

Geography & Green Impact

Dear Geography

Welcome to the latest *GI Geog* e-newsletter.

Were fast approaching the Green Impact finish line ...

Some of you may have noted that Geography have climbed to 2nd place on the current Green Impact leaderboard, with just over a month to go, we still have a lot of work to do.

In this issue we look at trying to reduce waste, we have highlighted 5 very simple steps to get you started. Also if you run or cycle to work, see how your efforts are saving the planet.

UCL's Green Volunteering Fair, 6-8pm on Wednesday 12th February 2014 to find out about a huge variety of ways to make a positive environmental impact.

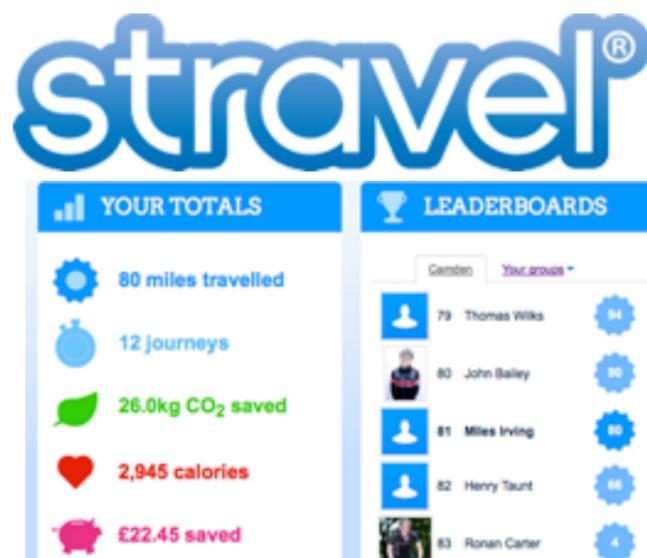
Also if you are a tweeter, why not tweet some of our ideas to your followers... @GIGeogTeam

If you are interested in joining our team and helping then please get in touch. We need your input.

Thanks
from Miles & the GI Geog Team



Do you cycle or run to work?



Camden Borough Council, have teamed up with Stravel to create a UCL wide leaderboard of who is saving the most CO2 by not driving. Stravel rewards people for travelling in a healthy, sustainable way. Whether you run, walk, bike, car-share or use public transport, you'll earn great discounts and prizes for simply logging your daily trips. You can use Stravel to plan trips, learn about alternative methods of transport, track personal stats, competes against peers and earn StravelPoints.

REDUCING WASTE IN THE DEPARTMENT

5 simple steps

1. Junk mail (Post)

So Much unwanted mail is simply binned. Take your name off catalogue or journal lists. It's easy – either phone them up and ask to be removed or simply stick a 'return to sender' label on your unwanted mail and put it in the external mail box. This will reduce the amount of waste generated by UCL, Save UCL post room staff and Geography office staff from having to carry and sort unwanted mail.

Stickers can be found in Geography Postrooms



2. Scrap Paper

We all print things out, that once read we no longer need, proofs of a paper or diagram. Obviously we should all try and print less, use double sided and where possible make handouts available via Moodle. But there is always scrap paper, keep unwanted single sided A4 sheets in a magazine box or paper box lid. Collect one from Miles. Use the paper for making notes on, or donate to the UCL Nursery (via Miles).

3. Used Envelopes & Packages

We all receive mail at work, why not consider re-using the envelopes? Sometimes the envelope is not viable for re-use, but often they are, especially larger more rigid envelopes. Also padded envelopes, boxes and tubes. The cost of replenishing the envelopes in our stationery cupboards could be reduced, Re-usable envelopes could be stored alongside the scrap paper. Don't forget used Postage stamps are collected for the Charity "Hearing Dogs" and collection boxes are located in Departmental Post Rooms

4. Portable Heaters

Please report any issues with heating or cooling to your Estates Liaison. UCL no longer permits the use of portable heaters or coolers. They are only permitted if there is a problem with the temperature of your office or workroom. If you need extra heat or cooling, then contact your

Estates Liaison, who will have your room assessed. Once the issue is resolved, the heater will be removed. As with all other electrical items, UCL does not permit heaters to be brought in from home.

5. Lifts

We have lifts in Pearson and Bedford Way, try to only use the lift if needed, the mechanisms used for powering use lots of electricity, by using stairs you will be saving electricity and helping yourself get a little fitter

Fairtrade Fortnight 2014

Cheap Bananas Threaten Farmers' Futures

Make a difference during Fairtrade Fortnight 2014
Sign the petition or add the banner below to your signature
Together we can make bananas fair

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More...

Environmental Awareness Course

IUCL has launched a new Green Awareness module via Moodle for all staff and students at UCL. This course introduces the key concepts of sustainability and what these mean for you at UCL. It also makes links to research and teaching so that you can develop an understanding of UCL's global sustainability influence.

Take the course:

[Environmental Awareness Moodle course](#)

Adapt these Powerpoint slides to promote the course:

[Student Induction UCL \(PDF\)](#)

What's your green New Year's resolution?



About GI Geog

Set up in 2011 as the Green Impact Geography group, we strive to help make Geography more sustainable through the NUS project "Green Impact" Led by Miles Irving & Janet Hope, over the last couple of years the team has been successful in helping the department fulfil its desire to become sustainable.



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Coming up soon...

Cycling for staff & students

UCLprint help

Saving Water

We're gathering your green New Year's resolutions to showcase the scale and diversity of action that UCL students, staff and academics are taking for a better world.

Watch our short film

Get inspired by watching our new short film (with pledges from Provost Michael Arthur and members of Archaeology, Chemistry, Estates and UCLU - to name a few) www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_u3bVK4jTK8

Submit your resolution

Whether it's saving energy, volunteering, campaigning or finding ways to make a impact as part of your job, we can all make positive changes this year.

Why not take a look at our [programmes pages](#) to find out more about ways to get involved with us?

making Geography more sustainable...

www.ucl.ac.uk/greenucl