



Universities and colleges want to **improve environmental sustainability**. The Principals Climate Commitment in Scotland shows **strong ambition** and many have made **impressive progress** on reducing the impact of the estate. **What's next?**

- How can universities and colleges learn from exciting **student-run practical projects** that have cut CO2 emissions.
- How can bottom-up community action become part of a strong **partnership for progress** and enhance the **student experience**?
- How can institutions engage students and staff in making the **behavioural changes** required to reduce CO2 emissions.
- How can universities and colleges work more closely with their **surrounding community**?

Transition Edinburgh University invites you to:

Grassroots Climate Change: Universities, Colleges and the Green Transition

*Friday 18 and Saturday 19 March 2011,
University of Edinburgh*

Contributions from 16 universities, colleges and non-profit organisations.

Chance to meet with specialists who have designed and implemented innovative low carbon, life changing programmes.

Find out how environmental projects come to life from inception to implementation and evaluation from the best people in the field.

Suitable for students and staff at universities and colleges.

(More details overleaf)

Register and find out more at <http://grassrootsclimate.eventbrite.com>.

Confirmed contributors on Friday...

Grassroots Environmental Engagement in Universities and Colleges – *Andrew Chamberlain, Manager, Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges Scotland*

People & Planet's Going Greener Universities campaign – *Louise Hazan and Alice Hemming, Climate Change, People & Planet UK*

Climate Change Projects in Colleges – *Alys Mumford, Scotland – Colleges, People & Planet UK*

The Transition Towns Movement and How it Relates to Universities and Colleges – *Eva Schonveld, Coordinator, Transition Scotland Support*

Universities, Colleges, and Sustainable Development – *John Salter, Scotland's Colleges and David Somervell, University of Edinburgh.*

Practical Change in an Academic Context – *Will Golding and Andrew Taylor, University of West Scotland*

Transition Universities Across the World – *Ben Miller and Justina Adomaviciute, University of Edinburgh, with contributions from University of Melbourne and others.*

Edinburgh University's Carbon Footprint study – *Ric Lander, University of Edinburgh*

Practical Action with Food on Campus – *Mike Starkey and Abby Nicol, University of Edinburgh*

Climate Change and Film – *Olivia Furber, University of Edinburgh*

The People & Planet Green League – *Louise Hazan and Alice Hemming, Climate Change, People & Planet UK*

A Taste of the Carbon Conversations Course – *Rosie Sullivan, University of Edinburgh*

Bicycle Skills – *Jake Butcher, The Bike Station*

The Big Green Makeover – *Olga Bloemen and Euri Viddal, University of Edinburgh*

Universities Working with their Surrounding Communities, a discussion – *Hanna Plant, University of St. Andrew's*

...and on Saturday

Experiences from the Winners of the SSDF Scottish Young Green List 2011

Putting Volunteers at the Centre of Your Project – *Sion Lanini, University of Edinburgh*

An Introduction to Social Enterprises – *Tom Black, Portobello Transition Town*

Engagement Techniques to Involve the Whole Campus – *Rhys Howell, OurEd; Joe Farthing and Matt Lawson, University of Edinburgh*

Creative Engagement ideas – *John, So We Stand; Emily Nicholl and Neus Rodeta, University of Edinburgh*

Making Change with Students' Associations – *Robin Parker, Aberdeen University Students' Association*

Running Effective College Campaigns – *Alys Mumford, Colleges – Scotland, People & Planet UK*

Monitoring and Evaluating CO2 Cuts – *Louise Hazan, Climate Change, People & Planet UK; Pam McLean, University of Edinburgh*

Practical Action Through Business – *Judy Payen, University of Edinburgh Business Society; Dariush Bazazi, Green Tourism Business Scheme*

Starting a Conservation Society – *University of Edinburgh Dirty Weekenders Society*

Fashion and sustainability – *Hannah Higginson, Labour Behind The Label*

Sustainable Food on Campus – *Hanna Plant, University of St. Andrew's; Abby Nicol and Mike Starkey, University of Edinburgh; Caspar Lampkin, Aberdeen University Student's Association; Andrew Taylor, University of the West of Scotland.*

Tackling Consumption by Exchanging Skills and Goods – *Lizzie Hurst, ECXchange; Bella Crowe, University of Edinburgh*

The event runs over two days but you may register for either or both days. A full programme will be published on-line and provided to registrants on 1st March.

For full details including accommodation and accessibility information and how to register visit at <http://grassrootsclimate.eventbrite.com>. Alternatively:

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- College staff and students enquire at educationscotland@peopleandplanet.org or 0131 225 4321