



Welcome to our 2021 autumn newsletter!

Check out our [Green Team website](#), which we revamped earlier in 2021! It has lots of information about what the Green Team is up to, and how you can get involved, plus helpful tips and resources to support you in an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

We were lucky enough to have two fabulous Student Ambassadors last academic year, Christi Corpus and Sofia Singh Diggpaal. This is the last activity to which Christi and Sofia have contributed. We thank them so much for all their help with the DoP Green Team over the last year and wish them all the best for the future.

We have been lucky again this year and have two new Student Ambassadors joining us soon; look out for more information on them.

Ongoing Green Activities

Help reclaim London's Green Spaces by volunteering with The Conservation Volunteers ([TVC](#)) or get involved with their [Green Gym](#) to work on your fitness and wellbeing.

Feed hungry communities by volunteering with [FoodCycle](#)! They have opportunities for everyone, from phone chats, to preparing food, to collecting surplus food from partner retailers.

Join the approximate 7,000 volunteers at [Thames21](#) and help clear London's waterways, make way for new habitats and reduce flood risks.

Or how about becoming a volunteer citizen scientist, and help the [Zoological Society of London](#) protect London's biodiversity? They will provide all training and equipment necessary. All they ask of their volunteers is wellies and a ready attitude.

Is it too soon to think about Christmas?!

If not, how about saving some precious resources by reusing others?

<https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g3923/christmas-trees-made-out-of-books/>



Sustainable spending

London is gradually reopening! Are you looking for cool and sustainable things to do? We've got you covered!!

- Visit [Rudy's Vegan Butcher](#) for plant-based butcher and deli meats substitutes or go to one of their diners for authentic (but vegan) deli style dishes.
- In the mood for some retail therapy? Visit [69b Boutique](#) on Broadway Market, or go [AIDA](#) in Shoreditch for eco-conscious fashion. Some other shops include [The Third Estate](#), [Reformation](#) and [Varana](#).
- Plan an all-day green extravaganza and check out this garden/exhibition space/ food project at [OmVed Gardens](#) in Townsend Yard Highgate.
- Purchase environmentally friendly produce from London's first sustainability focused shopping hub [Buck Street Market](#).
- Need a way to end the day? Attend a performance at the working-to-become-carbon neutral [Arcola Theatre](#) in Dalston.

What fruit and veg are in season now?



When you buy seasonally & locally you can reduce your carbon “fruitprint” by up to 10%! You’re also maximising your nutrient intake because seasonal produce is picked at its peak, meaning the produce retains its full nutrient and vitamin content.

Why not check out [Oddbox](#), a weekly subscription service that delivers produce straight from the farm, or an organic veg box supplier, like [Riverford](#) or [Abel and Cole](#).

Important planet-friendly dates

October-November 2021 **THE BIG ONE!** In case you've missed it!

COP26, the 26th UN climate change conference started in Glasgow at the end of October and will run for two weeks, until 13 November.

<https://ukcop26.org/>

For UCL staff participants, see: [UCLs-CoP26-team](#)

UCL's Youth CoP: a student panel to inform UCL staff participants about student priorities:

[ucl-youth-cop-student-perspective](#)



Elsewhere in London:

Sat 6 Nov: [Global Day of Action for Climate Justice](#), with decentralised mass mobilisations happening internationally.

For London: at the Bank of England from midday.

Following on from this, **Sun 7-Weds 10 Nov** is the [People's Summit for Climate Justice](#), where everyone interested in climate justice can join to discuss and strategize for system change. You can join online from anywhere.

Also, nationally, for the whole of November, to partly coincide with COP26, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) arm of UKRI is holding a **Festival of Social Science**:

<https://festivalofsocalscience.com/>

This festival explores social science and society, from how our behaviour can help fight climate change to the effects of the pandemic, with virtual and in person events across the UK, e.g.

- Online talk on local community food networks, 16 Nov, 4-6 pm, led by Cardiff University:

<https://festivalofsocalscience.com/events/local-community-food-systems-making-our-food-more-sustainable-and-resilient/>

Pledges for the Planet

Living sustainably can seem challenging when juggling multiple activities, like work, study, travel, flatmates, friends, families.. and occasionally lockdown...

...but in our DoP *Pledges for the Planet* earlier in 2021 we offered some suggestions for how you might make a difference, to your life and to the planet.

Many DoP staff and students took part in our *Pledges* surveys, in February and again in May. Results from both are on our website.

Our *Pledges* aim to help people to make small sustainable lifestyle changes, whether in cooking, plastic use or even laundry. Some may be easy, some may require a bit of time and effort, but the end results can be well worth it.



Climate Hub



UCL's [Climate Hub](#) has lots of information on how UCL is tackling climate change through research, teaching and operations.

Through collaboration, UCL, and all of us, can make a big difference and meet important goals, such as becoming a [net zero carbon university](#) by 2030.

In October UCL launched [Generation One](#), a new campaign to end complacency over climate change.

Find out [here](#) how you can be involved in UCL Sustainability.