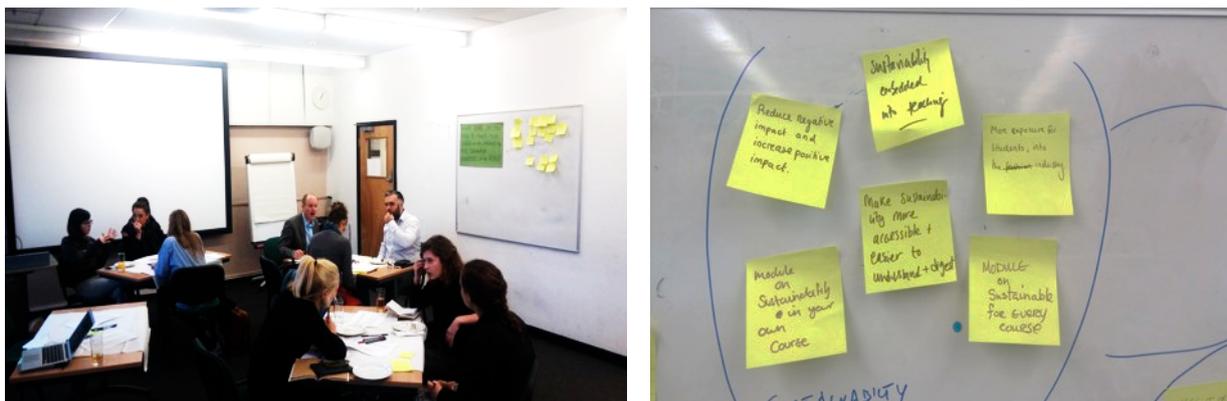**meet
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The future of sustainability at UAL

Thank you for taking part in the sustainability workshop at LCF on 14th January 2016 and for your active participation, enthusiasm and willingness to be involved.

Two connected conversations took place. This concise summary captures many of your ideas. These will help inform UAL's future university-wide sustainability programme.

1. What ideas you have to make your college, and UAL, amongst the most sustainable universities in the world?

Your votes. You worked with us to categorise your ideas into five main themes: "Sustainability Education" – "Community" – "Supply chain" – "Value/Culture of sustainability" – "Estates and Energy consumption".

Then you voted on the categories you felt were the most important to focus on during the second detailed conversation, given the need to narrow down. We've interfered with your words as little as possible, intervening mainly to tidy up duplicates.

Developing a culture of sustainability through community and education
(which resulted from amalgamating the first three categories above)

Your thoughts:
• Make sustainability 'the norm' – a core value – a 'foundation of choices'
• Need to better inspire people who want to be involved – to 'build a UAL community'
• A financial culture of "use it or lose it" needs to be dispelled and re-engineered to *reward buying less*
• There's an unhealthy obsession with buying too much technology
• More focus on the local environment and local economy through cultural events
• Organise events to encourage public participation in LCF buildings, e.g. open the library at specific times; seek to connect with local retailer associations
• Develop a module on sustainability for every course – embed sustainability into teaching
• Make sustainability easier to understand
• Introduce quarterly meetings dedicated to engaging with students and staff – for discussing, brainstorming and assessing progress

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Supply chain – More attention to sourcing policies and choosing the right partners

Your thoughts:
- Need for a clear understanding and explanation of all product sources and their impacts
- Visualise the path of products and services on their journey through the colleges
- Develop more industry partnerships premised on sustainability
- Introduce sustainable purchasing policy – e.g. IT purchasing

Estates and Energy consumption – buildings, waste, and wellbeing

Your thoughts:
- Aim for zero waste
- Change the incumbent mindset of over-zealous printing and photocopying
- Review heating and windows to reduce energy waste
- Assess the lighting and change to LEDs
- Increase student/staff wellbeing through measures such as water fountains, healthy workstations, yoga classes etc.

2. How do we get there?

A lively discussion then focused on the topic of "Developing a culture of sustainability through community and education". There were conversations about targets UAL could set, specific actions it could take, and on barriers to making progress.

Your thoughts:
- More staff training on sustainability
- Setting an environmental champion or sustainability representative for each college
- Create a sustainable network/hub
- Set fun sustainability challenges (e.g. steps not lifts/ wearing the jeans for a year!)
- Set sustainability targets and raise awareness about sustainability
- Use left-over budget to be used to establish a "sustainability reward"
- Focus on less "glamorous" challenges or actions (like closing windows)
- More use digital to reduce paper use
- More collaboration between colleges
- Create a "sustainable citizen" passport
- Value LCF's staff - e.g. more consideration about work/life balance
- Connect with local London fashion retailers to join their sustainability initiatives
- Organise workshops to share stories and set up talks with inspirational speakers, to encourage people to continually push for change
- Screens in colleges to display product lifecycles visually
- Get rid of plastic at UAL

Overall, there was a lot of consensus on:
- The need to identify sustainability targets
- The need to encourage people to push UAL's sustainability agenda further – particularly through "Sustainability Champions", Sustainability Reps" or "Sustainability Citizens"
- Better structures for communication and collaboration between colleges – in order to ensure people can share ideas, build networks, connect with external organisations, receive training and generally form a **culture of co-ordination.**

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Thanks you once again for your input, which will feed into recommendations to be presented to the UAL Sustainability and Environment Project Board later in January 2016. To discuss further, please contact matt.prescott@mint-environment.com.

Important survey!

We'd be very grateful if you would now complete this online survey by 29th January 2016 and encourage others linked to UAL to do so too:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/UAL-sustain

The results from the survey will also be helping to inform decisions taken about the future of sustainability at UAL.

Another excellent event!

We hope to see you again at an evening event at LCC on 10th of February:
"WILD: Re-naturing the city" will explore the value of nature in our urban lives. Book here:

http://events.arts.ac.uk/event/2016/2/10/WILD-ReNaturing-the-City/