

Student Sustainability Summit

Tuesday 8 November 2016

Final agenda

Time	Activity
09:00	Registration Opens
10:00	<p>Welcome and keynote speech Keynote speaker 1- Rob Young, National Vice President (Society and Citizenship) at NUS</p> <p>Welcome from Simon Gerry, CEO at Newcastle University Students' Union</p>
10:30	<p>Morning Workshops</p> <p>Getting your institution's money out of fossil fuels <i>Chaired by Rob Young, Vice President (Society & Citizenship) at NUS, Laura Clayson, Divestment Consultant at NUS, and People and Planet</i> Learn about why and how students across the country are getting their institutions and local communities to divest from fossil fuels. Gain practical skills to run an impactful campaign on your own campus, or in your community.</p> <p>Careers- a pathway to a sustainable future? <i>Chaired by Jamie Agombar, Head of Sustainability at NUS</i> As the education sector becomes increasingly marketised, our institutions are becoming more and more focused on employability. This session will explore the ethical challenges around the career paths promoted to students on campus through employability fayres and graduate schemes. Participants will discuss how to increase the environmental and ethical offer to students, as well as practical tips to shape their own career paths.</p> <p>Turning volunteers into voters- linking our sustainability volunteering to civic engagement <i>Chaired by Rob Griffiths, Policy Officer (Union Development) at NUS</i> Facing the sustainability challenges will require graduates that are civic minded and politically engaged. But how can we turn volunteers into voters? Despite our best efforts, we know young people and students are still some of the most disengaged groups in the UK. For example in the EU referendum only 64% of 18-24 year olds voted, compared to 90% of over 65s.</p> <p>This session will explore how to ensure our volunteers see the vital role they have in shaping political discourse, on their campus, in their communities and on a national scale.</p>
12:00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>A long networking lunch with the following optional activities</p>

	<p>StuBrew Tour Explore the students' union's own microbrewery and hear first-hand the value of student enterprise from StuBrew's volunteers.</p> <p>GISU Surgery Find out more about the strategy underpinning the new Green Impact Students' Union scheme from Jamie Agombar, Head of Sustainability at NUS. Discuss how your SU can get involved and use the scheme to drive sustainability across your SU, Institution and wider community.</p>
13:30	<p>Workshops</p> <p>Making money doing good- student enterprise and ethical procurement on campus <i>Chaired by Agnes Knoll, Student Eats Manager and Rachel Soper, Ethical Supply Chain Co-Ordinator at NUS, Subindu Garkhel, Cotton Product Manager at the Fairtrade Foundation and People & Planet</i> Is it possible to balance profit, people, and planet? On an international scale, things like Fairtrade certification play a critical role in greening the supply chain. On a local level, student enterprise can generate income for student projects, provide development opportunities for students, support local economies, and ensure our values are demonstrated through the products we sell.</p> <p>This session will look at how we can ensure the products on campus are ethically and environmentally sound as well as how students can create their own businesses to generate income locally.</p> <p>We also have some funding available for SUs interested in starting up a food enterprise, come along to find out more.</p> <p>Running a great sustainability campaign <i>Chaired by Jen Strong, Senior Project Officer at NUS and Newcastle SU</i> All campaigns depend on garnering support from a wide range of people. This session will explore strategies for doing this, using real life example and providing practical advice from the movement and beyond.</p> <p>Shaping our education for a just and sustainable future <i>Chaired by Melantha Chittenden, LGBT Officer (Womens Place) and Quinn Runkle, Senior Project Officer - Curriculum and Communities at NUS</i> We need ALL students to leave education with the knowledge, skills and attributes to be leaders in a just and sustainable future. This means bringing liberation and environmental sustainability campaigns together to empower students to transform education so it's more representative of the diverse student body, and can tackle the world's greatest environmental and social challenges. Environmental sustainability is intrinsically linked to social justice. Increasingly this is the case as climate change disproportionately affects women and minority communities, especially in the global south.</p> <p>This session will explore how campaigns like 'liberate my degree' can work in partnership with campaigns around embedding sustainability across the curriculum.</p>
15:00	<p>Closing Remarks and Keynote Speeches</p> <p>Keynote speaker 2- Danielle Paffard, UK Divestment Campaigner at 350.org Keynote speaker 3- Melantha Chittenden, LGBT Officer (Womens Place)</p>

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