

# Driving Sustainability in Higher Education

ONLINE EVENT

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## About the event

UK universities have come under increasing pressure to improve their environmental track record, particularly from students, and are increasingly looking at what they can do across their organisation to improve environmental sustainability. According to a new report published by EAUC, Universities UK, Guild HE and the Association of Colleges, universities should declare a climate emergency and set challenging targets to reach net-zero emissions by 2030. Universities and colleges have a huge opportunity to play a role in facilitating a transition away from ecologically and economically unsustainable practices.

This event will explore the significant progress that UK universities and colleges have made in driving forward the sustainability agenda across learning, teaching, research, campus life and the wider local and global community. Through a series of high-level keynotes and practical case studies, we explore how to embed sustainability into higher education.

Topics include optimising leadership; supporting students in sustainability initiatives, saving energy and water on campus, and boosting partnerships locally and globally. Gain a comprehensive insight into key factors for success in achieving a sustainable higher education institution.

## Why attend?

- Meet other like-minded professionals and develop new, beneficial connections
- Through the learning opportunities and sharing of best practice, you will be able to implement improvements in your workplace
- Impact the wider agenda and be part of future planning
- Be part of organisations that continue to evolve, improve and innovate
- Learn how to make the best use of key products and services that can help transform your organisational capabilities

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## Agenda

- 9:00 **Online Registration**
- 9:30 Chair's Welcome Address
- 9:40 Keynote Address: Launching The Climate Action Toolkit To Help Senior Leadership Teams In Universities Tackle The Climate Emergency
- 10:00 Keynote Address: Responding To The Climate Emergency And Supporting Students to Learn, Act and Lead for Sustainability
- 10:20 Keynote: Achieving Zero Carbon Emissions By 2035 In Universities: Rethinking Knowledge And Teaching Practices For The Era Of Climate Change
- 10:40 Questions and Answers Session
- 11:05 **Break and Networking**
- 11:35 Special Address: Showcasing the University of Oxford's Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- 11:55 Seminar Session A: Providing Technology for Students and Universities to Achieve Net-Zero
- 11:55 Seminar Session B: Procuring 100% Renewable Electricity Is the Most Effective Way to Fast-Track your Business to Net-Zero
- 12:15 Case Study: Putting Environmental Sustainability at the Heart of Your University Strategy – What it Means in Practice'
- 12:35 Questions and Answers Session
- 12:55 **Lunch and Networking**
- 13:40 Case Study: Reducing CO2 Emissions By 42% And Transforming Learning Environments To Become One Of The Greenest Universities In The UK
- 13:40 Case Study: Collaborating With Students, Staff And Partners To Find Sustainable Solutions To Local And Global Challenges
- 14:00 Case Study: Delivering Successful Leadership For Sustainability In Higher Education
- 14:20 Questions and Answers Session
- 15:00 **Chair's Summary and Close**

## Key speakers



**Professor Jim Longhurst**  
Chair, AUC – The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education and Assistant Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England



**Zamzam Ibrahim**  
President and Founding Trustee, SOS-UK Students Organising for Sustainability

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## Learning outcomes

- Hear the latest strategies for senior leadership teams in universities and colleges to tackle the climate emergency
- Find out how universities and colleges are making sustainability part of everyday life and supporting students in adopting responsible behaviours which last beyond their time in education
- Get an insight into how to ensure sustainability underpins decisions made by staff and students by setting up a governance structure, management systems, policies, plans and procedures to effectively track progress
- Learn how partnerships with students, staff and external organisations can be effective in finding sustainable solutions to both global and local challenges
- Discover the leadership styles and attributes necessary for sustainability and leadership how to put in place an effective organisational structure

## Audience



Our Driving Sustainability in Higher Education event brings together senior leaders from across the education, energy and sustainability sectors, Government, academia and the wider public sector, to discuss the key issues around energy and sustainability within Higher Education.

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