

# SOS-UK & NUS STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2021

Youth climate action post COP26 and beyond

22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## AGENDA

Please note all sessions and timings, other than the start and finish time, are subject to change.



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# Day 1 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10.30am-5pm

10:30 - 11:00	<b>Welcome and opening keynote from NUS + SOS-UK president, Larissa Kennedy</b>	
11:00 - 12:00	<p><b>The finance system, inequality and the climate crisis - what can we do?</b></p> <p><i>In this session, we'll explore the issues with the current financial system, how it's driving social inequality and the climate crisis, and how we, as students and young people, can organise for change - on our campuses and beyond.</i></p>	<p><b>Anxiety to Agency Classroom with Force of Nature</b></p> <p><i>A crash-course in tackling eco-anxiety, mobilising mindsets and understanding barriers to taking action. The session to help you to: understand your climate emotions; identify how the stories you subscribe to facilitate or block action; and find the power in your feelings.</i></p>
<b>LUNCH</b>		
12:45 - 13:30	<p><b>What's next for the student sustainability movement post COP26 and beyond?</b></p> <p><i>With the landscape shifting, how do we build campaign momentum, collective care and global solidarity and push for a better path forward? Join student leaders from across the movement to discuss this.</i></p>	
13:30 - 14:15	<p><b>How to create change through what we eat</b></p> <p><i>In SOS-UK's most recent 2021 survey of over 1200 students, 78% said they would be willing to change their diet to reduce their environmental impact. What does this mean and what needs to change so students can eat more equitably and sustainably?</i></p>	<p><b>Student and staff solidarity in campaigning for decarbonisation and decolonisation</b></p> <p><i>UCU are calling for colleges and universities to decarbonise and decolonise by 2030. Join this session to explore student/staff solidarity and means of collective action on campus.</i></p>
<b>BREAK</b>		
14:30 - 15:15	<p><b>Campaign skill share workshop</b></p> <p><i>More information coming soon</i></p>	
<b>BREAK</b>		
15:30 - 16:30	<p><b>The 3 D's: Democratise, decarbonise, decolonise</b></p> <p><i>This workshop will look at the idea of climate justice, linking concepts of 'democratising' as a process for engaging all of society and transforming learning, and 'decarbonising' &amp; 'decolonising' as structural &amp; systemic roots of the climate crisis.</i></p>	<p><b>Do you have a say in the investment system? Yes, you do!</b></p> <p><i>Learn how you can become an agent for change in the investment system, so that it works for people and the planet, in this workshop with responsible investment charity ShareAction.</i></p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Glasgow Zine Library: Intro to climate action zine making</b></p> <p><i>This workshop will contain an explanation of zines, their history and modern applications in activism, as well as how to make one, and how you can apply the principles to your work. Materials needed: pens, paper, scissors, glue (optional), and collage material (optional) + an idea for your zine! (optional).</i></p>	<p><b>Student-led skill share: Bug and bee hotel building</b></p> <p><i>Join this session to learn how to make a bee/bug hotel for your garden or greenspace, with the University of Lincoln E.C.O Society. Materials needed: recycled/unwanted wood, sticks, leaves, pine cones, paint, glue (hot glue gun preferable), and decorations (e.g. wooden words, bamboo sticks cut down).</i></p>
<p><b>Evening social: Climate quiz!</b></p> <p><i>More information coming soon</i></p>		

# Day 2 - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10.30am-5pm

10:30 - 11:00	<b>Keynote from Daze Aghaji, Climate Justice Activist</b> <i>Here from daze on their journey within the movement, reflections and hopes for the future!</i>	
11:00 - 12:00	<b>What should college and university land be used for in a climate and nature emergency?</b> <i>Universities and colleges own over 35,000 hectares of land (approx. 65,500 football pitches), but how could this land be used to ensure that the challenges being faced around the climate, health and nature emergencies are met whilst also increasing student access to the land.</i>	<b>What's the relationship between sustainability and sport?</b> <i>However you experience sport - whether playing, attending events or following from home - sustainability is part of the game. In this workshop, football-sustainability expert Thom Rawson will lead an exploration of how sustainability interacts with your sporting experience, and ask what students can do to organise, influence and act to make sport more sustainable - and use sport as a platform for environmental and social change.</i>
<b>LUNCH</b>		
12:45 - 13:30	<b>The emissions of war - and the involvement of educational institutions.</b> <i>Britain's military-industrial sector annually emits more greenhouse gases than 60 individual countries. The US military alone has the same annual output than whole countries like Morocco, Sweden, and Switzerland, but the environmental impact of war goes far beyond just carbon footprint. Hear from our panel on why this is an issue we should care about and how our education system is driving it.</i>	
13:30 - 14:15	<b>How can students campaign for the Green New Deal?</b> <i>Join this session to hear from Green New Deal Rising about the new Green New Deal Bill and explore how students can drive the GND on campus' and get involved in organising for a GND more widely.</i>	<b>People &amp; Planet: Fossil Free Careers</b> <i>Find out how UK universities are propping up oil, gas and mining companies by supplying them with the next generation of talented staff. Learn how to sever recruitment pipelines into companies destroying the environment and build a student movement for a Just Transition.</i>
<b>BREAK</b>		
14:30 - 15:15	<b>Cooking sustainably on a budget</b> <i>Food hacks including being creative to avoid food waste, ways to bulk buy, forage or grow some of your own and other useful tips.</i>	
<b>BREAK</b>		
15:30 - 16:30	<b>Homes Fit for Study</b> <i>It is often seen as a 'rite of passage' that students live in draughty and cold homes, having a huge impact on physical and mental health. Find out what SOS-UK is doing to support students on this!</i>	
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Wellbeing workshop: Kundalini Yoga with Salma Sabour</b>	