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Live Green@NUS

OUR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE STARTS TODAY

by NUS Sustainability

NUS Sustainability CONNECT Highlight Festival had a successful run recently from 14–21 Sep, packing more than 30 events into a week!

There was something for everyone in this year's festival, which had grown larger in size and scope.



It was also the first time that we partnered the **Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Festival of Ideas (Environment and Sustainability track)** and **NUS Homecoming**. Here's a look back at the festival!

OPENING ON A HIGH NOTE



Mr Menon in a Q and A session moderated by Prof Ben Cashore from the Institute of Environment & Sustainability.

Inaugural EMLL lecture & SDG Open Hack@NUS

The festival opened with the inaugural **NUS Environmental Management Leadership Lecture (EMLL)** by the **MSc in Environmental Management (MEM) programme**, featuring Mr Ravi Menon, Singapore's Ambassador for Climate Action and a member of NUS Board of Trustees. On the same day, **NUS Enterprise** flagged off a 24-hour **SDG Open Hack@NUS**.



Over 300 students in 50 teams participated in the SDG Open Hack@NUS.

THERE WAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Minister for National Development Desmond Lee was the Guest of Honour at NUS Cities Symposium.



NERI's symposium centred on cutting-edge solutions for low-carbon transition such as advances in carbon capture.

High-level symposiums

It was a full house at both the **NUS Cities Symposium: Liveable Cities in Uncertain times** and **NUS Environmental Research Institute (NERI)'s Symposium on Innovative Environmental Solutions for Accelerating Low-Carbon Transition**, each of which featured an impressive slate of esteemed panellists and distinguished guests.



Katharine Hayhoe from The Nature Conservancy delivering a keynote at CNCS' nature for climate panel.



Panellists at the launch of SGFIN's whitepaper on green building framework.

Inspiring panels

Also hugely popular were the panels on topics ranging from blue carbon projects to green buildings and sustainability education, organised by NUS partners such as the **Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions (CNCS)**, **Sustainable and Green Finance Institute (SGFIN)**, **Centre for Sustainable Medicine** and **Office of Risk Management and Compliance**.

Ridge View Residential College (RVRC)'s Sustainability Education Panel Dialogue for educators by educators also saw the sharing of a [Sustainability Education Playbook](#) on multidisciplinary approach to sustainability education.

Exclusive tours

Behind-the-scenes tours were conducted at **Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS)** laboratories at NUS, its Agri-PV testbed at Yuhua, and **Ridge View Residential College**. Dr Amy Choong from the **Department of Biological Sciences** and her student, Mr Lester Loo also led a tour of the native plants around UHall.



Dr Amy Choong sharing fascinating facts about the native plants around UHall.



(Right) Participants harvesting fresh vegetables during the tour to SERIS' agrivoltaics project at Yuhua carpark rooftop.



(Left) Mr Lim Cheng Puay, a fellow at RVRC, bringing participants on a tour of the college's learning forest of native trees.



Plant journaling workshop in progress at RVRC.



Participants in deep discussion during the interactive segment of the IPUR's Carbon Crunch event.

Interactive workshops

The **Carbon Crunch** event by **LRF Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk (IPUR)** sparked discussions on how our everyday choices can lower our personal emissions while RVRC's workshops on **Biophilic Design** and **Nature Journaling** gave participants a chance to see building design and plants with new eyes!

Ground-up students' events

Student groups such as **NUS VEGE**, **NUSC Ecoplanet**, **NUS Bitscraps** and **Student Energy NUS** also organised a range of events, from film screenings to donation drives, for the festival.



Young professionals in the energy industry sharing insights with students on navigating careers in energy and sustainability at Alumni Sharing Night event by Student Energy NUS.



NUS VEGE and NUSC Ecoplanet's screening of Seaspiracy which documents the environmental impact of over-fishing.

IN CLOSING WITH NUS HOMECOMING



Participants after (left) and before (right) the reforestation session.

The festival rounded up with 2 events by volunteer group **NUS Toddcats: Reforesting Kent Ridge** where 100 tree saplings were planted at Kent Ridge Road and a **Wildlife on NUS Campus talk** by N.Sivasothi, a senior lecturer from the Department of Biological Sciences.

See you next year!

For more sustainability news and events, visit <https://sustainability.nus.edu.sg>





GET INVOLVED

Sustainability events in Oct and Nov



NUS Sustainability CONNECT Highlight Festival may be over, but there are other sustainability events that you can look out for in the coming months!

11 Oct
6.30 – 8pm

Global Reporting Initiative workshop
by 1.5degreeNUS

[Register.](#)

1.5degreeNUS organises field trips and workshops for students to share sustainability concepts. Get updates on its [IG](#) or [Linktree](#).

14 Oct
6.30 – 8pm

NUS Cities Lecture Series: Water, Land and You and Me featuring **Henk Ovink** by NUS Cities and Institute for Environment & Sustainability (IES)

[Register.](#)



NUS Cities and IES organise regular events. Get updates on their events page [here](#) (for NUS Cities) and [here](#) (for IES) or join their mailing list [here](#) and [here](#).

16 Oct
7 – 8.30pm

Pathfinding in Sustainability: RV Perspectives
by RV Climate Cafe

[Register.](#)

RV Climate Cafe is a student-led initiative that aims to start discussions about sustainability and environmental action while also addressing climate anxiety. Get updates on [RVRC's IG](#).

24 Oct
4.30 – 6pm

The Lancet's Dr Jessamy Bagenal: Publishing for Impact
by Centre for Sustainable Medicine (CoSM)

[Register.](#)

CoSM organises regular events. For updates, visit its [events page](#) or join its [mailing list](#).



Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) Seminars

APCEL holds talks, webinars and workshops. For updates, visit its [events page](#).

17 Oct
9.30am- 5.15pm

Towards Net Zero Conference: Legal Aspects of Corporate Climate Action in Asia conference
[Register.](#)

6 Nov
2 – 4.45pm

APCEL Indonesia Series: Preparing for Just Transition in a Developing world hybrid event, with Centre for International Law NUS. [Register.](#)

3 Nov
8am – 1.30pm

Clean & Green Singapore 2024 @ NUS UTown

Clean & Green Singapore

Come join us in the planting of our **50,000th tree on campus**, in support of Singapore's OneMillionTrees movement!

There will also be **an exhibition tour** on campus greening and Zero Waste efforts on campus; as well as the first **Iceberg Series panel discussions** which will focus on 2 topics: closing the plastic waste loop and campus as a living laboratory to tackle climate change.

[Register.](#)



Tree planting by NUS TODDYCATS

NUS Toddycats runs regular tree planting sessions usually on **Saturdays**. For updates, visit its [webpage](#) or [Telegram](#).

12 Oct
3.30 – 6.30pm

@Lim Chu Kang Nature Park
[Register \(waitlist only\).](#)

19 Oct
8 – 10.30am

@Rail Corridor South
Sold out.

9 Nov
8.30 – 10.30am

@Lim Chu Kang Nature Park
Pending details.

16 Nov
8 – 10.30am

@Kent Ridge NUS
Pending details.

23 Nov
8 – 10.30am

@Rail Corridor South and Kranji Marshes
Pending details.

Visit the events' listing on [NUS Sustainability website](#) for updates.



GET INVOLVED

Other sustainability events throughout the year



Panels and workshops



NUS SAVE (Students' Association for Visions of the Earth)



Organises bazaars, panel discussions and beach cleanups among other activities.

Best update channel: [Telegram](#)

NUS VEGE (Vision of an Equal and Greener Earth)



Organises activities related to promoting a cruelty-free lifestyle. Upcoming: A vegan cheese-making workshop and a garden to table cooking workshop.

Best update channel: [IG](#) or [Telegram](#)

Student Energy NUS



Organises workshops and sharing sessions. Upcoming: An energy industry dialogue with Energy Market Authority.

Best update channel: [IG](#) or [LinkTree](#)

Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions (CNCS)

Organises events on topics related to nature-based climate solutions.

Best update channel: [IG](#), [LinkedIn](#), or join its [mailing list](#)

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP)

Organises sustainability-related talks and panels.

Best update channel: [events page](#) or join its [mailing list](#)

MSc in Environmental Management (MEM) Programme

Organises a seminar series on sustainability topics.

Best update channel: [webpage](#) or [email scale.seminars@nus.edu.sg](mailto:scale.seminars@nus.edu.sg) to join its mailing list

Sustainable and Green Finance Institute (SGFIN)

Organises case competitions, research seminars, industry sharing series and an annual sustainability summit among others.

Best update channel: [events page](#) or [email sgfin@nus.edu.sg](mailto:sgfin@nus.edu.sg) to join its mailing list

Tree planting and nature walks



BES Drongos



A student-led interest group under the Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES) Student Committee which conducts nature walks to engage the public on biodiversity and conservation issues.

Best update channel: [IG](#)

RV FoRestore



A forest restoration group at RVRC that conducts tree planting, tree tagging and weeding sessions.

Best update channel: [Telegram](#)

EVBIG



An environmental biology interest group under the NUS Life Sciences Society that organises nature walks to showcase Singapore biodiversity.

Best update channel: [NUS Life Sciences Society Telegram](#) or [EVBIG's IG](#)

Donation drives



NUS Bitscraps



A student interest group dedicated to electronics repair and sustainability.

Best update channel: [Telegram](#)

InfiniUse

This student-led initiative circulates used hostel items from one batch of residents to the next.

Best update channel: [Telegram](#)



If you have sustainability events to publicise, [email us](#).