



Catz Green Newsletter January 2023

Hi everyone!

We hope you've had a good start to term and are slowly getting back into the swing of things. There are several fun Green events happening this term and lots of ways to get involved! If you're going to the Green formal on Wednesday, we hope you enjoy it!

Firstly, JCR elections are coming up soon! If you want to apply or are thinking about it, don't hesitate to get in contact with either of us individually or on the environmental and ethical email (jcr.eande@caths.cam.ac.uk).

Reasons to apply to be a green officer:

- You can make sure that if you raise your voice, it's properly heard
- You can discuss green issues with the student community, being exposed to lots of new and interesting ideas
- You will have a chance to connect to like-minded green officers from other colleges by going to green socials and co-organising green week events
- You will get a glimpse into how the college is operated

News:

- Handtowels are being introduced in main site bathrooms. Paper towels are not going to be removed completely but will only be replenished on Mondays and Thursdays. There will be no paper towels in the kitchens, though it will be ensured that there are sponges, cloths and tea towels in all kitchens.

Ways to get involved:

- Sign the Education Campaign Letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor to demand increased climate change education across all subjects and degree courses!
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S7x9QO1v1h2CyDOoWzmKstnmHJkr0fltKG-kxMI_kOM/edit?fbclid=IwAR2iuezvTVEfd4K7cnKd6cep4Z7B22Y3uwOI3FxC4yh1-O9owM0DdPCLbM
Only 26% of Cambridge students are satisfied with the sustainability courses at Cambridge! They are demanding:
 - Courses that highlight Climate Justice as decolonial
 - Embedding of subject-specific climate change modules in all degrees
 - Stand-alone climate change courses offered to all students for free
 - A Youth Advisory Board & more
- On Monday 6th February, there will be an SU vote on whether the Cambridge SU support Plant-Based Universities' (PBU) proposed planet-positive catering.
In summary, their campaign petitions for:
 - A significant cut in the University's greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable use of land
 - The opportunity to develop a just, sustainable and accessible food system for students at the University
 - Institutional change to tackle the planet's greatest challengesPlease fill in the [sign-up form](#) to show your support for the campaign and/or get involved!
- CAUSE (<https://www.cause.cx/>), who will be hosting focus groups in King's on the 13th, 16th, 21st (online) and 23rd February at 7pm.
The sign up link can be found here: <https://www.cause.cx/join>

‘We’re a team of undergraduate students at King’s College, Cambridge developing an encrypted social network for activists: CAUSE. CAUSE is designed to help activists easily find and join upcoming actions and events, with specific features to support users’ digital and physical safety. **We’re looking for activists to help and advise us as we create CAUSE: to join activist focus groups.** We were frustrated that platforms like Facebook and Instagram are built against the grain of progress and change. We’re building an encrypted platform with features specifically to help activists organise and mobilise with confidence and ease. We want your help shaping CAUSE. We’re hosting activist focus groups, where you can be among the first to try the app for yourself! You can sign up for the focus groups [here](#) or, alternatively, [join our waitlist](#) to get priority access to the app when it becomes publicly available!’



- The [Cambridge Climate Society \(CCS\)](#), a society that connects students to climate initiatives, networks, resources and projects.

They are organising a Climate Hackathon on the 11th of March at Wolfson College, running from 10am - 3pm.

It will be a chance for students of different disciplines, that share an interest in Climate Solutions, to collaborate and work on real world issues. Students will also have the chance to engage with expert judges, such as Sir David King, who will be determining the winning team.

Problem statements will require a wide

understanding of climate issues, with teams being required to draw upon existing climate mitigation technologies as well as their own skills and creativity. Students will be able to apply individually or as a team of 3-6.

More information about the event can be found on the CCS Website [here](#)

The application form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/T6eDQWkq6nWJoSUo7>



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