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EcoCampus Response to Green League Results

Participants excel in annual league table

Over the last few months the environment and sustainability teams at universities throughout the UK have been going into overdrive in preparation for their green league submissions. Today all that hard work paid off, with the results of the 2011 Green League being made public on the People and Planet and the Guardian website.

It was once again another impressive performance from the EcoCampus participants; 7 out of the top 10 institutions actively participate in the scheme. Ranked top of the Green League is Nottingham Trent University who also topped the league table in 2009. The university has won awards for the Newton Arkwright building which makes use of natural light and green technologies. There are also nesting falcons on the building. Institutions already enrolled on the scheme will be familiar with the building; it is where the workshops take place.

Other universities performing well in the Green League include the University of Worcester (3rd), Bournemouth University and University of Greenwich (=5th), Bath Spa University (7th), University of East Anglia and University of Hertfordshire (=8th). Special mention must be given to University of Greenwich and the University of East Anglia who managed to climb 56 and 35 places respectively.

Dr Peter Redfern, Director of EcoCampus said: "It has once again been a strong performance from a number of universities on the scheme. Last year 5 of the top 10 Green League institutions were actively involved in EcoCampus. This year that figure has risen to 7 out of ten. This only goes to show that through the process of continual improvement universities can make real positive steps towards improving their environmental performance".

EcoCampus would like to offer its congratulations to all universities who have performed well in this years' Green league. Just remember, the purpose of an EMS is to continually improve your environmental performance. If you stick with the scheme and keep making environmental performance improvements then you could do even better next year, just look at Greenwich.

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EcoCampus was started in 2006 with HEFCE funding and is now run on a not for profit basis. Since its launch it has gone on to attract around 30% of the sector including 35% of the Russell Group of Universities. There are currently 46 institutions enrolled on the scheme. EcoCampus is now recruiting for institutions to join cohort 4, scheduled to start in October 2011.

For more information on this topic, joining Cohort 4, or to arrange an interview with a member of the EcoCampus team, please contact harry.fraser@ntu.ac.uk.