

West Lothian College



Doing their bit Fairtrade members Julia Miller, Andy Mount and Anne Walsh at the event

Striving for sustainability

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West Lothian College held its first Sustainability Summit last month to allow staff and students to identify ways to make the college more sustainable.

During the event, normal activity at the college was suspended so that everyone could take part. The day started with a mini-conference featuring TEDx eco speakers Laura Young aka Less Waste Laura and Cameron Mackay.

There was also a free tunch with a marketplace in the college's eMeal Café to showcase the sustainable businesses and activities which are now springing up in Scotland.

In the afternoon, there were practical sessions,

ranging from litter picking, to seed planting, to discussions about how to reduce photocopying. Some classes created their own activities around the theme of sustainability.

As part of continued effort to promote sustainability the college's canteen has stopped selling single use plastics and there will be no more plastic cups at water coolers, staff will be using refillable water bottles instead.

Beth Brownlee, depute centre head of the business and creative centre, and chief organiser of the event, said: "At the college we're embracing global efforts to promote sustainability and we want this event to highlight the importance of our individual and collective actions and how we can address climate change."



Playtime Childcare students get to grips with sustainable outdoor play



Be our guests Beth Brownlee, Jackie Galbraith and Alex Linkston with speakers Cameron Mackay of Strathclyde Uni and Laura Young — aka Less Waste Laura



Educating The college held a Sustainability Summit



Examples Cameron Mackay and Laura Young with James Brown of Energy Skills Partnership



Hair we go Beth Brownlee with Beauty and hairdressing students using sustainable hair products

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