

Date: Tuesday 24 June 2025  
 Time: 9am to 1pm  
 Venue: ECCI conference room  
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## Teaching Climate and Sustainability through Connection

### Conference Agenda

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| 9am                        | <b>Welcome, registration and networking</b>  |  |
| 9:30am                     | <b>Opening address</b>   |  |
|                            | Lucy Patterson, Climate and Sustainability Curriculum Coordinator, Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability |  |
| 9:40am                     | <b>Student Poem</b>  |  |
|                            | Written and recited by Thom Leech, Global Environment, Politics and Society MSc student                                    |  |
| 9:50am                     | <b>Workshops</b>   |  |
| <b>Community and Place</b> | Amy Cawood, Heritage Collections<br><i>ECCI Conference Room</i>  | <b>Teaching using artefacts to reflect on our university's relationship with climate through time and place and to envision a positive future for our community.</b> |
| <b>Interdisciplinarity</b> | Jasmeen Kanwal, Data Education in Schools<br><i>High School Yards Teaching Centre Classroom 1</i>                          | <b>System sustainability boardgame: scenario based learning to enable connection with interdisciplinary concepts.</b>  |
| <b>Nature</b>              | Rowan Jackson, Edinburgh Futures Institute<br><i>High School Yards Teaching Centre Classroom 2</i>                         | <b>Experiential learning practices to connect with nature for sustainable development.</b>   |
| <b>Interdisciplinarity</b> | Steph Smith and Fiona Borthwick, GAFS<br><i>High School Yards Teaching Centre Classroom 3</i>                              | <b>A story of the theory of change at the division of global agriculture and food systems.</b>   |
| <b>Community and Place</b> | Orfhlaith McDevitt, Tanera Mòr Land and regeneration team<br><i>High School Yards Teaching Centre Classroom 4</i>          | <b>Engaging with community through learning on a sustainable Scottish island regeneration project.</b>   |

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| 10:45am | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:15am | <b>Panel</b><br><br><b>“Should we provide all students with meaningful opportunities to connect with climate and sustainability in their curriculum?”</b><br><br>James Dunphy, Director of Educational Excellence, Advance HE<br>Dr Iain Gordon, VP Climate and Sustainability and Head of CSE, University of Edinburgh<br>Sonya Peres, Senior Education Program Manager, SOS-UK |
| 12:05pm | <b>Open space reflective activity</b>  |
| 12.45pm | <b>Close</b><br><br>Katherine Troeller and Juliet Booker, Climate in Curriculum Earth Fellows, Edinburgh Earth Initiative  |
| 1pm     | <b>Lunch</b><br><br>All food will be vegan as standard.<br>Additional dietary requirements will be catered for.  |