

Launching the Academy for Sustainable Futures

Colleagues, students, governors and key external partners came together on 15 March 2022 to mark the launch of the Academy for Sustainable Futures.



Image: Key members of the Christ Church community gather with external advisors and guest speakers for the Launch.

The Academy is based on ten years of pioneering work in sustainability and has been created to enable the University to make a step-change in its drive towards educating, advocating, and influencing our collective sustainable futures. In responding to the climate crisis, the Academy will drive forward the academic elements of the strategy, leveraging the University's wider influence and civic duty.

7

speakers addressed our community across the launch evening

85

staff, students, guests and stakeholders attended the launch

10+ yrs

since our sustainability team first formed, the Academy has launched

"At the core of our commitment for 60 years has been a desire to pursue social justice. The Academy for Sustainable Futures reflects our values to use education and research to support our local communities and change society for the better."

Professor Rama Thirunamachandran, Vice-Chancellor

The keynote speaker was Dr Jane Davidson, former Minister for Education, then Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing in the Welsh Government, and the author of #futuregen: lessons from a small country.

Key members of our wider Christ Church community who also spoke at the launch were Vice Chancellor, Rama Thirunamachandran; Senior Pro-Vice Chancellor of Research, Enterprise and Business Development, Prof. Mike Weed; Director of Sustainability Development, Dr. Peter Rands; Education for Sustainable Futures Lead, Dr Nicola Kemp; Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Governing Body, Judith Armitt, and President of the Christ Church Students' Union, Dan Bichener who presented a short film from the Union sharing students' voices, snippets of interviews and conversations with current Christ Church students about the importance of sustainability and tackling climate change.

The Academy's priorities are to:

- provide **evidence** through undertaking and sharing sustainability research
- **embed** education for sustainability within all learning and teaching
- **exemplify** sustainable practices through University operations
- build relationships for change through **engagement** with the University and local communities, and with national and international policy and policy-makers.

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