

Sustainability in Learning & Teaching Seminar Series

Title: Climate Literacy for all!

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Abstract:

This seminar shares experiences and insights from the University of Bath, where Climate Literacy has been included on the induction programme for all incoming students. This is part of our strategy to provide opportunities for every student to study and work on climate related issues and to develop understanding of ways to achieve net zero through individual and collective action.

With over 1000 students attending, the online sessions ignited discussion and debate about ways in which we as both an organisation and as individuals can address climate change. All students were offered a follow-on programme, accredited by the Carbon Literacy Project. This training involved calculating individual carbon footprints, considering the impact that various actions have on carbon emissions and engaging in discussions about the global responsibility and climate justice.

We report on some of the ways in which we delivered our programme, some of the highlights of the programme and an initial analysis of the individual and collective actions that have been pledged so far. For many students who undertook the Carbon Literacy programme, it is the start of a journey of activism that will continue throughout the time at the University and beyond. For others, it has meant meaningful changes to individual actions and a desire to work with others to make similar changes.

The Climate Literacy Team at the University of Bath will be offering another opportunity to become carbon literate in January 2022 and will continue to look at ways to get more students involved. We are keen to both share our learnings with other institutions, and to learn from others' best practice.

The seminar will therefore be highly interactive, with plenty of chance for questions and discussion. We also plan an immersive exercise, where participants experience a flavour of the climate literacy programme as participants.

Steve is the Education Lead for Climate Action at the University of Bath. Steve has been at Bath for 10 years, designing and leading interdisciplinary programmes on technology management and innovation, including sustainable innovation. Prior to joining Bath, Steve spent 15 years in the IT sector in roles covering technical consultancy, machine learning research, and strategic research for Hewlett-Packard looking at the IT sector's response to climate change. Steve initiated and led the Climate Literacy programme at the University.

Hannah is a doctoral student at the University of Bath in the Department of Education. Her research focuses on children's relationships with non-human nature in early childhood education settings. She is currently researching with young children in an urban city forest school exploring ways in which our relations with nature unfold. She helps to deliver the Climate Literacy programme to students at the University of Bath as a way to encourage both individual and collective responses to the climate emergency.

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