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WELCOME TO THE SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE'S NEWSLETTER,
A CONDENSED LOOK AT SUSTAINABILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS.

SUSTAINABILITY ARCHITECTS

The Sustainability Service has recently employed four students to work alongside the team to increase our engagement within the student body. The new position; Sustainability Architects, has come out of the strategy, and its commitment to increase awareness of, and opportunity within sustainability for students on campus. The four Sustainability Architects, Shóna, Amy, Hannah and Catherine, will each be focusing on a different section of student engagement, from linking up with societies, creating dissertation opportunities across all schools, linking in with university student governance to create a more active and engaging use of social media! This incredibly exciting opportunity within the team has really opened our eyes to a different viewpoint, and all four Sustainability Architects have fitted in perfectly within the service. Shóna, who is studying a MSc in Sustainability in School of Earth and Environment said: "My new role is great, it's the ideal experience for a student on my course to see how sustainability is implemented in a large organisation, so not only is it great for my career - it's also supporting my studies."

Hopefully you'll be seeing them soon at our monthly forum, or blogging on our website about their experiences with the team. We also hope the architects can attend your student facing events, such as open day talks, presentations and more to discuss sustainability at the university and how students can get involved. If you would like them to talk at a student facing event or function please email s.mccarthy@leeds.ac.uk
If you have any ideas or advice for the architects drop sustainability@leeds.ac.uk an email!

CHEWING GUM RECYCLING



Externally our paths are covered in discarded chewing gum and internally, carpets, floors, desks and quite honestly anywhere chewing gum can be stuck, it is!!! Cleaning Services are presently promoting recycling gumdrop bins to make our campus a cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing place to be. The bins are located across campus so please look out for them. The chewing gum is recycled into a number of plastic products, so do your bit and give gum a second life.

CLIMATE WEEK SO FAR

Climate Week (2nd – 8th March) is a national week seeking to promote sustainable living. The Sustainability Service, working with the School of Geography's Green Impact Team and LUU, has put on a programme of events! We're now halfway through, and have had a good turn-out so far! We started off the week with a variety of stalls in the Union foyer by Green Action, Green Exchange and our own Sustainability Service stall. Green Party Society also held an interactive workshop about battery farming, that taught us the 'real cost' of cheap meats.

On Tuesday, there were 2 more stalls in the Union: a waste advisor from the council and the Green Party Society. Love Food, Hate Waste put on a food roadshow cooking lesson using waste food.

The main event on Wednesday was the food waste seminar. Speakers included: Professor William Young from SRI and representatives from ASDA, Love Food, Hate Waste and The Real Junk Food Project.

On Thursday, there will be a drop-in session at the Bike Hub from 10am - 12pm to answer any questions about cycling or the Sustainability Service. There will also be more stalls in the Union, and a talk by Yorkshire Water from 2 - 3pm in Union Room 5. Finally, on Friday, Wacky Bikes will be in Chancellor's Court for the day, giving you the chance to try out some unusual bikes!



EAUC CONFERENCE

Run by the EAUC and hosted at University of Leeds on 23rd - 25th March 2015, 'Challenging Connections' inspires and challenges tertiary education to look again at our connections, our partnerships and the voices we are hearing and those we are not.

Over 3 days, we'll explore how a whole new level of creativity, innovation and leadership becomes possible when sustainability becomes the central and connected consideration for your university or college.

WEBSITE TESTERS!

Our new website is nearly done! We are looking for a number of staff and students to test it this month, before it goes live. There are some cool prizes to give away so don't miss out! Please email sustainability@leeds.ac.uk if you are interested or for more details.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY, OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS NEWSLETTER TO HELP PUBLICISE AN EVENT ON CAMPUS, THEN PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US: SUSTAINABILITY@LEEDS.AC.UK