

Thematic Forums

Terms of Reference

Purpose

Thematic Forums use the power of the University's education, research and operational expertise to develop and implement university-wide action plans relating to a specific sustainability theme in support of achieving the Strategy 2030 commitment to lead meaningful action against the climate emergency and ecological crisis. (education, research), and associated with the environment and climate emergency, in discussion with

Key Objectives

- Identify forum-specific challenges and propose programmes, project and initiatives to mitigate these.
- Develop and implement theme-specific action plans. Report regularly to the Advocate Climate Taskforce (ACT) on progress against action plans.
- Provide advice and make recommendations to the Advocate Climate Taskforce (ACT) on forum-specific topics.
- Make use of leading University research to inform climate action whilst ensuring that sector and industry best practice defines projects.
- Provide and update comms material on initiatives born out of Thematic Forums to maintain and boost engagement.
- Liaise with the the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC)

Organisation

- Thematic Forums will meet as often as is required to deliver their objectives. It is anticipated that this will be every 4-8 weeks.
- Thematic Forums may establish subgroups to more efficiently address individual topics.
- Thematic Forums report to the ACT.
- Thematic Forums will liaise closely with Faculty and Professional Service(s) Sustainability Committees.

Membership

Membership will be drawn from across the University and will include those with relevant academic expertise and experience and a representative from the Sustainability Team.

The Chair will be the ACT theme advocate.

The Chair may invite non-members to attend a meeting to report on or discuss specific matters.

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