

Warwick University Go Green Week

20th – 25th February 2012

Go Green Week is a student-led, university sponsored initiative that aims to raise awareness, stimulate debate and encourage further engagement with environmentalism. A dedicated team has worked tirelessly to produce an extensive programme of events that will appeal to as wide an audience as possible. Climate change is almost unanimously accepted as one of the greatest challenges facing the world we live in, yet at the same time is an issue that for many people seems inaccessible: a problem for politicians and engineers, wrapped up in complex technical jargon or even a sense of defeated inevitability. Global warming is affecting everybody, and the solution must be equally inclusive. As a result, a fundamental aim of the week is to demonstrate the wide variety of ways to engage with issues in question. Alongside more conventional talks, debates and discussions (of which there are still many), there are a range of events, from street theatre to slam poetry, which offer an alternative space to be a part of the movement to bring about change.

Monday 20th

12 - 4pm: Party in the Piazza

Come and celebrate the start of the week! Aimed at publicising the events taking place and bringing people together, there will be a bike powered smoothie maker and a bike powered PA system to keep people entertained. Both highlight the importance of working together: if the peddling stops, the fun stops too! Smoothies will be free and there will be DJs as well as an open mic session for anyone to showcase their musical talents.

1pm - Workshop: Isobel Tarr –Environmental Activism Room TBC

Workshop given by Isobel Tarr, Campaigns Co-ordinator for the UK Youth Climate Coalition (UKYCC). How do you plan an action which really gets your point across as part of an environmental or social justice campaign? This workshop introduces some useful tools for collaborative planning so that your activism can have a better impact and your message can reach your audience more effectively through taking action.

2pm - Conservation Work at Tocil Woods meet in Piazza

Practical action for those who want to make an immediate impact. Conservation work will be led by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, clearing ground and planting thistles in time for spring. Wellies and old clothes are advisable, tools will be provided.

4pm - Film: The Age of Stupid (2009) A0.23

Multi-award winning climate blockbuster. Stars Pete Poselthwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, watching footage of seven real documentary people from now and asking: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZjsJdokC0s>

6pm - Talk: Lyla Patel, TRAIID: 'Wearing Poverty Out: recycling and reusing textiles in ethical fashion.' *MS.02*

TRAIID (Textile Recycling for Aid and International Development) are a charity working to make the nation's unwanted clothes matter. Their main objectives are: to protect the environment by diverting clothes and shoes from landfill; to reduce world poverty by raising funds for overseas development projects; and to educate the UK public on environmental and world poverty issues. This talk, hosted by Warwick HUB, aims to outline how these objectives are being achieved.

Tuesday 21st: Transport and Energy

10am – Bike Train from Leamington to Campus

A chance to meet fellow cyclists in the Leamington area and cycle onto campus together. Meet at the top of the parade and listen for the music! Free tea/coffee from Curiositea for all participants. Return 7:30pm. Please make sure bikes are equipped with lights.

12 - 4 -Energy Amnesty SU Atrium

A chance to swap old 60W light bulbs for low energy bulbs.

10am - 2pm:Dr. Bike in the Piazza

Creating a temporary workshop in the piazza, volunteers from Leamington's Action 21 Charity will be on hand to give your bike a full check-over, carry out repairs and offer advice on getting the most from your bike, all for free.

2pm: Bike Ride to Kenilworth Castle *meet at SUHQ*

Led by Environments Officer Nick Hillard., taking in parts of the new Connect2 Kenilworth cycle route. A good chance to introduce students to other cyclists, as well as explore cycle routes off campus.

4pm: Film: Gasland (2010) 90 mins, H1.02

Oscar-nominated film exploring the environmental consequences of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing, a subject of increasing relevance and prominence within UK debates.

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZe1AeH0Qz8>

6pm: Debate: Nuclear Energy, L4

Speakers include: Paul Dorfman (senior researcher at Warwick University and member of Nuclear Consultation Group), Paul Spare (Supporters of Nuclear Energy), Keith Barnham (Senior Research Investigator, Imperial College London), Tony Roulstone (Research Director, Cambridge University, Former Director of Engineering at Rolls Royce plc) & more to be confirmed. Part of the Warwick HUB series, organised in association with Warwick Debating Society.

Wednesday 22nd: Food & Conservation

12- 2pm - Repair and Reuse: Leftovers / Community Kitchen - SU Member's Space

An introduction to reducing food waste, rescuing food and cooking up low cost, healthy meals. Led by members of Leamington Community Kitchen, a project that runs every Sunday at Bath Place Community Centre. Free lunch for all.

2pm: Talk and Workshop: Guerrilla Gardening *meet in the Piazza*

An introduction to the allotments on campus, followed by an exciting and interesting discussion led by Chris Tomlinson, the “Che Guevara of Gardening”. Guerrilla gardening is an increasingly popular form of direct action, and this talk promises to offer an entertaining insight into the movement.

4pm - Film: Food Inc (2008) *R1.13*

Lifting the veil on the food industry, Food, Inc. reveals surprising and often shocking truths about what we eat, how it's produced and who we have become.

Trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eKYyD14d_0

6pm - Talk: Dr. Rosemary Collier – “Food production as an Ecosystem service” *MS0.2*

Agriculture affects more than just food and farmers, and this talk offers a chance to learn more about the role of food production as an ecosystem service, food security and the environmental impacts of foodways. Dr. Collier is Research Director at the University of Warwick’s School of Life Science Crop Centre.

Thursday 23rd: Economy

12 – 4pm - Ethical Careers Fair *Maths and Stats Atrium*

Stalls and presentations from companies representing a range of sectors, including Ecotricity, TeachFirst and many more. Practical advice about getting into the sector and finding opportunities to work for companies with a conscience.

12 - 2pm - Repair and Reuse: Clothes Fix and Swap Shop *SU Members’ Space*

Encouraging students to reuse rather than replace. A clothes-mending service will be on offer to sew on buttons and carry out other repairs. Running alongside this will be a swap shop to let students exchange clothes they no longer wear.

4pm - Film: Manufactured Landscapes (2006) *83 mins L5*

Photographer Edward Burtynsky travels the world observing changes in landscapes due to industrial work and manufacturing.

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv23xwe0BoU>

6pm - Talk: CAROLINE LUCAS MP: Green Alternatives to Globalisation *PLT*

Caroline Lucas MP is currently leader of the UK Green Party, and the party’s first representative in Parliament. A passionate campaigner on the environment, social justice and human rights, Caroline was voted the UK’s Most Ethical Politician in 2007, 2009 and 2010 by Observer readers, and is one of the Environment Agency’s Top 100 Eco-Heroes.

7:30pm - Panel discussion: 'Sustainable economic growth: is it possible? What are the alternatives?' *MS.02*

The chair is Ben Richardson, associate professor in Warwick’s Politics and International Studies Department. The panellists are: Chris Goodall, who appears to have identified the de-coupling of economic growth from resource use in the UK since 2001, Ian Davison from Transition Leamington, Sarah Parkin, founder of Forum for the Future, Miriam Kennet, founder of the Green Economics

Institute and Oliver Bettis, chairman of the Resource and Environment Group. A free vegetarian buffet is available in the foyer from 7pm.

9pm: ETHICAL FASHION SHOW SU Atrium

People & Planet and Warwick Amnesty are proud to present the Ethical Fashion Show, a show designed to raise awareness about the impact that the clothing industry has on people and the environment, as well as raise awareness about ethical consumerism. From charity shop chic, to Fair Trade funk, all the clothes will all be sold after being modelled. Come to support, buy, and above all be inspired by the steps we can take to reduce our footprint.

Friday 24th: International Development & Climate Justice

12 – 4pm - Local Charity and Campaigning Organisations in the Atrium / Piazza

Stalls from local and global campaigning organisations, including Action 21 (Leamington), Oxfam and many more. Aimed at introducing students to the wide range of ways of engaging with environmental groups on a local, national and global level.

12-2pm - Engineers Without Borders workshops SU Members Space

A series of drop-in workshops hosted by Engineers Without Borders, considering sustainable technologies and renewable energies.

4pm - Film: Coconut Revolution (2001), 50mins R0.12

Multi-award winning documentary film about the "world's first successful eco-revolution," from the indigenous peoples in the Bougainville Island.

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NOJIw672aA>

5pm – Film: Poison Fire (2008) 28mins R0.12

Follows a team of local activists as they gather "video testimonies" from communities on the impact of oils spills and gas flaring in the Niger Delta.

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0miXRyNnFM>

6pm - Panel discussion: Land Grabs MS.02

Speakers include Ben Richardson, associate professor in Warwick's Politics and International Studies Department and representatives from Reclaim the Fields. Mr. Richardson's research has focused on the international economy of development, in particular the sugar industry. Reclaim the Fields is: "a constellation of young people and collective projects willing to go back to the land and reassume the control over food production".

Saturday 25th

12-5pm - CLIMATE FORUM Social Sciences ground floor

A wide array of talks, workshops and debates. Did art cause the environmental crisis? Where do we go from here? Can Slam Poetry save us? Speakers include Danny Chivers, Dougald Hine, Casper Ter Kuile (UKYCC), Joe Hall (Ecocide) and many more. Short films will be shown, as will an exhibition from Warwick PhotoSoc, and food will be available.

7pm: GO GREEN PARTY *Bath Place Community Centre, Leamington, CV31 3EH*

An evening of entertainment to bring the week to a close. Live music from local artists and open mic sessions. Free food served by the Community Kitchen volunteers, using rescued food. £3 entry. All proceeds go to Leamington Community Kitchen

All Week

Street Theatre Performances

*Unique pieces, devised by Warwick students, occurring across campus at various times throughout the week. **Keep your eyes peeled!***

Artwork around campus

Created by students, using recycled cardboard. Pieces offering advice on how to reduce your environmental impact, as well as promoting the events of the week.

Special menus in SU food outlets

Menus created specifically for the week, centred around vegetarianism and locally sourced produce. Try a Go Green smoothie in Curiosity or a Go Green cocktail in the Terrace Bar. Learn about food miles, make the most of meat-free Monday and try something new: eat your way to a smaller carbon footprint!