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Annual Report:

Executive Summary

EAUC Scotland 2020-23 Programme

EAUC Scotland's Mission is to inspire, empower and support leadership and collaborative action for sustainability across the Scottish further and higher education (FHE) sector. Our programme

Accelerating action and leadership in Scotland's universities and colleges in order to respond to the Climate Emergency, running from April 2020 to March 2023, continues to support this mission.

Ambitious and far-reaching in scope, this programme builds on the success of previous EAUC Scotland programmes and sector progress to date. It also recognises the need for a step-change in leadership and action across institutions in order to fully contribute to Scotland's national ambitions on the climate emergency, as well as delivering the social, economic and educational benefits to individual institutions and their campus and wider communities.

Foreward by AG Convenor, Christine Calder (D&A College)

EAUC Scotland is a respected and integral voice in leading the sustainability ambition and actions of the tertiary education sector.

Our work aids our members, sustainability experts and advocates to share and advance knowledge. This is done with the purpose of supporting members in colleges and universities to plan and take action to help tackle the climate and social crises whilst being community role models for all aspects of sustainability.

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THERE ARE 5 PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS

Outcome 1

The sector is delivering dynamic and coordinated leadership and action in response to the climate emergency at all levels of Scottish FHE institutions.

Outcome 3

Colleges and Universities in Scotland are able to respond collectively at a sector-based, local and national level to the climate emergency and collaborate effectively within and beyond the sector.

Outcome 5

EAUC-Scotland's expertise and knowledge on sustainability within the FHE sector is accessed and utilised by wider stakeholders, including SFC.

Outcome 2

The Scottish FHE sector is able to provide the right data, skills, and knowledge to contribute towards national climate targets.

Outcome 4

Students develop the knowledge, skills, values and resilience required to lead and transform Scotland's future net-zero, sustainable and inclusive economy.

**For a Sustainable,
Dynamic and Resilient
Scottish FHE Sector.**

YEAR 3 HEADLINE ACTIONS

Outcome 1

Presented on net zero and sustainability to US's Secretaries Group, SAUDE and the Committee of Scottish University Chairs



3 new institutional SDG Accord and 2 new Race to Zero signatories

Delivered Carbon Literacy Training to 58 participants



Launched Introducing Action for Sustainability e-learning module for college staff, with partners CDN and Learning for Sustainability Scotland



15 Green Gown Award Finalists and 8 Winners / Highly Commended.



Outcome 2

Delivered 33 EAUC Scotland events with 608 attendees

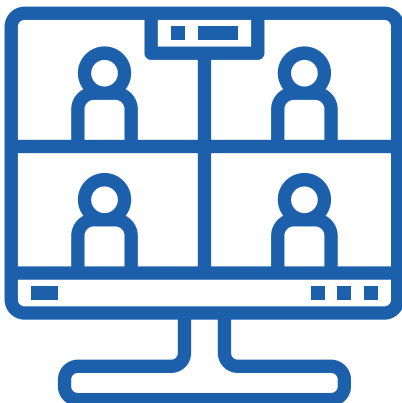
73% of attendees were from non-estates teams and 2% were students.

Published 20 new, freely available sustainability support resources

Published 2020/21 FHE, FE and HE PBCCD sector reports.

SISM's PBCCD Peer Review expanded to 19 institutions.

Responded to 195 sector enquiries.



YEAR 3 HEADLINE ACTIONS

Outcome 3

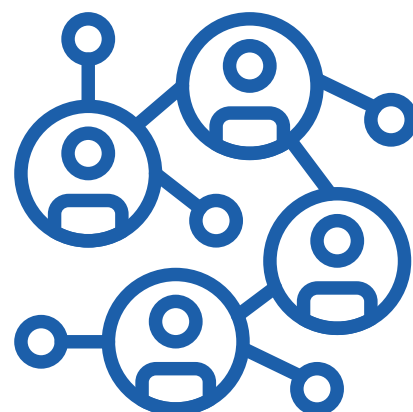
EAUC Scotland and 5 Scottish institutions supported development of the Standardised Carbon Emissions Framework (SCEF)

Developed pilot shared-service model with Borders College, Forth Valley College and West Lothian College to increase sustainability staffing capacity

Engaged with 70 non-FHE partners and organisations.

Responded to 5 Scottish Government / Partner consultations.

Launched Plane Talk Slack community to support dialogue on reducing sector aviation emissions



Outcome 4

2 Education for Sustainable Development TSN events and two bespoke EAUC Scotland Conference ESD workshops facilitated

Delivered 6 Realigning Curricula for the Future events

Submitted 4 sector responses to national education consultation exercises

Published briefing on current FHE SDG reporting frameworks and use

Partnered on QAA Collaborative Enhancement Project on Monitoring and Evaluation ESD in HE

2 Community Engagement TSN events and 1 focussed EAUC Scotland Conference workshop

Partnered with Climate Fresk to deliver 2 free Fresk workshops for over 30 students



YEAR 3 HEADLINE ACTIONS

Outcome 5

Quarterly Environmental Sustainability Policy Briefings developed and shared with SFC

Supported SFC through:

- responding to SFC staff enquiries on sector sustainability issues
- linking SFC with the Department for Education on the Standardised Emissions Reporting Framework
- inviting SFC to participate as panellists and speakers at the EAUC Scotland Conference and Spring Forum to promote SFC developments to the sector



Responded to 5 Scottish Government/Partner Consultations.

Through SSN Steering Group provided, feedback to inform Scottish Government's inseting and offsetting guidance to public bodies.

EAUC Scotland directly engaged with 8 partner network steering groups or working groups.

Member of the Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan Education Sub-Group

EAUC Scotland took part in one awards panel.

Financial Summary 2022/23

There are no year-end financial concerns for the programme. Previous savings made through reduced events and business travel expenditure due to COVID-19 were reinvested in increasing staff resource for Year 2 & 3 of the programme to support the sector further.

| Project | Income £ | | | Expenditure £ | | | Balance | |
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| | Actual | Original Budget | Variance | Actual | Original Budget | Variance | Actual | Original Budget |
| Year 1 (20/21) | 162,497.18 | 157,852.18 | 4,645.00 | 122,558.18 | 133,934.49 | -11,376.31 | 39,939.00 | 23,917.69 |
| Year 2 (21/22) | 150,423.57 | 142,000.00 | 8,423.57 | 139,375.52 | 144,062.95 | -4,687.43 | 11,048.05 | -2,062.95 |
| Year 3 (22/23) | 200,554.13 | 142,000.00 | 58,554.13 | 220,318.20 | 150,755.27 | 69,562.93 | -19,764.07 | -8,755.27 |
| Total | 513,474.88 | 441,852.18 | 71,622.70 | 482,251.90 | 428,752.71 | 53,499.19 | 31,222.98 | 13,099.47 |

Note: 2020-23 Programme income from SFC = £383,000

Looking ahead

We are pleased to announce that EAUC's bid for funding for the next phase of its work in Scotland has been approved by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). We will deliver our new outcome agreement 'Supporting a step-change towards environmental sustainability at Scotland's Universities and Colleges' from 1st April 2023 up to March 2024.

Core activity within the new Outcome Agreement is still being finalised. Details will be published on www.eauc.org.uk/scotland once available.

Thank you

Reflecting over the past 3 years as this programme comes to a close, it has been a period of significant disruption and change due to the impacts of COVID-19. But it has also been a period of growing sustainability leadership within Scotland's colleges and universities: 1,800+ participants have joined 97 EAUC Scotland events, engaging 93% of Scotland's colleges and universities; 25 more institutions have committed to Race to Zero and a further 9 have signed the SDG Accord; Scotland's Colleges all backed their Statement of Commitment on the Climate Emergency and the public sector has new guidance from Scottish Government on leadership within the global climate emergency. There are many more sector highlights.

We still have a long way to go in ensuring an environmentally and socially sustainable future for all as the latest IPCC report shows, but from all the team at EAUC Scotland, thank you for being part of that journey with us and championing a better future.

- Alice, Kathrin, Lara, Matt and Rory

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