



## Welcome to the Green Pages!

Congratulations everyone! Thirty-six teams in forty-three departments across the University of Sheffield have now pressed the big red button and submitted their workbooks. All of these teams will be audited at the end of February (see 'The GIPAs return' for more information) and then rewarded at the ceremony on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Allen (Environmental Projects Officer) and I are working on the next steps. We have been tasked with planning a 2 year behaviour change scheme, consisting of small campaigns. Read 'CTLCBCS' for more information, and keep an eye out for future communications.

Green Impact will be back in the next academic year, with a new Sustainable Behaviour Assistant. Before then, we'll asking for your feedback so we can amend the workbook and the scheme to work better for you. For now, thank you for all of your hard work. I hope you enjoyed yourselves!



## GIPA of the Year

Since we launched the GIPA scheme this year, I thought it would be rather nice to reward those students who worked especially hard. I know that there are some, so please let me know who they are and what they did for you. The GIPA with the best nomination will win a very special prize at the BeCause Awards Ceremony on April 12<sup>th</sup>!

Please email me your nominations, stating your team, your GIPA's name and why you're nominating them (max 300 words). Please note that I only need one nomination per GIPA, so if you had one across multiple teams you don't all need to write! The deadline for nominations is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## Dates for your diary:

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 1<sup>st</sup> March: auditing (precise dates on schedule)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Arts Tower Blackout!

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: my last day (how sad)

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 11:30: BeCause Awards ceremony, Octagon

## Green Impact teams:

- Academic Clinical Psychiatry
- ACS: Halifax Hall
- Admissions Service
- APS
- BMS
- Cardiovascular Science
- CBE
- Chemistry
- CiCS
- Corporate Affairs
- Student Services: Edgar Allen House (TPO, SSG)



## What next?

Green Impact 2012/2013 may be over, but your work doesn't have to be. If you and your team are keen to stay active, there are plenty of options for you:

### **Keep on trucking!**

Download the workbook as an Excel file and keep working through the next level. If you do this, remember that the criteria may change slightly depending on feedback, but the vast majority should stay the same.

### **Get involved**

Tim and I are preparing other campaigns that will be taking place in the near future. As Green Impact members, you'll receive information about each one. It would be fantastic to have your involvement!

### **Grow sunflowers like SITraN...**

...have an Environmental Employee Of The Month like Education, or plant a meadow of wildflowers like the Medical departments. There are plenty of ways that you can keep teams enthusiastic by planning little competitions that will take place over the summer (and beyond). Bear in mind that these can also be entered for Special Awards next year!



One of SITraN's sunflowers\*

My contract at the University officially finishes on March 31<sup>st</sup>, so my last day here will be Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to get in touch with me between now and then regarding any environmental or sustainability ideas you have, and work your department is doing or if you'd like to get involved in anything we're planning. I'd still love to hear from you!

## Green Impact teams (cont.):

- Education
- EFM
- ELTC
- Finance, Academic Services and Research & Innovation Services
- Human Metabolism
- Human Resources
- Humanities Research Institute
- Infection & Immunity
- International Office & International Relations
- Jessop West
- Kroto Research Institute
- Law
- LeTS
- MBB
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nursing & Midwifery (Barber House & Annexe)
- Oncology
- Physics & Astronomy
- Psychology
- Psychology: Alfred Denny Building
- Recruitment Support
- SITraN
- SSiD
- Student Services: Outreach & UK/EU Recruitment
- USE

Congratulations to all 36 teams! You'll all get at least a Working Towards Accreditation award at the ceremony on April 12<sup>th</sup>!

*\*I for one am bored of snow, and after today's lovely weather have decided that it's time for Spring. So I've decorated this newsletter with as many flowers as I can get away with. And then some.*



## CTLCBCP: BeCause we want to reduce our carbon emissions (using the longest acronym ever)

In a bid to try and create the longest acronym ever, the Carbon Trust has created the Low Carbon Behaviour Change Plan. The University of Sheffield is taking part to try and help us towards our goal of 42% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020. Other institutions taking part include Brent Council, Powys County Council and our rivals Sheffield Hallam...

The scheme consists of several small campaigns, each focussing on one particular carbon-intensive behaviour. Our first campaign was [Labs Switch Off!](#)

Our next campaign is a [Blackout](#) in the Arts Tower...



*Switching on to switching off: holding a Blackout in the Arts Tower will provide an iconic and important demonstration of the University's commitment to carbon reduction.*

Blackouts traditionally consist of people going around a building switching off all unnecessary lights, computers, heaters, plug sockets, microwaves...you get the idea. We are hoping to have a Blackout in the Arts Tower to produce an obvious and visible commitment to reducing energy use and thus carbon emissions at the University of Sheffield.

It will also allow us to measure a baseline energy use in the Arts Tower when EVERYTHING is switched off. This will let us estimate savings that we could make on our carbon, electricity and bills over the year, if staff and students using the Arts Tower always remember to switch off.

We have our very own Blackout Project Planning Team consisting of Tim Allen, me and 5 students who were all involved in Green Impact, so we're hoping it will be a big success! Please get in touch if you want any more information.

## Extra info

- **Kind donation:** Professor Tony Ryan (Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Science) has very kindly offered to donate some prizes for the Special Awards! Have a look at some of the [other work](#) that Tony is involved in.



- **After I've gone:** the group page at [www.greenimpact.group.shef.ac.uk](http://www.greenimpact.group.shef.ac.uk) will stay even after I've gone. If you know of any other staff in the university who might want to take part next year, direct them there for more information.



- **Twitter/Facebook:** I've tried to make sure that the [Twitter feed](#) ([@GreenImpactShef](https://twitter.com/GreenImpactShef)) and [Facebook page](#) ([www.facebook.com/greenimpactssheffield](http://www.facebook.com/greenimpactssheffield)) will stay the same next year, but keep an eye out for future communications.



## The GIPAs return: a guide to the audits

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be arming GIPAs with knowledge, clipboards and pens and sending them off around your departments. They will be auditing you.

Before you get too worried, they are not going to try and trip you up. We all want you to do as well as you can because I know you all deserve it! They will simply be making sure that everyone ends up with the award that they deserve.

A preliminary schedule is available [here](#). If you have been scheduled for a time that you know will be difficult, please let me know. The team lead, or a fully-informed member of the team, needs to be available for the audit. Audits should take around an hour, but please allow a bit longer if you are aiming for Gold, and/or if you have also completed some of the Labs tab.



*Bribes are unlikely to work, but you're very welcome to try. My favourite flowers are gerberas. Just saying.*



## Seasonal recipe: roasted parsnip and chilli chips

1 tbsp olive oil; ½ parsnip, peeled and cut into batons; 15g butter; pinch chilli flakes; salt and pepper; parsley, to serve

-  Heat the oil over a medium heat
-  Add the parsnip batons
-  Stir for 4-5 minutes until golden-brown
-  Add the butter, chilli flakes, and seasoning to taste
-  Transfer to the oven, roast for 5-7 minutes or until tender
-  To serve, transfer to a serving plate and garnish with parsley
-  GOBBLE UP

## Extra info (cont.)

➤ **Ceremony:** we are trying to make the Green Impact Awards Ceremony bigger than ever before, hence why it has been rebranded the **BeCause awards**. Tim and I are currently in hardcore **planning** mode and we hope to bring you an event that not only **rewards** you all but also provides **wider recognition** across the university!



➤ **Feedback:** Keep an eye out for the surveys that I will be sending round to you all. Hearing about your thoughts on the scheme is the best way for us to **make it better** in the future!



➤ **Team list:** **please** do check that I have the right **team list**. I don't want to miss anyone out or get info wrong!

