

Start of Semester Sustainability Newsletter 2024_25



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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

In this newsletter you can expect:

Welcome to the first Sustainability in the University of St Andrews IELLI newsletter!

I am thrilled to share with you the latest news, updates and insights on sustainability initiative around the university. Firstly, my goal is to keep you informed about the different sustainability initiatives, share inspiring stories, and encourage you to join in making a positive impact on our planet.

Here are a few reasons why sustainability matters:

- **Preserving natural resources:** We need to use resources like water, energy, and materials in a way that doesn't deplete them for future generations.
- **Protecting the environment:** Protecting ecosystems, biodiversity, and climate stability is essential for human well-being and the health of our planet.
- **Promoting social equity:** Sustainability involves creating a just and equitable society where everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

- **Economic prosperity:** Sustainable practices can lead to long-term economic growth and job creation.

Please refer to the following pages to find groups in the university and community that are looking for student volunteers, donations, engagement in activities and academic research.

I want to remind everyone that please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about sustainability issues in the IELLI.

Together, we can make a real difference in the sustainability of our university, community and wider Scotland. Thank you for supporting these sustainability efforts!

Enjoy this newsletter!

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and LGBTQ+

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Community Updates

The University of St Andrews held the first **Sustainability Summit** on Friday from 2-5pm. More events to follow!

As part of the Estates, the University of St Andrews now has 7 highland cows to help with the biodiversity of the coastal areas around St Andrews! Please contact Rory at Rewilding Kinkell if you would like to get involved: rory@kinkell.com



Get Involved in the Circular Economy

Northeast Fife Community Hub - Clothesline Project - Donate today!
Contact: georgiana@nefch.org

Reclaim Runway - reclaimrunway@gmail.com

St AndreReuse
Do you have unwanted household items & live in St Andrews? St AndreReuse runs a FREE reuse scheme for residents in St Andrews. Drop off at The Eco Hub or we can arrange a home collection. Items are rehomed in St Andrews and across Fife.



Items For Collection

- Bedding
- Kitchenware
- Hygiene and cleaning products
- General household items
- Electricals

Join us for our upcoming homewares drive and help make a difference in our community. Let's work together to fight waste and provide support to those in need. Here are the details:

St Andrews Environmental Network
The Eco Hub, 40 Kinnessburn Road
St Andrews, KY16 8AD
01334 237 950
Facebook and Instagram - @standreuse
Email Sonja: sp315@st-andrews.ac.uk



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Student Societies & Subcommittees

JOIN
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Biology Society

biosocmail@st-andrews.ac.uk

School of Business

Oikos:
oikos.standrews@gmail.com

Film Studies

Green Film Festival:
clh26@st-andrews.ac.uk

Geology Society

geolsocst-andrews.ac.uk

Geography Society

eb355@st-andrews.ac.uk

Greenpeace

km362@st-andrews.ac.uk



Non-Human Animal Focus Groups

Bee Society - stabeesoc@st-andrews.ac.uk

Bird Society - birdsoc@st-andrews.ac.uk

Marine Biology Society -
stamarinesoc@st-andrews.ac.uk



Trees & Plant Focus Groups

The Tree (planting) -
abm25@st-andrews.ac.uk

**Plant-Based University
Campaign** - yyall@st-andrews.ac.uk

**St Andrews Botanical
Gardens** - jhrw@st-andrews.ac.uk



Saints LGBTQ+
saints!gbt@st-andrews.ac.uk

Volunteering and getting involved in your community are important for several reasons:

Making a Difference - Positive impact and social change

Personal Growth - New skills, confidence, networking

Community Connection - Belonging, support

Ethical Responsibility - Civic duty, empathy

Future Benefits - Career opportunities, personal satisfaction



Academic Groups and Initiatives

Global Ocean Decade Programme for Blue Carbon (GO-BC)

- gb216@st-andrews.ac.uk

StACCS (St Andrews Centre for Critical Sustainabilities)

- staccs@st-andrews.ac.uk

Centre for Energy Ethics

- events.cee@st-andrews.ac.uk

BIRCH Network - Interdisciplinary Student Summer Research Projects

- Alison.johnston@st-andrews.ac.uk

Biodiversity Literacy VIP - wrlc@st-andrews.ac.uk

St Andrews Network for Climate, Energy, Environment and Sustainability - cees@st-andrews.ac.uk

Thank you for reading!

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GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Do you have ideas or ways to
enhance the IELLI's sustainability?

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