



"The Climate Commission has the ability to bring the full force of the UK's expansive and powerful tertiary education sector to bear on climate change, with students and staff working together to lead the charge. I look forward to seeing the results presented at COP26 in Glasgow."

Lord Deben, Chair of the Committee on Climate Change



Thought Leadership Support Partner Opportunities

Climate Commission for UK University and College Leaders and Students

The newly-formed Climate Commission will develop a sector-wide consensus for action and create a clear, cohesive and consistent response to the government's declared Climate and Environment Emergency.

Association of Colleges, EAUC - the Alliance for Sustainability Leadership, GuildHE and Universities UK believe that universities and colleges should be at the forefront of tackling the climate emergency. Together we are calling on Vice Chancellors and Principals of UK tertiary education providers to prepare their institution for, and to act against, the climate crisis. The Climate Commission Council will work with the government, research and support bodies, student groups and regulatory bodies to help the sector deliver on the UK's 2050 net-zero emissions pledge. **We are seeking Thought Leadership Support Partners to support our pioneering work through the Climate Commission.**

381* Colleges

142* Universities

Founded by



ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES



The Alliance for Sustainability Leadership in Education



Distinction and Diversity in Higher Education



Universities UK

*BESA Key Education Statistics 2017

More About the Climate Commission

Working with students, UK government, regulatory bodies and sector agencies, including UK Research & Innovation, Advance HE and student groups, the Commission's Council will collaborate with institutions to ensure they reach the UK government's target of reducing all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. It will also seek expert evidence from academics and researchers to consider how to use existing good practice and encourage greater collaboration.

Vision

Challenge and unite action, leadership and voice across the higher and further education sector to address the climate crisis

Mission

Achieve rapid and positive change, internally and externally, for universities and colleges relating to the climate crisis, recognising the different approaches which may be taken. Empowering higher and further education to have a stronger voice nationally and internationally in addressing the climate crisis

Priority Areas

Deep Adaptation, Education and Student Experience, Scope 3, Research, FHE Voice and Influence

Countdown to COP26

The UK will host the 26th Conference of the Parties, known as COP26, with up to 30,000 delegates expected to attend the event in Glasgow in November 2020. The UK is leading the world in tackling climate change, being the first major economy to pass laws to end the UK's contribution to global warming. Designed to produce an international response to the climate emergency, the Climate Commission will report their work to COP26 - an opportunity to profile UK universities and colleges and showcase your sustainability leadership.

The Climate Commission will:

- Develop an Action Plan in response to the government's stated climate emergency and draw together a strategic sector-wide approach to the Climate Framework.
- Encourage Commissioners to seek advice from Expert Witnesses, Sustainability Professionals and Observers to inform their activities. The partnership between the Commissioners and the Council will develop a sector-wide consensus for action.
- Seek Observers to attend the Commission meetings. These will be sector funding agencies and relevant Government departments. It is important for the Commission to keep all stakeholders informed of activities.





Education institutions have the potential to be uniquely powerful in raising the profile of these issues and helping to tackle them.

- **65** University and College Leaders and Students
- **6** Student Voice Partners
- **60** Expert Witnesses
- **14** government and sector Observers

"The sector currently lacks a clear and agreed road-map to emissions neutrality. The Climate Commission has been created to build this road - it is sector-led and action-focussed to achieve the step-change in sector performance we all want to see."

Professor James Longhurst, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, University of the West of England and EAUC Commissioner

"Many universities and colleges are already delivering innovative and inspirational actions to tackle climate change and the Climate Commission will provide a national and strategic focus and consider how we make a step-change in the sector's activities."

Professor Joy Carter, Vice-Chancellor, University of Winchester and GuildHE Commissioner

Climate Commission Thought Leadership Support Partners: £10,000

Why Support our Work

- Supporting the Climate Commission will show your thought leadership on climate and supporting the sector leadership by championing sustainability in universities and colleges
- You will have the opportunity to network with other key influencers from the further and higher education sector and beyond
- Your organisation will receive formal recognition as a Support Partner in all Climate Commission marketing materials. This will include press and media coverage with strategic partners and sector magazines

What you will receive as a Support Partner

- 'Support Partner' status with the Climate Commission
- Your logo on all sector and public facing communications
- A short speaking opportunity at an appropriate high profile Climate Commission event (5 minute speech)
- Verbal mention at all Climate Commission events
- Promotion as a Support Partner on all Climate Commission printed and digital outcome documents which will be distributed widely
- Inclusion in all external PR related activities with 'Support Partner' status logo
- The opportunity to host webinars relating to Climate Commission activity and associated outcomes

Want to find out more?

If you are interested in aligning your organisation with the Climate Commission, please contact us



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