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**Hi everyone – this fortnight’s newsletter is being sent out today instead of on Monday**J

**Today is the last day to register for the ‘Carbon Literacy Training for Educators’ event on 13th July (listed below); if you meet the attendance criteria [i.e. you’re an educator, parent, or carer] and wish to attend, you’ll need to fill in the registration form detailed at the link.**

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 3 Jul 2024 onwards – 17:30 - 19:00

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

**Culture Monday, Wild and Musical Edition**

Martin Harris Centre

8 Jul 2024 – 11:00 - 14:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:uby-lx1tqims-t0m320>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/culture-monday-wild-and-musical-edition-tickets-894309562977>

**Leading societal resilience**

Alliance Manchester Business School

9 Jul 2024 – 10:00 - 11:30

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:pe6-lxx0msaj-a1g4nv>

**A ‘broken system’? Critical perspectives on housing and construction in the UK (Virtual Workshop – The Building Safety Network)**

Thomas Ashton Institute

9 Jul 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:ybq-lwupvwok-wxcjpa>

**Wild Shared Reading at Manchester Museum with The Reader**

Manchester Museum

9 - 16 Jul 2024 – Consecutive Tuesdays, 11:00 - 12:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-shared-reading-at-manchester-museum-with-the-reader-tickets-901541383547>

**Creative Communities: Arts-Based Methods and Participatory Research**

Creative Manchester

9 Jul 2024 – 12:00 - 16:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:xee-ly34lp0z-peis1n>

**Wild Walks with Manchester Museum: Ardwick Climate Action Family Walk**

Manchester Museum

9 Jul 2024 – 13:30 - 15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-walks-with-manchester-museum-ardwick-climate-action-green-route-tickets-890171295307>

**Building solutions - developing innovative approaches to tackle the UK’s building safety challenges (In-person Workshop – The Building Safety Network)**

Thomas Ashton Institute

18 Jul 2024 – 12:00 - 15:00

<https://events.manchester.ac.uk/event/event:odj-lxj59d5k-rjxzc9>

**Wild Walks with Manchester Museum: Ardwick Climate Action Family Walk**

Manchester Museum

13 Aug 2024 – 13:30 - 15:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wild-walks-with-manchester-museum-ardwick-climate-action-family-walk-tickets-890197152647>

·       [An episode](https://www.socialresponsibility.manchester.ac.uk/all-news/talk-200-new-podcast-on-energy-and-climate-change-now-available/) of UoM’s Talk 200 podcast series focuses upon energy and climate change, with talks from Prof. Alice Larkin, Dr. Aneeqa Khan, and Aidan Rhode.

·      UoM Library’s [Libby App](https://www.librarysearch.manchester.ac.uk/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma992985983962101631&context=L&vid=44MAN_INST:MU_NUI&lang=en&search_scope=MyInst_and_CI&adaptor=Local%20Search%20Engine&tab=Everything&query=any,contains,libby) can now be downloaded on a smartphone or accessed via a browser (UoM login required); there are a number of e-books that have been made available for Sustainability Action Month.

·       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/>

**Soup Night- Manchester**

Just Stop Oil

In-person meeting on 3rd Tuesday of every month – 18:30 - 20:30

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

**Manchester Monthly Meet**

Just Stop Oil

In-person meeting on 1st Thursday of every month – 18:30 - 20:30

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

**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/>

**Bike Friday**

Manchester Friends of the Earth

Last Friday of every month (for the foreseeable future) – 08:00 - 08:45

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

**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/>

**Plant Swaps @ Manchester Craft & Design Centre**

Manchester Craft & Design Centre

Third Saturday of every month (for the foreseeable future) starting 18 May 2024 – 12:00 - 13:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/plant-swaps-manchester-craft-design-centre-2/>

**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/>

**Northern Sustainability Summit 2024**

Elevate

8 Jul 2024 – 09:00 - 17:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/northern-sustainability-summit-2024-tickets-852280713557>

**Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Webinar for Social Housing Providers and Industry Professionals**

GMCA

9 Jul 2024 – 12:00 - 13:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/greater-manchester-local-nature-recovery-strategy-webinar-for-social-housing-providers-and-industry-professionals/>

**REGISTER BY 5 JULY (FOR EDUCATORS / PARENTS / CARERS ONLY): Carbon Literacy Training for Educators**

Manchester City Council / Manchester Environmental Education Network

13 Jul 2024 – 09:30 - 17:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/carbon-literacy-training-for-educators>

**Chorlton Repair Café**

Chorlton Repair Café

13 Jul 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/chorlton-repair-cafe-2/>

**Carbon Awareness Training – 13th July \*In Person\* Manchester Cathedral**

Diocese of Manchester

13 Jul 2024 – 14:00 - 16:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/carbon-awareness-training-13th-july-in-person-manchester-cathedral-diocese-of-manchester>

**Transform 2024**

Siemens

17-18 Jul 2024 – 09:00 - 17:00

<https://www.siemens.com/uk/en/company/transform.html>

**Horwich Repair Café**

Horwich Repair Café

20 Jul 2024 - 13:30 - 15:30

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/horwich-repair-cafe-5/>

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

Small99

25 Jul 2024 – 18:00 - 21:00

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/manchester-small99s-people-planet-pinttm-sustainability-meetup-tickets-781653545797>

**Repair Café**

Boilerhouse

27 Jul 2024 – 10:00 - 12:00

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

·       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/>

**What are the key climate priorities for the new UK government? (Webinar)**

Carbon Brief

9 Jul 2024 – 10:00 - 11:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/webinar-what-are-the-key-climate-priorities-for-the-new-uk-government-carbon-brief/>

**Henry Dimbleby discusses food strategy prospects under a new government (Webinar)**

Centre for Food Policy

17 Jul 2024 – 15:45 - 17:00

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/webinar-henry-dimbleby-discusses-food-strategy-prospects-under-a-new-government-centre-for-food-policy/>

**George Monbiot on The Invisible Doctrine: The Secret History of Neoliberalism (& How It Came to Control Your Life)**

5x15

23 Jul 2024 – 19:00 - 20:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/5x15-presents-george-monbiot-on-the-invisible-doctrine-tickets-940817007997>

·       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 [Lemu](https://le.mu/) app can be downloaded on smartphones.  The organisation’s mission relies on the idea of leveraging technology to learn, explore, and protect nature, as well as improving conservation measures and outputs.  They are looking to prove that financing conservation projects is not about charity but an investment into the future of our Planet

·       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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Help to improve Manchester and the climate crisis via a survey by Global Shapers Manchester

Born out of the World Economic Forum, the Global Shapers Community is a network of inspiring young people under the age of 30 working together to address local, regional, and global challenges.  The [Manchester Hub](https://www.globalshapers.org/hubs/manchester-hub-57f7919c6b-hub/) started in January 2020 with the aim to create a community that is focused on making a positive social impact and supporting one another.

The results of this survey will be used to design a climate action project that addresses the climate crisis and makes local people’s lives better.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/climateconversationsmcr>

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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 roles:
* [Assistant Preventative Conservator](https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=29234) [Fixed-Term for 10 months, approx. £24k-£29k DOE], (**application deadline = 15 Jul 2024 @ 23:59**)
* [Lecturer in Environment and Development](https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=29582) [Fixed-Term for 36 months, approx. £36k-£56k DOE], (**application deadline = 15 Jul 2024 @ 23:59**)
* 1 x [Geo Environmental Apprentice](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3926239615) [Part-time Internship over a 5-year period, £161-£334 per week depending upon age], can be Manchester-based (**application deadline unknown**) with RPS.
* 1 x [Ecologist](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3875317212) [Permanent], can be Altrincham-based [**application deadline and salary unknown**] with Mott MacDonald.
* 1 x [Geo-Environmental Consultant](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3937010899) [Permanent], Manchester-based (**application deadline and salary unknown**) with Arcadis.
* 1 x [Environmental Manager](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3964577363) [Permanent, approx. £40k-£45k DOE], Salford-based (**application deadline = 21 Jul 2024 @ 23:55**) with Department for Energy Security & Net Zero.

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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).  One of their biggest projects to date has involved the creation of the [UK’s largest recycled plastic bottle cap mural in March 2024](https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/amazing-mural-twist-appears-greater-28905805).

·        [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>