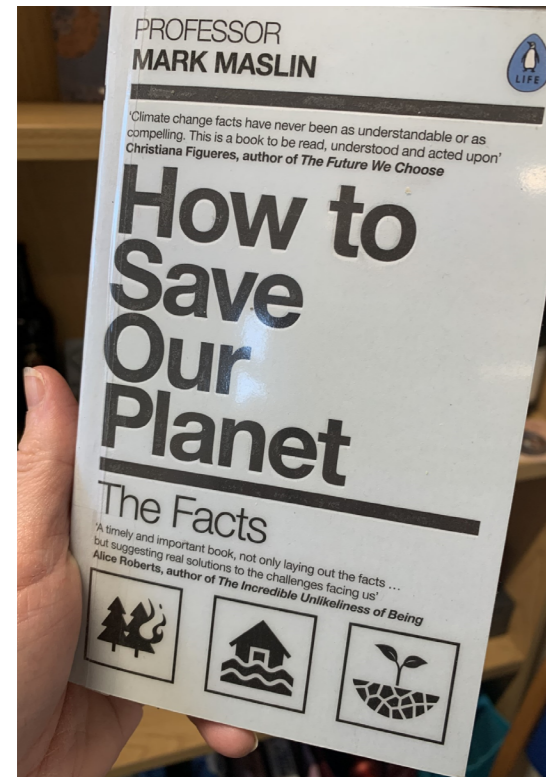


Do you want to be on The Greenhouse's mailing list and receive the newsletter as a PDF each month? Or get a hard copy sent directly to your office? Let us know via sustainability@canterbury.ac.uk. Plus - do you have Christ Church-related sustainability news? We'd love to know so we can feature it in the newsletter or on our blog! Get in touch!



SUSTAINABILITY BOOK REVIEWS #10



by Laura Hackett

This book is different to any that I've read before, in that it is not comprised of long paragraphs joining together the author's ideas and thoughts about a particular topic. Rather, it is a list of facts - one after the other - with no expounding upon or reworking, just pure scientific fact that helps to explain climate change.

Now that might sound like a horribly boring type of book but stay with me here; it's actually what makes the book so readable. Each sentence carries its own citation, each page has no more than 10 sentences, and each chapter is made up of around 10 pages. I was propelled through the book, which helped me feel like I was making progress, yet it's written in such a way that I could dip in and out when I had a spare 5 minutes.

Maslin takes you on a journey from the beginning of time to the present day, providing a detailed yet easy-to-understand context for anybody - without needing specialist knowledge in quantum physics or evolutionary biology. From there, he goes on to explain how the problem of climate change emerged (over

a relatively short period of time) and offers hopeful solutions and scenarios of what we can do to help the planet today.

3 reasons to read this book:

- 1) It will give you a helpful introduction to the history of humanity (interesting and useful in its own right) and explain how we arrived at the climate crisis we're in today
- 2) It will give you some fun facts to impress your friends and family (did you know: many people to this day still have the enzyme 'chitinase' that allows them to digest insects, like our mammal ancestors)
- 3) It will motivate you to climate action - whether through personal lifestyle choices, educating others, or lobbying governments and corporations to make environmental changes

I recommend this book to anyone who is new to climate science, or wanting to refresh their knowledge (maybe you've been on the Carbon Literacy Training at CCCU but have forgotten some of the details). It is available to borrow from Augustine House - check out the library search page to find out more.



Jenny at the 'What's On Your Plate?' event with a "How Bad Are Bananas?" activity



Harry, Halle and Jack at Fresher's Fayre

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER STUDENT GREEN OFFICE RECAP

Has our Michaelmas term been so busy that you haven't been able to keep up with our Student Green Office? Not to fear - here's everything our brand-new SGO got up to in their first semester:

- With only three initial members, the team ran a stall at Fresher's Fayre, giving away sustainable freebies and signing students up to our monthly newsletter
- Halle took advantage of the season and hosted apple picking in the Golden Jubilee Orchard, making best use of the apples before they fell off the trees
- We recruited our fourth member, Jenny, who immediately got to work writing blogs and creating guides for sustainable Christmas festivities
- Half the team undertook Carbon Literacy Training, and Jack got trained up to run it for other students
- Halle got involved with the Students for Activism Society in arranging the new campus-wide anti-fast fashion campaign, and is undertaking training with Oxfam
- Plus, plans are being made for a sustainability curriculum series, multiple Instagram reel series for students, and multiple SGO pop-up stands across COP28@CCCU!

Get Trained Up in Carbon Literacy Training this Carbon Literacy Action Day

On the **4th of December, 9am-4pm**, The Academy for Sustainable Futures will be taking part in Carbon Literacy Action Day by hosting a day-long Carbon Literacy Training for staff and students.

The day will run participants through the basics of carbon, climate change, and how individuals can make a difference by themselves, and within their communities.

Completion of the course results in a free certification from Manchester Metropolitan University, and will include a free lunch. There is still time to sign up for the day via StaffLearn or by emailing carbonliteracytraining@canterbury.ac.uk

COP28@CCCU



1 December 2023

- [SGO Pop-Up](#): 1 December, 1.30-3.30pm, Touchdown
- [Education for sustainability, citizenship, democracy and peace: online talk at COP28](#): 3 December, 1-1.30pm, online
- [One-Day Carbon Literacy Training](#): 4 December, 9am-4pm, Ng09, *booking required*
- [Climate Café Nature Walk](#): 7 December, 1-1.45pm, meet outside Verena Holmes, *booking encouraged*
- [Climate Escape Room](#): 7 December, 2.30-4pm, Ng01, *booking required*
- [Carbon Literacy Training Part 1](#): 8 December, 1-4pm, Jg10, *booking required*
- [CCAP Climate Action Festival and Awards](#): 9 December, 10.30am-6pm, St. Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury
- [Eco-Hope TEDTalk Screening](#): 11 December, 11.30am-1pm, Ng07
- [Climate Escape Room](#): 11 December, 1.30-3pm, Nt07, *booking required*
- [Potter and Prune](#): 13 December, 3-4.30pm, Johnson Wellbeing Garden
- [Give-It-A-Go: Christmas Craftivism Workshop](#): 14 December, 1-4pm, the Students' Union
- [Veg Box Collection](#): 14 December, 3-5pm, location TBC, *you must order your veg box by 12 noon on 12 December*

What's a Climate Escape Room?

The Climate Escape Room is an escape room-style game designed here at Christ Church, based originally on Climate Fresk, that teaches climate science to players through clues, puzzles, riddles and more. Players must crack codes and unlock cards to solve the cause and effects of climate change in an attempt to save the world - but they've also got to beat the clock while they do it. There are only limited spaces per game - so book ASAP to get involved!



DR STEPHEN SCOFFHAM LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION: A CLASSROOM GUIDE

by Bethany Climpson

On the evening of 30 November, Christ Church staff joined together to celebrate the newest work by Dr Stephen Scoffham (Visiting Reader in Sustainability and Education, and previously long-term academic within the University) and his colleague Steve Rawlinson.

During the afternoon, an intimate roundtable workshop took place, in which Dr Scoffham posited that sustainability is not simply to be a topic in schools, but a way of thinking and an approach to education.

Later, after an afternoon tea, the book launch shared thoughts from colleagues Alan Bainbridge, Jonathan Barnes, PGCE Further Education student Jack Swan, and Dean of Arts, Humanities and Education, Lynette Turner, before Dr Scoffham's presentation, in which he discussed how his ideas of sustainability education have evolved over a long period of time, starting back at his first book on using the local environment as a teaching resource and tracing the journey since then. He listed and praised ten colleagues from Christ Church who he has co-authored articles or books with during his time here, before highlighting the features of his newest book and explaining the questions he had over the presentation of the materials, the title, the cover, and the ways in which it all needed to communicate to the world that this was a worthy book to read. To close off the evening we heard eloquently from Jack Swan, about the enormous value that the book brings to the ways of understanding, thinking about and incorporating sustainability education.

Containing views from a range of professional opinions, from a project worker in Zambia to the ex-education secretary for the UK, a practicing primary head teacher and respect academics in the field, *Sustainability Education* has achieved a number of accolades, including:

- Winner: SAGT Awards 2022
- Winner: Global Dimension Teachers' Choice Award 2023
- Shortlisted: BERA Educational Research Book of the Year 2023
- Highly Commended: GA Publisher's Awards 2023.

During his speech, Johnathan Barnes called *Sustainability Education* a "visionary book" that should be part of the training, and re-training, of every teacher, as sustainability is a part of our future as much as it is part of our present.

Dr Scoffham will be presenting a talk on the subjects contained in his book online at COP28, held this year in Dubai, on Sunday, 3 December, 1-3pm GMT. You can join via a Zoom link on the [Education for sustainability, citizenship, democracy and peace: online talk at COP28](#) event page.



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