citizens-assembly/>

**Climate Action in Didsbury East-Deeds not Words**

Cllr Linda Foley

20 Mar 2024 – 18:00 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-action-in-didsbury-east-deeds-not-words-tickets-775446861437>

**PAID EVENT: Developing the ‘meadow’ as an urban cultural form (Professor Emeritus James Hitchmough)**

The Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society

21 Mar 2024 – 18:30 - 20:00

<https://www.manlitphil.ac.uk/events/developing-the-meadow-as-an-urban-cultural-form/>

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

(1)  [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.

(2)  Stockport-based [Plastic Shed](https://www.plasticshed.org/) have reignited their collections of [specific types of plastic lids, soft stretchy plastic packaging, vinyl banners, straws, and plant pots](https://www.plasticshed.org/plastic-drop-off) to creatively recycle and repurpose them into useful items; they particularly need your plastic donations between Oct 2023 – Feb 2024 in order to [build a sculpture after receiving funding via UK SPF](https://www.instagram.com/p/CyIIHnOsjcD/?hl=en).  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.

(3)  An organisation called [ReFactory](https://myrefactory.com/) (previously ReWorked) have partnered with a number of organisations, including [Boots](https://www.reworked.com/2021/09/16/what-items-can-you-recycle-in-boots-stores-recycle-at-boots/), to promote better recycling practices in the UK.  A number of recycled household products can be purchased from their [online shop](https://shop.myrefactory.com/), as well as a wide range of recycling boxes for a variety of plastic waste, such as for lateral flow tests, face masks, disposable gloves, visors etc. (starting at £72 per box).

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

Other Events

**Heading for Extinction (and what to do about it)**

Extinction Rebellion

Online meeting on 2nd Wednesday of every month – 19:00 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/heading-for-extinction-and-what-to-do-about-it-extinction-rebellion-2/>

**Webinar – Healthy places, prosperous lives**

The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

19 Feb 2024 – 09:00 - 10:15

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/webinar-healthy-places-prosperous-lives-ippr/>

**PAID EVENT: Plastic Ocean (Mandy Barker)**

The Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society

19 Feb 2024 – 18:30 - 19:45

<https://www.manlitphil.ac.uk/events/plastic-ocean/>

**Everything you wanted to know about car taxation in Europe (Webinar)**

Transport + Environment

20 Feb 2024 - 13:00 - 15:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/webinar-everything-you-wanted-to-know-about-car-taxation-in-europe-transport-environment/>

**The Buzz Project**

Huddersfield Friends of the Earth

20 Feb 2024 - 19:00 - 20:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/the-buzz-project-huddersfield-friends-of-the-earth-online/>

**Telling stories with FOI data (Part of the Using FOI for Campaigning and Advocacy collection)**

mySociety

21 Feb 2024 - 10:00 - 12:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/telling-stories-with-foi-data-part-of-the-using-foi-for-campaigning-and-advocacy-collection-mysociety/>

**Botanic Gardens: Past & Future**

5x15

26 Feb 2024 - 18:30 - 19:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/5x15-on-botanic-gardens-past-future-with-royal-botanic-gardens-kew-tickets-813972271977>

**United for Warm Homes: Highlighting the health impacts of cold homes**

Friends of the Earth

28 Feb 2024 – 18:00 - 19:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/united-for-warm-homes-highlighting-the-health-impacts-of-cold-homes/>

**Showcasing and discussing data by new parliamentary constituencies**

Friends of the Earth on behalf of the Environmental Data Network

29 Feb 2024 – 15:00 - 17:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/showcasing-and-discussing-data-by-new-parliamentary-constituencies-friends-of-the-earth/>

**Join us in taking action against airline marketing! (Webinar)**

Stay Grounded and Badvertising

29 Feb 2024 – 17:00 - 18:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/webinar-join-us-in-taking-action-against-airline-marketing-stay-grounded-and-badvertising/>

**What is chemical pollution?**

UK Youth for Nature, CHEM Trust and Breast Cancer UK

29 Feb 2024 – 18:00 - 19:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/what-is-chemical-pollution-with-uky4n-chem-trust-and-breast-cancer-uk/>

**Katherine May on Enchantment**

5x15

6 Mar 2024 - 18:30 - 19:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/5x15-presents-katherine-may-on-enchantment-tickets-826845857217>

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).

·       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), aimed at providing teaching professionals with content suitable for a teenage audience (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.

·       [Kudos](https://www.growkudos.com/), an online tool for improving research impact, 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)

·       The [WeAre8](https://www.weare8.com/) app can be downloaded on smartphones – launched in 2020, it became the world's first B corp-certified social media ecosystem, built to transform the digital advertising sector and address the broken and divisive state of the social media industry.  The app’s purpose is to make a big impact through small daily actions; you can earn rewards for watching videos that support social and environmental causes.

·       [Skoot](https://skoot.eco/) is no longer the app it used to be (which allowed you to plant free trees for every car journey), its model changed after it succeeded in its ‘1 million free tree challenge’, it is now an award-winning climate change platform dedicated to helping its subscribers – both businesses and individuals – to reducing their carbon footprints through a variety of off-setting methods.

·       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 but now also in the UK, every single day (and now there’s [no daily limit](https://www.thetreeapp.org/blog/2023-08-14-from-seed-to-sapling-treeapps-new-growth-updates/)).  Also, if 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.

·       [AllotMe](https://www.allotme.co.uk/) – originally marketed as the ‘Airbnb for your Garden’ sounds like a great concept –  whereby individuals can rent green spaces to grow food within major cities/urban environments, and garden owners can monetise their land (although many garden spaces appear to be free to use).

·       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 and see a sample of the environmental groups affiliated with UoM):

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

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Applications now open for ‘Team Rwanda’ overseas UoM student volunteering programme

After a successful project in summer 2023, the University’s flagship overseas project Team Rwanda is due to go ahead again this summer.

The month-long programme for UoM students focuses upon community research, digital media, enterprise and environmental projects in Rwanda, alongside Rwandan volunteers.

The deadline for applications to  join Team Rwanda is **9am on Monday 26 February 2024**.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/all-news/team-rwanda-our-flagship-overseas-volunteer-programme-returns/>

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University of Manchester Research Institute (UMRI) Interdisciplinary Research Funding 2024 Call

A recent review of the UMRI pump-priming programme highlighted an impressive and extensive range of activities and outputs from the UMRI awarded projects between 2019 and 2022, including leveraging of £13.7 million in external research funding from a £1 million investment. Therefore the UMRI Board are pleased to announce two calls to continue to encourage collaboration and provide support for activities that will lead to an increase in successful interdisciplinary research. Preference will be given to applications led by non-professorial staff or staff recently appointed or promoted to professor (in the last two to three years). The two calls are:

* [UMRI pump-priming](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/rbe/rs/finding-funding/umri/pump-priming-call/)
* [UMRI discipline hopping](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/rbe/rs/finding-funding/umri/discipline-hopping-call/)

The Pump priming strand includes a key thematic priority around our Research Platforms:

* Digital Futures, (Director: Chris Taylor)
* Sustainable Futures (Director: Michael Shaver)
* Creative Manchester (Director: John McAuliffe)
* Health Inequalities (Director: Nicky Cullum)

Call guidance, frequently asked questions, application forms and details of previous awards are available on the [UMRI website](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/rbe/rs/finding-funding/umri/).

Applications should be submitted on the relevant application form and submitted to [rst@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rst@manchester.ac.uk) no later than **4pm on 19 February 2024**.

Kind regards,

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Sign up to the Digital Futures newsletter here - <https://tinyurl.com/digitalfuturesuom>

Sign up to the Sustainable Futures newsletter here - <http://tinyurl.com/sustainablefuturesuom>

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Can you help to shape/organise community events and would you like to help improve climate change education and upskilling?

[Envirolution](https://envirolution.org.uk/) are looking for volunteers to help their organisation and take their initiatives further over the coming years.  If interested, please contact Bob Walley at [bwalley1@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:bwalley1@uclan.ac.uk)

Envirolution Cooperative is a Manchester-based community benefit society that has been running annual large-scale, climate change education and community engagement festivals since 2010.  These are free to attend, positive, and solution-focused events, which aim to be as inclusive as possible by appealing to the wide and diverse demographic of communities who get involved.  Envirolution creates an atmosphere where attendees can learn new skills, meet new people, and explore pro-active responses to the climate emergency which are relevant and appropriate to them.

Everyone is welcome at Envirolution, though the target audience are people who do not currently engage with the challenges of climate change, or are not sure which actions are of the most value.  The event has a fun non-judgemental atmosphere, with world music playing from its solar-powered stages, vegan food stalls, games and creative activities for children, talks and interactive workshops, provided by organisations and groups making real and positive change in communities.  Attendees can then join groups, volunteer, receive training.  This increases employability for local people in the sustainability and green jobs sector and decreases social isolation and loneliness.  Around 5,000 people attend the event each year, creating a unique opportunity for workshop providers, speakers, and others to engage audiences they may otherwise find it difficult to access.  Envirolution is a colourful, vibrant, fun, inclusive, positive, and safe space for people to learn together how they can respond positively and proactively to the challenges faced by the climate and ecological emergency.  The value and impact of Envirolution and the groups events can be seen on their website.

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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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Job Opportunities

* 2 x UoM-based environment/sustainability-focussed research roles:
* [Research Associate (Global Development Institute) (GDI)](https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=28050) [48 months, approx. £36k-£40k DOE], (**application deadline = 7 Mar 2024 @ 23:59**)
* [Reader/Professor in Climate Change Governance and Global Development](https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=28193) [Permanent, Professorial Scale salary], (**application deadline = 12 Mar 2024 @ 23:59**)
* 1 x [International Biodiversity Specialist - UK Wide](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3686162702/) [Permanent, salary unknown], Manchester-based (**application deadline = 31 Mar 2024 @ 23:59**) with WSP.
* 1 x [Environmental Manager](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3816017618/), Manchester-based (**salary and application deadline unknown**) with Shirley Parsons.
* 1 x [Regulatory Advisor](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3762342004/), can be Manchester-based (**salary and application deadline unknown**) with Arcadis.

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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 a [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>