

Grass-roots engagement : Students 4 Activism

The Students 4 Activism society is a newly-formed Students' Union society for 2021/22 consisting of undergraduate students with a passion for social justice and making a positive change.



Image: Members of the Students 4 Activism society in front of their Climate Action Day poster display.

The society is closely involved with pre-established societies and organisations, such as the Student Green Office, Project 93 and Us In The World.

Since conception, they have supported numerous events and run several of their own, such as a screening of 'Anthropocene: The Human Epoch', raising money for the domestic violence charity, *Rising Sun* on International Women's Day, joining a Global Climate Strike and inviting local author April Doyle to do a reading and talk on her novel, 'Hive', and about the importance of bees and pollinators.

"Our first year has been full of learning and we plan on starting in September with a full list of campaigns and activities for our current and new members!"

Lauren McCormack, Students 4 Activism Society President

The society runs regular meetings and talks, inviting guest lecturers to discuss sustainability and the university's involvement with it, as well as public projects, such as their Climate Action Day poster project in Touchdown, in which they made and encouraged others to make posters and pledges about climate change.

They've also been using their networks to support and promote other local initiatives and projects, such as the Student Union's initiative to combat period poverty by making free sanitary products available in various locations on both Canterbury and Medway Campus.

Their work earned them a nomination for Best New Society at the Student Opportunity Awards this year.

"This society is here to help engage other students in sustainability topics and be a collective student voice for sustainability issues; every university should have a society like this."

Max Clinch, Students 4 Activism Society Inclusion Officer



Image: April Doyle, author of 'Hive' speaking to students at a Students 4 Activism event about pollinator decline.

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