

Date: Thursday 12th July 2018
Time: 10:00-12:00
Hubs: University of Dundee, University of Aberdeen,
 Edinburgh Napier University, University of Strathclyde



MINUTES

EAUC-S Virtual Forum with Regional Hubs

Attendees

Individual			
Claire	Mitchell	CM	EAUC
Craig	Anderson	CA	University of Stirling
Jodie	Allan	JA	Queen Margaret University
Martin	Webb	MW	Edinburgh College
Edinburgh			
Gillian	Gibson	GG	EAUC-S
Jennifer	Jamieson	JN	Scottish Funding Council
John	Wincott	JW	Fife College
Laura	Cowie	LC	Fife College
Michelle	Brown	MB	The University of Edinburgh (Chair)
Pauline	Donaldson	PD	Forth Valley College
Rebecca	Petford	RP	EAUC-S
Sam	Hartley	SH	EAUC-S
Stuart	Murray	SMu	Zero Waste Scotland
Dundee			
Jackie	Beresford	JB	Dundee and Angus College
Sarah-Jane	Urquhart	SU	Perth College UHI
Trudy	Cunningham	TC	University of Dundee
Aberdeen			
Fraser	Lovie	FL	University of Aberdeen
Roederer (Rose)	Lyne	RL	University of Aberdeen
Tristan	Wolfe	TW	University of Aberdeen
Glasgow			
Amy	Ritchie	AR	University of Strathclyde
Anastasios	Markopoulos	AM	Glasgow Kelvin College
Fergal	McCauley	FM	City of Glasgow College
Stewart	Miller	SM	University of Glasgow

Apologies:

John	Thorne	Glasgow School of Art
Mike	Pretious	Queen Margaret University
Angus	Allan	South Lanarkshire College
Graham	Esplin	Edinburgh Napier University
Mariya	Simeonova	University of St Andrews
Jamie	Pearson	Edinburgh Napier University

	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS	ACTIONS
1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>Jamie Pearson as Scotland Convenor is the usual Chair at Forum meetings, however as he is unable to attend MB kindly offered to chair the session.</p> <p>Everyone was welcomed and invited to introduce themselves to the room.</p>	
2	<p>Introductions and Key Projects <i>Michelle Brown, University of Edinburgh</i></p> <p>Aberdeen</p> <p>FL – Supervising MSc student interested in single-use plastics who will be making recommendations to catering. Meeting with new Climate Challenge Fund project manager with project for £60,000 for 2 years for student based projects.</p> <p>RL – Engagement with energy workshops</p> <p>TW – Installing cavity wall insulation</p> <p>Dundee</p> <p>TC – Food waste cadies, new bike shelter, new allotment, NUS Green Impact</p> <p>SJ – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) centre, coffee cups</p> <p>JB – Complete ban of bottled water and single-use cups, working with Angus Council on sustainable travel</p> <p>Glasgow</p> <p>AR – Green Tourism Award</p> <p>FM – Building controls and reduction in lighting, composter</p> <p>AM - JUMP</p> <p>SM – Adaptation plan, JUMP, Ambitious futures graduate to baseline university performance against SDGs</p> <p>Edinburgh</p> <p>JW – Power, Cycling Officer</p> <p>LC – Procurement projects</p> <p>PD – Bringing in reusable cup, Cycling Officer, Green champions within catering</p> <p>SMu – Deposit Return Scheme</p> <p>RP – New staff member, mentoring scheme</p> <p>GG – Consultations, engaging professional departments</p> <p>JJ – SFC Outcome Agreement manager for EAUC-Scotland</p> <p>SH – TSN, Training, Sharing Series, admin, EAUC-Scotland Conference</p> <p>Individual</p> <p>CM – Regional groups, COPs, membership annual calls</p> <p>CA – Waste action and transport group, MSc in Strategic Sustainable Business</p> <p>JA – Cycle hire scheme</p> <p>MW – CCF funding and Cycling Scotland Intern</p>	

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Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) Consultation – Slides available [here](#)

Stuart Murray, Zero Waste Scotland

What is a DRS?

When you buy a container, you pay a small deposit on it that is returned when recycled. It is a form of extended producer responsibility. The system has been in position in many countries across the world for a while and these case studies have been used in designing the Scottish system. There are 4 principles to doing Scottish Government initiating the scheme:

1. Improve capture of recycling
2. Improve quality of recycling
3. Reduce litter
4. Development of the Circular Economy

The cash flow of deposits is taken from the beverage industry (who then charge this on top of the product), store it in a central system and hold it there until the consumer redeems the deposit.

DRS for Scotland

The consultation document launched on 27th June 2018. The consultation lists four options for the scope of materials to be recovered, the process in which the consumer can redeem the deposit, and the value of that deposit. These building blocks are offered for feedback, and the end result may end up being a hybrid.

Each suggested mode is available in the slides. Headline 25 year Net Present Values are listed for each option. This obviously does not include other benefits of the scheme such as savings on waste uplifts, litter reduction and donations to charity.

How could it effect institutions?

There may be implications for FHEIs in terms of:

- Waste disposal savings
- Litter reduction
- Retail – How would the practicalities work?
- Return location opportunity

Consultation closes on 25th September. SMu is happy to be contacted on Stuart.Murray@zerowastescotland.org.uk.

Questions and Comments

- TC - 10p a big enough incentives?
SMu – Higher cost increases fraud. Positive impact on low income families.
- MW - How are the incentives set?
SMu – 30p equivalent is highest globally. As 5p is a carrier bag, 20p seems relative for value of materials. It will also be one set price regardless of the item, e.g. if different sizes or types of items/materials are included.
- TC – Do small retailers have the room for collections?
SMu – Other countries are doing well with collections in small retailers. They are not expected to have multiple bags and in Norway small retailers have an app to request a pick up within a day. There is also a possible benefit for small retailers in that there is a clear link between consumers receiving the deposit back and where they spend again.
- CA – What is the cost of operating the system?
SMu – There are 4 Funding streams: unredeemed deposit, value of material to sell, producer fee to make up shortfall, deposit fee that is charged to consumer. The system works so that unredeemed deposits

	<p><i>cannot be taken for private gain but must be used to increase recycling rates.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW – What is the scope, could it cover McDonalds packaging, crisps packets etc, which make up a lot of waste? <i>SMu – ZWS have only been designated by Scottish Government to cover drinks containers (plastic and cans).</i> • JW – Recently been through questionnaire and found it difficult to fill out. Questions need to have complete/full answers. <i>SMu - Will take feedback to Scottish government consultation team.</i> • JW – Within the document there seemed to be assumptions around data? Examples were accurate and vague assumptions. <i>SMu - Huge amount of data gone into building this. Some data comes from assumptions and some estimates are based on large amount of stakeholder engagement. As some information is commercially sensitive it is difficult to cite direct sources.</i> • JW – When more recycling is collected value will fall. What will happen to the market? Will there be unintended consequences? <i>SMu – Building in knock-on effects is difficult but has tried to been done within this model. The business case provides more detail of the financial mapping. The quality of the material and low level contamination transforms the waste stream into something of much more value. Increasing end-use of the material is a key target within the scheme and there is a huge push from companies wanting recycled material in their products. The demand will be there and the quality will be ready to provide this for the market.</i> • SM – Will Scotland be pushing for own DRS scheme or waiting for England to catch up? <i>SMu – ZWS’s remit is to design a scheme for Scotland. The rest of the UK are talking to each other but ZWS will proceed as planned to roll out the scheme fit for Scotland.</i> • RP – The consultation is open, should EAUC issue a collective response or should it be individual institutions? <i>JW – Both</i> <i>MB – Send through to EAUC for volunteers or input.</i> 	<p>SMu: Take feedback on consultation form to Scottish Government</p> <p>GG: Call for input on sector response to DRS consultation</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Scotland Convenor’s Update <i>Michelle Brown, University of Edinburgh (Convening for JP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name-change did not go through at the UK AGM, the required percentage of 75% was narrowly missed. • There was an EAUC Board meeting on 11th June. • The Living Lab project has been contracted to NUS • University of Edinburgh is helping update Governors Guide and Business Cases for sustainability • Sustainability Leadership Scorecard has been launched. It is noted that this helps with reporting in relation to the SDG Accord as well. • The Future Business Council is very active. This is a group of business and FHE leaders working to align skills for graduates. They are working on engaging with research, graduate attributes, apprentices and getting business leaders on university boards. Iain Patton leads on this. • Iain Patton is at the UN High Level Political Forum in New York for SDG Accord presentation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAUC Wales Branch has formed. EAUC Ireland Branch OBG have met. Scotland have a lot of experience to share with these groups in terms of operating a national branch and expanding that to an office. 	
5	<p>Scotland Manager's Update – Forum Papers here <i>Rebecca Petford, EAUC-Scotland Programme Manager</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging professional departments workshop delivered by EAUC-S at the UK conference. The team will now be producing guides and finalising case studies. SFC are looking into the next stage of OA Guidance and developing the inclusion of sustainability following the inclusion last year GG produced a report on trends and quality from PBCCD from November 2017 submission for SFC and other partners. Noted findings were improved understanding and wider influence reporting improved - but not complete yet. There was a 3.6% decrease in carbon due mostly to decarbonisation of grid electricity. Contact GG for a copy of the report. The 2017/18 training schedule is complete, and planning underway for 2018/19 2018 Scotland Conference steering group are providing feedback on current conference plans The 2017/18 sharing series is complete and in planning underway for next year The Smaller Institutions Sustainability leads are continuing to meet, with the next meeting planned on 21st August Glasgow Regional group recently met for the first time, with the plan to meet when relevant regional topics arise going forward RP now sits on the Adaptation Scotland Advisory Group - this was suggested by members during our Steering Group review ESD College workbooks are soon to be shared Mentoring programme – Developing this over summer to launch in autumn. Please let us know if you have interns or new sustainability staff starting and we will work to launch at a time to suit the sector A Partnership has been negotiated with Bright Green Business which includes a 5% discount for interns on 12 week placements for EAUC members EAUC UK Conference took place at Keele University and was a success Support and Advisory Service is being developed to offer 1-to-1 support to institutions from EAUC-Scotland and sector partners Currently working on Government consultations, with invitations to engage to be released in newsletter 	<p>All: Advise of interns/new starts as mentoring scheme could be scheduled around them All: Feed into Government Consultations</p>
6	<p>Sharing Series and Training Series Review <i>Samantha Hartley, EAUC-Scotland Programme Administrator</i></p> <p>Training</p> <p>The professional development series had 5 session that ran in total. Originally due to be 6 but the Social Media session was cancelled due to low bookings. Project Monitoring and Evaluation had a series of 3 session, and Introduction to Waste Management and EMS Internal Auditor courses were both fully booked. 3 institutions kindly hosted us for the sessions; University of Edinburgh, City of Glasgow College and University of Dundee. 66% of the total spaces were filled. The overall surplus was around £4000, to be reinvested to</p>	

	<p>support the sector. We had good event feedback with 60% of all surveys completed giving an overall good rating and 40% rating excellent.</p> <p>We are looking to run another schedule of events for the 2018/19 academic year. We will be running the Intro to waste management legislation course again due to its popularity.</p> <p>Attendees were invited to answer the following questions on Slido to help the EAUC team plan the next Professional Development Training series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from the list any courses which you think your team/institution would be interested in attending • Please suggest any training you, your team or institution would be interested in attending <p>Sharing Series</p> <p>We launched the virtual Promoting Sustainable Behaviours Sharing Series last September and it has ran every month until June as planned, with a break over January. These are 1 hour interactive sharing sessions around specific sustainability topics that can be influenced by sustainable behaviours, using video conference facilities Zoom.</p> <p>The series covered 9 topics with 17 institutions sharing key projects at the start of each session to share learning and prompt discussion.</p> <p>From each session we took the key learning and produced a best practice guide. All 9 are on the Sustainability Exchange. The guides have been viewed 3600 times so far, the highest views being on coffee cups. The UK Office will be showcasing these in their E-News bulletins shortly to spread the learning further.</p> <p>We had 83 attendees over the series and as it was virtual we attracted a wide geographical range, with 48% of attendees from Scottish institutions and 46% from the rest of the UK. 10% were Strategic Partners.</p> <p>95% of surveys completed rated the sessions as either ‘good’ or ‘excellent’, which is encouraging.</p> <p>We covered a range of areas under the sustainability umbrella from student engagement events to staff business travel. We are now planning next year’s sessions and welcome any input from the sector on topics they would be interested in attending. We will be opening this up beyond just behaviours to sharing information on wider sustainability topics.</p> <p>Attendees were invited to answer the following questions on Slido to help the EAUC team plan the next Sharing Series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from the list any sessions which you think your team/institution would be interested in attending • Please suggest any topics or areas of sustainable behaviours you think would be valuable for discussion <p>If you have any feedback on how the series could be enhanced or any barriers to you attending please contact shartley@eauc.org.uk.</p>	<p>All: Contact SH with any further training suggestions.</p> <p>All: Contact SH with any further sharing Series Suggestions.</p> <p>All: Contact SH with any ideas for improving the Sharing Series.</p>
7	<p>Sustainability Committees Enhancement Project <i>Gillian Gibson, EAUC-Scotland Programme Coordinator</i></p> <p>EAUC-S are launching a support system for sustainability committees. We know that a lot of places have committees with varying degrees of activity and</p>	

	<p>we would like to support these committees to develop and be more productive.</p> <p>The first steps of the programme includes an initial consultation. Following this the support covers five areas, with resources and one-to-one support under each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation • Awareness • Governance • Strategy • Action <p>Most of the support is free to access, with more time intensive 1-to-1 support available for a fee.</p> <p>The first step is to contact Gillian to arrange an initial consultation about your current sustainability committee arrangements and effectiveness, which will lead to development of a tailored menu of support options which your institution can choose between. More information can be found on the EAUC website here.</p>	<p>All: Email GG if your committee would like to have an initial discussion about support.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Next Steps for the Outcome Agreement Guidance – Forum Papers here <i>Rebecca Petford, EAUC-Scotland Programme Manager</i></p> <p>In 2017 EAUC-Scotland worked with SFC to ensure sustainability was included in the Outcome Agreement Guidance. There are now a few paragraphs within the SFC Guidance on Leadership for Environmental and Social Sustainability. Read the news article from last year here, and find the paragraphs as part of the Forum Papers.</p> <p>As a result of this we have started to have new conversations and gained new contacts within institutions at a senior level. However some feedback suggested that as it is only one section further down the guidance it may not be getting the attention required, and it would be better to have it embedded throughout the Guidance. This feedback has been passed on to SFC.</p> <p>For now we have been invited to propose updates to the Leadership for Environment and Social Sustainability section for the summer 2018 Guidance update. We would like to emphasise adaptation and sustainability within the curriculum, but would value thoughts on what else you think should be changed.</p> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paragraphs are a good stepping stone but sustainability should be incorporated throughout the Guidance for most effectiveness. • The language should move from expectation to requirement, and be more prescriptive • JW – Should align with Scottish Government sustainability goals was debated. • FL – How do SFC feedback on how institutions are doing with this? RP – EAUC have a role to play in identifying good practice and institutions needing additional support JJ – Outcome Agreement managers will be looking for those who demonstrate good practice and they also look to EAUC-S for feedback on institutions. • MW - Need more pressure to deliver and scrutiny of activity JJ - With regards to evidencing the change, SFCs approach is incremental and it will take a few years for evidence to become apparent 	<p>RP: Draft new OA Guidance text following conversations and share with OBG before submission</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for more accountability at the Principal level, so responsibility can't just be passed on to the sustainability leads. • JW - Funding is a lever that needs to be pulled to deliver legislation 	
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Sanitary support <i>Rebecca Petford, EAUC-Scotland Programme Manager</i></p> <p>Following request from the sector, RP is planning a meeting to discuss the upcoming sanitary provision legislation to share best practice and sustainable alternatives. It is noted that varying departments have been given the task so please spread word of the meeting to these teams or individuals in charge.</p> <p><u>Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD – Had Issues finding a supply route. The natural route will be vending machine but is expensive. APUC have framework route. The range of products is large and difficult to cover. • AR - Strathclyde working with Union. • Glasgow Kelvin college and City of Glasgow college are engaging with period poverty campaign. <p>Home Energy Scotland funding for eBikes</p> <p>EAUC-Scotland have received notification from Home Energy Scotland of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>eBike grant programme</i> - Funding through EST for creation of eBike pool schemes in Universities and Colleges. There is a match-funding element. Guidance and details here. Closing date for applications is 17th August. • <i>Free eBike trials</i> - A fleet of eBikes can be hired free of charge to consumers, unis or colleges for up to 3 weeks, to allow them to test the bikes ahead of purchase or application to the grant scheme. They provide all relevant kit, induction, delivery and collection. • <i>Interest free eBike loan fund for consumers</i> - Available to staff and students, subject to credit check etc. This funds the purchase of eBikes (up to £3k), as well as eCargo and adaptive models (up to £6k each). • <i>Switched on @ Work events</i> - These are employee engagement events that focus on raising the profile of EV's, solar PV charging for EV's and eBikes. They provide a presentation as well as test drives and rides, tailored to suit each organisation. Again, these are funded by Transport Scotland and free of charge. <p>Contact Chris Milne from Home Energy Scotland for more details on Christopher.milne@se.homeenergyscotland.org.</p> <p>EAUC-Scotland Conference 2018</p> <p>A save the date will be circulated shortly. The conference will take place on 16th October at the City of Glasgow College. 'A Decade of Progress' will be celebrating the 10th year of the EAUC-Scotland Office by looking at the key achievements of the sector in the past ten years and mapping what is needed to reach the sector's sustainability aspirations in ten years time. Bookings will open mid-August.</p> <p>Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) update</p>	<p>All: Share details of this meeting with relevant people in institution. Event details here</p>

	<p>SSN have moved to ECCI and Sniffer. Two of the previous staff are still part of the team; George Tarvit and June Graham. Currently recruiting for more roles in the team. The new programme will set a new direction to enhance how reporting is done and used.</p> <p>Reporting will remain the same this year and the portal is open now. Their new website is available here.</p> <p>Consultations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change Bill (Emissions Reduction Targets) Call for Views EAUC-Scotland would like to discuss a sector response on the action and behaviour change needed to achieve these targets, and will host a webinar to discuss views on the 8th August. <i>Consultation closing date: 23 August</i> • Developing an Environmental Strategy for Scotland Dependent on interest EAUC-Scotland will potentially submit a response with collated views <i>Consultation closing date: 23 August</i> • Deposit Return Scheme Submit your views here. <i>Consultation closing date September</i> • Energy Efficient Scotland Consultation EAUC-Scotland are not planning on submitting a sector response <i>Consultation closing date: 27 July</i> 	<p>All: Join our webinar 8th August 11.30-12.30 to discuss the sector's input to the CC Bill.</p> <p>All: Submit views on the DRS here.</p> <p>All: Contact scotland@eauc.org.uk to discuss any of the consultations and being part of a sector response.</p>
10	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next Forum will take place on 13th September 2018, with venue to be confirmed.</p>	<p>All: Advise SH on next meeting discussion topics</p>
11	<p>Thanks and Close</p> <p>Thanks to all contributors.</p>	

Minutes prepared by Samantha Hartley, EAUC-Scotland Programme Administrator, July 2018

EAUC-Scotland Forum Meeting Manager's Report: July 2018

Date: Thursday 12th July 2018

Time: 10.00-12.00

Venue: Virtual via Zoom (Hubs in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow)

Project Summary			
Project Title	Catalysing Transformative Leadership for Sustainability	Funder	Scottish Funding Council
Project Manager	Rebecca Petford	Total Funding	£349,500
Timescales	April 2017 – March 2020	Risk Status	Green

Reporting Period	
From	01/04/2018
To	30/06/2018

Background

EAUC-Scotland have been funded by SFC to deliver a focused programme to support sustainability within all colleges and universities in Scotland, building upon the previous two Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland (UCCCS) Programmes. The [CTLFS Programme](#) provides tailored support to progress institutions towards a skilled and informed, whole-institutional approach to leadership around carbon and resource management, social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

Summary of Activity

The team worked with the UK & Ireland team on progressing the EAUC Strategy and supporting the Conference at Keele University, as well as focusing on their respective projects:

- Rebecca attended the "Global Responsibility, Now!" FHE conference in Marseille, has been working to support the UK-wide Adaptation Project as well as the International Impressions climate change research project, and has been working to develop our relationships with different organisations. She has also been working with Sam on planning for the EAUC-Scotland 2018 Conference, and done a number of Institutional Visits.
- Gillian has focused on developing the Sustainability Committees Programme, the PBCCD 2017 Analysis and Recommendations Report, the Support and Advisory Service. She has also led on ensuring the sector are kept up to date with and represented in relevant government consultations, and done a few Institutional Visits.
- Sam has been busy with EAUC-Scotland communications, working with Topic Support Network Convenors to plan meetings and create resources, organising, facilitating, evaluating and producing resources from the Sustainable Behaviours Sharing Series, and developing, managing and evaluating our paid training programme.

EAUC-Scotland Programme Outcome Agreement Activity Report:

Outcome 1: There is leadership for sustainability at all levels of Scottish FHE Institutions			
Outcome Area	<i>Sustainability Committees Programme</i>	<i>Engaging and empowering sector staff</i>	<i>Engaging senior decision-makers</i>
Progress towards Outcome Area	Details of EAUC-S Sustainability Committees Enhancement Project were shared in the EAUC-Scotland Bulletin in June 2018, with webpages shared detailing support. Further communications to follow, including short presentation and discussion at July Forum Meeting.	Session at EAUC Conference on engagement between sustainability teams and specific FHE departments well received, and helped identify examples for 2 more guides. Case studies outlined by Intern (finance, marketing, HR, IT & catering) being finalised. Guides to be published shortly.	Meeting with SFC OA Managers HE and FE team leads about sustainability within the next version of the Guidance. Draft being updated for submission mid-July, along with notes on how sustainability can be better embedded throughout the Guidance.

Outcome 2: The skills and knowledge required to deliver and monitor a low-carbon, sustainable, resilient FHE sector, including improving the accuracy of data in Public Bodies Climate Change Duties (PBCCD) Carbon Reporting, are available throughout the FHE sector

Outcome Area	<i>Analysing sector needs and progress</i>	<i>Strengthening knowledge and skills</i>	<i>Engaging with and responding to sector</i>
Progress towards Outcome Area	Analysis of trends and quality of reporting from FHE PBCCD returns published in June revealed institutions have improved understanding of reporting process and complete more sections - 23/44 completed Wider Influence section. 3.6% decrease in sector emissions 2015/16 - 2016/17 (but decarbonisation of grid likely primary cause). Shared boundary and targets for sector discussion started at April Forum Meeting to continue over coming months after interest from attendees in developing suite of targets towards good practice.	Four chargeable training sessions took place, including Project Monitoring and Evaluation with Evaluation Support Scotland, REHIS Intro to Waste Management with Albion Environmental, and EMS Internal Auditor Training with Loreus. 5 session Professional Development Series was attended by 32 and made ~£4,000 for reinvestment in EAUC-S Programme. Planning now underway for an Autumn series. Annual Institutional Engagement continues, with final calls underway and Y2 visits being planned.	Forum Meeting welcomes input on team activities. EAUC-S 2018 Conference Steering Group of sector members have led idea generation for the October conference. Ideas of participants during “Engaging with Professional Departments” session at EAUC UK and Ireland conference to be incorporated into the project outputs.

Outcome 3: Institutions and partners are supported to build cross-organisational and cross-sector contacts, enabling sharing of best practice and development of new solutions to respond proactively to national and international challenges

Outcome Area	<i>Supporting knowledge sharing</i>	<i>Representing sector needs and views</i>	<i>Championing Scottish successes</i>
Progress towards Outcome Area	Sustainable Behaviours Sharing Series sessions on End of Term Waste, Water Conservation and Staff Business Travel. 83 attendees over 9 sessions, with ‘Best Practice’ guide published on each. Plans now underway for a 2018/19 series. Smaller Institutions group (11) and first Glasgow Regional Meeting (11) both took place in May. TSNs have taken place for ESD (13), Travel (17) and Sustainable Food Procurement (21).	Partnership meetings with LfSS, SSN, HEBCoN and SAUDE, with engagement with Scottish Government about a consultation, and meetings with many other organisations around focused events and projects. Joined Adaptation Scotland Advisory Group, and attended April meeting. In discussion with EAUC team about highlighting or strengthening alignment between PBCCD Reporting and Sustainability Leadership Scorecard.	46 EAUC Members from England, Wales and Ireland have participated in the EAUC-S Sharing Webinar Series between September and June, and learned more about work going on in Scotland. RP attended the global FHE “Global Responsibility, Now” conference in Marseille in May to share the successes of the Scottish FHE sector and find out more about other initiatives around the world.

Outcome 4: Sustainability is embedded into teaching, research and engagement practices in Scottish FHE institutions

Outcome Area	<i>Supporting education, research and engagement for sustainability</i>	<i>Supporting student sustainability skills and knowledge</i>
Progress towards Outcome Area	Discussions underway with LfSS and other key partners on developing chargeable ESD training for sector and additional support resources aimed at supporting embedding sustainability in the curriculum, especially within colleges. College ESD guides launched at vocational courses ESD TSN 17 th April and in process of being uploaded to the Sustainability Exchange.	Development of new sustainability professionals in FHE Mentoring and Development Programme well received at April Forum Meeting, with the programme elements now under development. Partnership developed with Bright Green Business, who offer sustainability-related placements to students and recent graduate in a range of organisations in Scotland, including universities and college.

For Reference:

Item 8 – Next Steps for the Outcome Agreement Guidance

Extract from SFC Outcome Agreement Guidance 2018-19 to 2020-21

(both University and College versions)

Leadership in Environmental and Social Sustainability

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 set ambitious targets for carbon reduction in Scotland, and led to the requirement for Colleges/Universities to submit an annual Public Bodies Climate Change Duties (PBCCD) Report detailing their compliance. The [Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges](#) (EAUC) will support development of effective emissions reduction action plans, and work with SFC through implementation of their own 2017-2020 Outcome Agreement to monitor continual individual and sector progress on both the quality of reporting and actions to address climate change impacts. College regions/Universities are expected to complete both the 'Required' and 'Wider Influence' sections of [PBCCD Reporting](#).

Building upon the [Universities and Colleges Climate Commitment for Scotland](#), we expect all institutions to demonstrate leadership in addressing environmental and social sustainability challenges. Colleges/Universities must outline climate change and sustainability ambitions and targets in their Outcome Agreements, and demonstrate action through implementation of a dedicated Sustainability Strategy, or the embedding of environmental and social sustainability ambitions within corporate Strategic Plans. Progress should be reported through PBCCD Reporting submissions and the Outcome Agreement process. With support available through the EAUC's programme, demonstrating leadership is expected to include senior-level strategic commitment, effective staff and student engagement, partnership working through internal and external networks, and meaningful progress on both climate change and wider environmental and social sustainability.

We expect leadership in environmental and social sustainability to strengthen the competitiveness of Scottish tertiary education, supporting SFC priorities by minimising financial and reputational risks, offering innovative opportunities for growth, assisting in attracting and retaining talented staff, enhancing the learner experience, and ensuring students develop the understanding of environmental and social sustainability required for the workplaces of tomorrow.