



Welcome to this bite-sized edition of the Sustainability Newsletter.

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We hope it provides an easy-to-read overview of sustainability activities across the OU. If you'd like to dive deeper into any topic, just click the links within each story.

Sustainability Spotlight

[Watch the Veguary recordings](#) to explore how a plant-based diet can positively impact the environment.

News, resources & engagement opportunities

- As The Open University continues to explore and adopt artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, we are mindful of both the environmental and ethical implications. We have published an [AI statement on the Sustainability webpages](#).
- The OU is now [Bronze carbon literate educator](#) for its carbon literacy training.
- You can catch-up with any of our [Go Green recordings from 2025](#) including one with EDI.
- Help [OUiS reuse and recycle stationery](#) with office items available for staff and community organisations.
- Check the sustainability credentials of your bank and investments using [Bank.Green](#), and if you pay into an OU pension you can choose an ethical fund by logging into your provider's website.

Dates for your green diary

- [Join us for our next Go Green event on Thursday 19th February at 12.00pm](#) for the latest updates from the Responsible Futures accreditation.

- [EAUC](#) events are free for OU staff ([you can sign up here](#)) upcoming sessions include [Environmental Management System \(29 Jan\)](#), [State of the Sector 2025 briefing \(3 Feb\)](#), and [Energy & Water Community of Practice \(10 Feb\)](#).

Help us share your positive news

- [The Words of Wisdom compendium](#) on [OpenLearn Create](#) highlights how sustainability is embedded across OU learning, with January spotlights on [Viva Engage](#) and [LinkedIn](#), [explore, share, and send your feedback to lds-learningdesign@open.ac.uk](#).

Sustainability is Everyone's job

- This Spring we will once again be submitting our Responsible Futures accreditation. [We are looking for examples of best practice from around the University](#).
- Find out what's ahead for sustainability in your area by connecting with your local sustainability lead, or [use SPARK to view and update your unit's plans and priorities](#).

Get involved



Become an EAUC Member

To access resources and invites to regional meetings



How Bad Are Bananas?

Play this game at your next team away day or event



Carbon Literacy Training

Upskill, resell and make a pledge to take workplace action.



LinkedIn

Join The Open University's Sustainability LinkedIn Group.



Go Green

Join our Go Green network and workshops.



Responsible Futures

A framework to embed sustainability in the curriculum

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