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IRO Newsletter

Winter 2021

As we draw closer to our Winter Break, we invite you to look back at the past few months at the University of Bath, the latest updates from the University and its International activity.



The International Relations Office would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. We want to thank you for your ongoing friendship and support and we are looking forward to continuing our collaboration in the New Year.

See how we've got campus ready for Christmas at Bath!



2021-2026 Strategy Launch

The University has launched our 5 year strategy which aims to drive excellence in education and high-impact research, foster an outstanding and inclusive community, and enhance our strategic partnerships.

Our Mission is to deliver world-class research and teaching, educating our students to become future leaders and innovators, and benefiting the wider population through our research, enterprise and influence.

Our Vision is to be an outstanding and inclusive University community, characterised by excellence in education, research, and innovation, working in partnership with others for the advancement of knowledge, in support of the global common good.

The Strategy expresses our ambitions across four key pillars:
Fostering an outstanding and inclusive community
Driving excellence in education
Driving high impact research
Enhancing strategic partnerships

We will seek to enhance our global position within the top world-leading institutions and will do this in ways which respect and support our community, our values, and our environment.

[Find out more about our strategy here](#)

COP26 and the University of Bath

At the University of Bath, we are committed to tackling global climate challenges. There is a wealth of research and work taking place across the University to support the global effort and to bring the University's emissions to net zero.

The University was very interested in the outcomes of the COP26 conference. Lorraine Whitmarsh, Professor of Environmental Psychology and Director of the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations at Bath, tells us about her hope for governmental commitment at COP26, and why it was so important that these commitments were made.



Across the University our scientists and researchers are addressing climate change in all sorts of ways. Here you can find some of our most recent climate change-related research:

[Climate action will improve health and save lives now and in the future](#)

[Government inaction on climate change linked to psychological distress in young people - new study](#)

[Ebm research programme to reinvent chemical separation methods and cut global energy consumption](#)

Our Institute of Policy Research has also led in the production of the 'ActNow' Film with student volunteers and Cambridge Zero, which was shown in the Green Zone at COP26.

In the film, young people from around the world share their experiences of climate change; their hopes and ambitions for the future; and their 'asks' of climate change negotiators, as well as their own climate pledges. They share, in their own words, why stopping climate change is important to them: the future generation.

[You can find out more and watch the film here.](#)

Want to know more about the work Bath is doing to address climate change? [Visit our COP26 webpage.](#)

Latest News

Bath Students take part in the UKSAEI's Climate Change Hackathon to help combat climate change

Five students from the University of Bath participated in the UK-Singapore Universities Alliance for Entrepreneurship and Innovation's Climate Change Hackathon.

In October 2021, five Bath students joined seventy-five other students from both the UK and Singapore to take part in a two-week Climate Change Hackathon. The Hackathon, in collaboration with the British High Commission and the Singapore Science and Innovation Network, aimed to support the global campaign #RaceToZero to rally momentum amongst universities and businesses to help generate innovative ideas from students to address the global climate issues.

The event saw students team up in small groups and tasked them with a problem statement around developing solutions or processes for UK and Singapore organisations to adopt to mitigate climate change-related issues.

[Read more about the Hackathon and the University of Bath's partnership with the UKSAEI.](#)

The University of Bath is excited to announce a new partnership with Western University.

The University of Bath is pleased to have signed an agreement with Western University Canada. The agreement is made between the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Bath and the Faculty of Health Sciences at Western University.

The focus of these collaborations is how the pandemic has highlighted profound weaknesses in health care and healthcare management across the world while issues of capacity, sustainability, and equity have become more prevalent than ever before.

Dr Fiona Gillison, Head of the Department for Health at Bath.

"We are very excited to be starting off a new relationship with Western University, Canada, which we hope will lead to an increasing series of student and staff exchanges to exchange ideas and provide a more international perspective in research and teaching related to health, including health and social care, health promotion and prevention and sport & exercise science."

[Read more about our partnership with Western University.](#)

The University of Bath Students' Union celebrates Diwali

The Students' Union (SU) at Bath hosted a Diwali celebration on the 4th November 2021. The event, supported by the IRO and hosted on campus, invited students from all backgrounds and beliefs to celebrate Diwali with the SU. Students had a wonderful time at the event, with Aarti, a traditional Hindu worship ceremony, dance performances and an opportunity for students to socialise.



The University continues to work hard to support students through Covid19 restrictions.

As the Covid19 pandemic continues to cause disruptions, there are a number of restrictions still in place. The University has been working hard this semester to continue the high level of support that we have offered our students throughout the pandemic, especially to those students who are travelling internationally and have needed to quarantine.

Management student Sam had to quarantine for the start of the academic year. [Watch the video on twitter](#), where he speaks to us about how he was supported by the University when he arrived in the UK.



for us it was just great and I really felt very grateful for everything. I

The International Relations Office Blog

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