



THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Special ACTS Conference edition

We are getting excited at the University of Tasmania because this November, the 2024 Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) Conference will be hosted at our very own newly developed Inveresk Campus, a cutting-edge facility designed with sustainability at its core.

Now in its 22nd year, *The ACTS Conference: The Future of Sustainability* continues to be the only dedicated sustainability event developed by and for champions from campus communities across Australasia. Understanding the potential for campuses extends beyond addressing present challenges; it holds the power to help regenerate and usher in a future defined by sustainability principles.

The event will maximise every opportunity to bring the sustainability community together in-person, offering valuable time to connect with peers who share their passion, learn from their experiences, and be inspired by the collective strength that comes from being among others who understand the nuances of sustainability, allowing for cross-sectoral dialogue about sustainability and the SDGs.

Recognising the unique challenges faced by those driving change in the sector, the event also aims to revitalise and support delegates to continue their impactful work.

This is the first face-to-face event since the pandemic, so we are particularly thrilled to welcome sustainability champions to Tasmania and connect in person. Moving forward, every second ACTS Conference will be held online to reduce travel emissions.

The packed program includes garden and park tours, interactive games, workshops, roundtables and conversations on a broad spectrum of topics including sustainable design, diversity and equity, carbon literacy, sustainable food systems, the circular economy and the connections between sustainability and wellbeing. There will also be plenty of opportunities to connect and network, not least of which being the Green Gown Awards Australasia gala dinner and awards ceremony.

University staff and students can access a discounted rate to attend the conference. For University staff, reach out to sustainability.utas@utas.edu.au for more information. For student registrations contact conference@acts.asn.au.

5-8 November at Inveresk

[Find out more and register](#)



Building on success

Last year's ACTS Conference was held virtually over four days in the first half of November 2023. Just like the upcoming event, the diverse online program included some of the University of Tasmania's own sustainability champions.

The Sustainability team's Corey Peterson, Carmen Primo Perez and Cathy Walker delivered a webinar called 'Sparking action on the Sustainable Development Goals', looking at curriculum and research mapping against the SDGs and the (very popular) 2030 SDGs Game, which this year's Conference attendees will have the opportunity to play!

'Leading the transition at UTAS', facilitated by Dr Catherine Elliott and two of our 2023 SIPS Interns, Karen Feeney and Thi Thu Binh Hoang, looked at how students can effect change through exploring sustainability projects.

This unique virtual event brought a wide range of attendees together - not just from Australasian university communities but also from outside the higher education sector - to discuss, share and explore solutions to current sustainability-related issues.

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