

The Centre for Environment and Society  
at the University of Essex presents the online Zoom workshop on

# Integrating Climate Emergency Knowledge into Higher Education Curriculum

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
from 12 to 2 pm (GMT)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/93272333540>  
Meeting ID: 932 7233 3540

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The workshop is open to any interested individual, **free of charge**.

## The Guest Speakers



**Professor Simon Kemp** would discuss how higher education prepares students for a world that is impacted by climate change. He is Professor of Education for Sustainable Development, University of Southampton and also the Co-Chair of the QAA (The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education) Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Higher Education (2014 and 2021).



**Ann Finlayson** would talk about how Sustainability and Environmental Education endorses the learning of sustainability about people, opportunities and responsibilities. She is the Chief Executive at Sustainability and Environmental Education (SEEd), a charity focused on environment and education.



**Meg Baker** would talk about how education, in particular, could achieve social justice and wellbeing in students' journeys towards sustainability. She is the Interim Director of Education at Students Organising for Sustainability UK (SOS-UK), a student-led education charity focusing on sustainability.

## Professor Simon Kemp

*Professor in Education for Sustainable Development, University of Southampton*  
<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/geography/about/staff/sk2.page>

Professor Simon Kemp is the University Lead in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) at the University of Southampton where he is responsible for the embedding of sustainable development across the whole of the university curricula and student experience. He is an award-winning academic recognised for his student-focused work in ESD and employability through the Times Higher Education 'Most Innovative Teacher of Year', a National Teaching Fellowship, and 'Sustainability Professional of the Year' awards amongst others.

Whilst working at Southampton Simon has also held the additional national roles of Academic Lead in ESD for the Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE), Leader of the Green Academy Programme, Deputy Chair and Trustee of the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges (EAUC), and Co-Chair of the QAA & Advance HE Education for Sustainable Development Guidance Document Expert Working Groups (2014 & 2021). He has delivered numerous keynotes and workshops across the world.

His other roles at the University of Southampton include mentoring teaching-focused academics for career development and the National Teaching Fellowship programme, as well as the main day-job of leading the Environmental Science undergraduate programmes and working with students. There his work focuses on providing a socially and environmentally responsible transformative experience for all students, whilst also continuing to provide support for alumni over the last couple of decades. However, teaching, assessment and the student experience will always be his main passion, so he enjoys nothing more than working with students through delivering his many modules and contributing to others across the university.

## Ann Finlayson

*Executive Chair, SEEd*  
<https://se-ed.co.uk/about-seed/meet-the-team/>

Ann has worked in the environmental and education field for over 30 years. After a stint as a countryside ranger in Scotland, she began travelling the world teaching, facilitating and consulting in places such as Papua New Guinea, Australia and Canada.

She was Head of Education/Social Change at WWF-UK and the Commissioner for Education and Capability Building for the Sustainable Development Commission (2005-2010).

Ann took on the job of revamping CEE, now SEEd in 2008 and has enjoyed seeing it grow back to national significance as well as sharing her expertise. She is passionate about the role of learning in sustainability and for it to be about real people, real opportunities and real responsibilities.

## Meg Baker

*Interim Director of Education at Students Organising for Sustainability-UK*  
<https://www.sos-uk.org/about#The-Team>

Meg is interim Director of education at Students Organising for Sustainability-UK. SOS-UK is an educational charity created by students and staff at NUS in response to the climate emergency and ecological crisis. We support students to learn, act and lead for sustainability.

As interim director of education Meg oversees SOS-UKs education work, programmes and campaigns. This involves working across the student movement and with partner organisations to reform the education sector by enhancing the embedding of learning for sustainability for all students, at all levels of study, in the UK and internationally. Meg is also currently seconded to University and College Union (UCU) for 1 day/week to progress UCUs work supporting members on the Green New Deal for Universities and Colleges.