

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

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

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