COP26 Event Series

**La Marcha a COP26 - Spanish Walkers Q&A**

**Monday 11 October, 8.30am-9am, Bede House 0.19 or Online**

The La Marcha group of climate campaigners from Spain are walking across the UK from Portsmouth to Glasgow, and visiting Leicester from October 10-11. Join this session for a Q&A discussion about their experience, campaigning and the message they are taking to Glasgow.

**Green Impact Launch**

**Wednesday 13 October, 1pm-2pm, Online**

Join this event to learn about and get involved with DMU's Green Impact programme. Participating staff teams will work thorugh a structured process to enhance sustainability in their area of work or linked to their academic discipline.

**Green Impact Toolkit Demo**

**Friday 15 October, 12.30pm-1.15pm, Online**

Join this event to learn more about the toolkit for DMU's Green Impact programme. Participating staff teams will work thorugh a structured process to enhance sustainability in their area of work or linked to their academic discipline. If you haven't yet signed up, contact DMU's Sustainability Team.

**Seed Grants for SDGs Q&A**

**Monday 18 October, 1.30pm-2pm, Online**

An informal event to learn about DMU's Seed Grants for SDGs - funds of up to a few hundred pounds available for students staff or alumni to develop and run sustainability projects. Two calls in the 21/22 year.

**Sustainability Advocates Welcome (in-person)**

**Wednesday 20 October, 1.15pm-2pm, Bede House 0.19**

Join this event to learn more about joining this new scheme for DMU students - offering a structured programme of learning and taking action to make a difference to sustainability issues during the year at DMU.

**Sustainability Advocates Welcome (online)**

**Wednesday 20 October, 4pm-4.45pm, Online**

Join this event to learn more about joining this new scheme for DMU students - offering a structured programme of learning and taking action to make a difference to sustainability issues during the year at DMU.

**Heating our Homes Without Costing the Earth**

**Wednesday 27 October, 1.15pm-2pm, Online**

A short talk and Q&A by DMU's Dr Andy Wright from the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development looking at the challenge of heating homes and moving towards net zero carbon emissions - what are the technical options available and challenges in making this transition happen?

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/188273439927>

**Green Impact Project Assistant Training**

**Wednesday 27 October, 1pm-3pm, Online**

Join this event if you are volunteering to join DMU's Green Impact programme as a student project assistant - through this role you can help the university take action towards working more sustainably. If you haven't yet signed up to the scheme, contact the DMU Sustainability Team by email

**Student Switch Off Ambassador Training**

**Wednesday 27 October, 3pm-5pm, Online**

Join this event if you are volunteering to join DMU's Student Switch Off campaign as an Ambassador, helping to save energy in student residences. If you haven't yet signed up to the scheme, contact the DMU Sustainability Team by email.

**Climate Obstruction**

**Friday 29 October, 1.15pm-2pm, Online**

Despite the overwhelming scientific consensus on the urgent need to address climate change, there are interested individuals and organisations that are operating to obstruct international action on climate change. This talk and Q&A by DMU researcher Dr Ruth McKie sheds light on this phenomenon based on recent research.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/188184092687>

**Carbon Literacy Taster Session**

**Monday 1 November, 4pm-5pm, Online**

An inspiring interactive workshop to offer a taste of DMU's one-day accredited Carbon Literacy Training - learn more about your carbon footprint and climate action you can take yourself and through DMU. Part of the UK-wide Carbon Literacy Action Day event: https://carbonliteracy.com/carbon-literacy-action-day.

**26 Ideas for COP26 - Climate Action at DMU**

**Wednesday 3 November, 9am-10am, Online**

The ‘26 Ideas for COP 26’ event allows people to share their suggestions for a more sustainable future. Staff and students can hear more about innovations from the DMU SDG16 Hub and climate action underway at DMU as well as join a discussion about what our 26 recommendations for COP26 should be, and how they can be implemented. Introduced by DMU's Vice Chancellor Prof Katie Normington and Pro-Vice Chancellor for Sustainability, Prof Simon Oldroyd.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/188198967177>

**Infrastructure for the Transition to Net Zero**

**Wednesday 3 November, 1.15pm-2pm, Online**

A short talk and Q&A by DMU's Prof Rick Greenough from the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development looking at the challenge of moving the UK towards Net Zero emissions… what will fuel our homes, vehicles and economy and how can we successfully make the transition?

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/188277030667>

**DMU's Carbon Footprint - What are we doing?**

**Thursday 4 November, 1.15pm-2pm, Online**

A short talk and Q&A by DMU's Sustainability Manager Karl Letten, outlining DMU's climate change commitments and the actions being taken on the campus and through engagement with our community to make a difference.

**The Climate Crisis and DMU Courses**

**Monday 8 November, 2pm-3pm, Online**

In this workshop, we will look at how climate change can be linked to teaching and learning activities here at DMU. We will start with a short presentation from Dr Iain Cross and Dr Alina Congreve who have recently worked on a research project exploring how climate change is taught in diverse disciplines: from law and business to modern languages and chemistry, fine art and fashion. We will then explore opportunities and challenges here at DMU in an interactive workshop. Participants will leave with practical suggestions they can take forward in their own teaching.

**Systems Thinking and the Climate Crisis**

**Wednesday 10 November, 2pm-4pm, Online**

A 2-hour interactive workshop exploring Systems Thinking, how this relates to climate change and how insights from engaging with complex issues systemically can be applied to any field.

Full Description: Climate change can no longer be ignored – it will soon impact every corner of our lives, and there won’t be simple answers to deal with it. The present state of the climate has been shaped by population, history, culture, policy, power, biology, geochemistry, and economics, which have all influenced each other. Exponential growth, tipping points, leverage points, side effects, and synergies all influence the effectiveness of any response to climate we might consider implementing. Climate change occurs in our interconnected world.

We can’t change this complexity - it’s part of what makes our lives and our planet beautiful and interesting - yet we can work with it. And that’s what systems thinking is all about.

This 2-hour staff workshop will introduce key systems thinking tools that will help make sense of complex issues in a way that you will be able to apply in your own field. You will also be given time for a reflective dialogue in which you can explore the interconnections within the systems of which you are a part.

Registration: via DMUHub Staff Development bookings

**Natwest/DMU Climate Hackathon (2-day)**

**Wednesday 10 November and Thursday 11 November, 10am-3pm, Online**

A 2-day interactive event open to all - a chance to develop entrepreneurial skills and work together in teams of 5 to come up with solutions for businesses engaging with the climate crisis. Weds 10 November (10am to 12.30pm) and Thurs 11 November (10am to 3pm).

Full description: It’s the defining battle of our generation and the next. Whilst Climate Change and terms like ‘climate crisis’ are nothing new, our fight for the planet is in a crucial phase and it’s important that everyone’s thoughts, ideas and efforts are considered. That’s why NatWest are delighted to be hosting our Climate Hackathon in collaboration with DMU.

Calling on material from the bank’s Business Builder programme, this 2-day, interactive event will deal with real world climate challenges and you, in teams of 5 will create, develop and pitch viable business solutions to these challenges. Not only will you be working at the coal-face of climate innovation, you’ll also go through key entrepreneurial skills like business modelling, pitching, team building and leadership.

As a participant you will learn:

How to effectively construct creative, realistic solutions to complex problems

How to create robust, validated, customer-led business models

How to commercialise new innovations and take them to market

How to construct, write and deliver a great 60-second pitch

Registration: via Leicester Business Festival website

**Going Net Zero: A toolkit for community organisations in Leicester**

**Thursday 11 November, 12pm-1.30pm, Online**

How can community organisations in Leicester respond to climate change? This event shares ideas from the pilot of a new self-service toolkit for community organisations in the city, highlighting how to measure your emissions, key steps to reduce your carbon footprint and how to find further guidance and support. Join this session to hear top tips arising from this work and explore collaborative opportunities with others.

Registration: via Leicester Business Festival website

**Five Game-Changing Policies for Climate Action in Universities**

**Monday 15 November, 1.15pm-2pm, Online**

Moving towards zero carbon emissions will mean big changes in business-as-usual practices within organisations. This interactive session explores five game-changing policy changes that organisations like DMU could adopt - affecting our expectations around travel, energy use and more. A session with plenty of talking points!

**Carbon Literacy Training**

**Wednesday 24 November, 2pm-5pm, Online**

An inspiring one-day interactive course to learn the basics of climate change and carbon footprints and to develop your plan to take action - individually and collectively. Session one on Weds 24 Nov (2-5pm); Session two on Weds 1 Dec (2-5pm).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

For all events listed that do not state any booking link, to register email sustainability@dmu.ac.uk with your name and session name to book a place

KEY:

BLUE - STAFF

YELLOW – STUDENTS

RED – STAFF, STUDENTS

GREEN - OPEN TO ALL

PINK – STAFF, STUDENTS, ALUMNI

All events also listed in the SDG events calendar:

<https://www.dmu.ac.uk/community/sdg/events/events.aspx?EventsListing_List_GoToPage=2>