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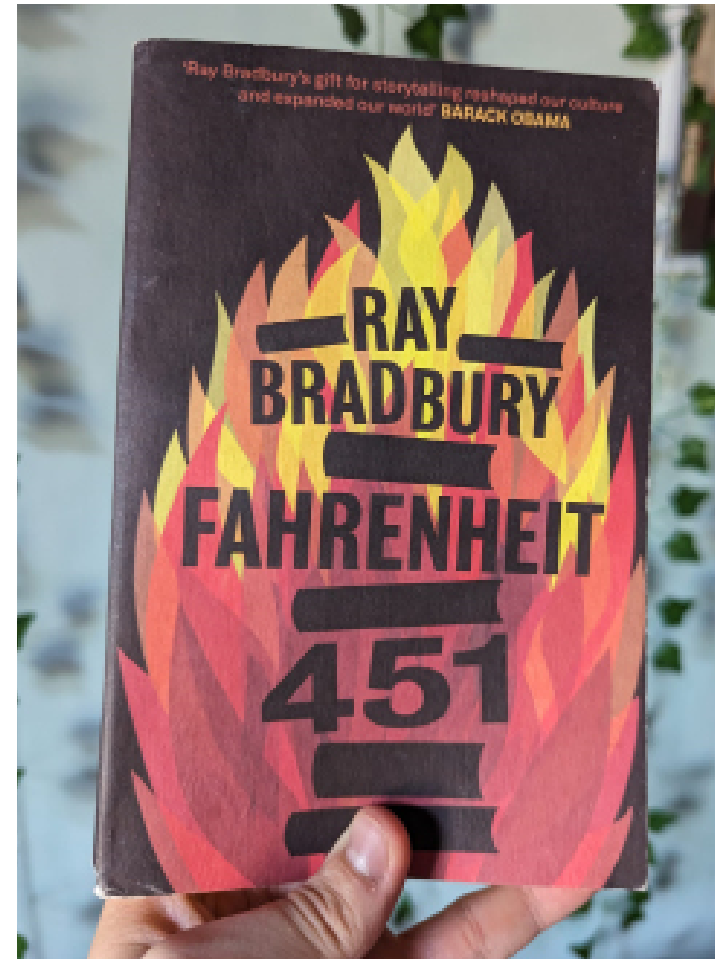
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cultivating sustainability at Canterbury Christ Church University



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SUSTAINABILITY BOOK REVIEWS #11



by Max Clinch

Flames rise up in your mind as the firefighters douse it with kerosene while you read this.

In this future, firefighters, using the symbol of a salamander, are dispatched as a show of force to those who dare to read the contradictions and seeds planted by books.

Why would you ignore 'the family' projected on all the walls in the parlour and endanger yourself to read a scruffy and outlawed book?

Fahrenheit 451 is written in such a way that it remains timeless relevant and applicable to contemporary discussions, from the [queer book banning in the USA](#) to the banning and [burning of books and documents in Afghanistan by the Taliban](#). It remains relevant, too, through the prevalent theme of controlling individuals through the mass media and technology.

Along with the application of censorship to current times, *Fahrenheit 451*, like many books of this nature, depicts a potential future for the world that includes the role reversal of public officials and a new method of keeping literature alive: through becoming your own, human storybook. These human storybooks are born out of necessity in the novel to remove any and all evidence of book ownership; people become the books themselves by memorising sections, chapters, whole stories.

Some editions of the book even come with a matchbook, urging the reader to embody the book, become the human storybook, and then burn it. What would you do?

Get certified in Carbon Literacy Training for free through the Academy for Sustainable Futures

Part 1 & 2: February 26 & March 4, 1-4pm, Lg48

Part 1 & 2: April 15 & 29, 1-4pm, Lg47 & Jg04

Participants will learn how to make a difference by themselves and within their communities, as well as the basics of carbon and climate change.

Staff can sign up via [StaffLearn](#), students by emailing carbonliteracytraining@canterbury.ac.uk

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Find our monthly sustainability book recommendations, blogs on sustainability topics and good news round ups on the blog: blogs.canterbury.ac.uk/sustainability



TEACHING RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Are you interested in embedding sustainability into your curriculum? The Academy for Sustainable Futures has a whole host of resources available for you!

Here's a quick snapshot of what we can provide - if you have any questions, queries or want to learn more, feel free to email sustainability@canterbury.ac.uk!

- The sustainability collection of books and resources is on the second floor of Augustine House Library, just on the right of the staircase. You can pick up extra bits and pieces like the newsletter, a sustainability guide and recipe cards here too!
- The 'Teaching Resources for Sustainability' Blackboard aimed at helping academics embed sustainability into the formal, and informal, curricula.
- A Q&A-style video series titled 'Introducing Sustainability', which can be watched as long, ten-minute videos with in-depth answers, short-minute long overviews, or a playlist of thirty-second TikToks.
- 'Sustainability Education: A Classroom Guide', co-authored by Stephen Scoffham, is available through the CCCU Bookshop and other retailers and comes alongside a series of free, open-access PowerPoint presentations and additional resources.
- The 'Exploring Sustainability' resource guide to help aid discussion and thinking around sustainability issues.
- The Education for Sustainability development and review tool to help identify opportunities for curriculum enhancement and barriers to further progress.
- Plus a number of blogs, Expert Comments, sustainability spaces, educational games, workshops and more available through the website or upon request.



Canterbury Christ Church ranks 41st in the People & Planet University League for Sustainability

In December, the 2023/24 People & Planet University League ranking was released.

This year, 151 UK universities were ranked on their environmental and ethical performance, assessing aspects of the institutions from their auditing and environmental policy, to their engagement and sustainable food strategies.

In 2022, Christ Church ranked 42nd, a 2:1 class, scoring 53.7%, having been ranked at 78th the year before.

In 2023, we ranked 41st with 57.4%, higher than 110 other universities in terms of sustainable and ethical conduct.

While we have improved or maintained our score in almost every area, the league advises improvements in carbon and water reduction, as well writing an ethical careers policy.

WHAT'S ON @ CCCU

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- **Potter and Prune:** every Wednesday, 3-4.30pm, Johnson Wellbeing Garden, weekly gardening sessions
- **Board Games Group:** every Thursday, 1-2pm, The Food Court, weekly board games
- **Student Volunteering Week Charity Pop-Ups:** 12-16 February, 12-2pm, Touchdown
- **LGBTQIA+ Quiz:** 12 February, 7-10pm, The Lounge Bar
- **LGBT+ Give It A Go Session:** 14 February, 1-2, The Students' Union
- **Veg Box Collection:** 15 February, 3-5pm, location TBC, *you must order your veg box by 12 noon on 13 February*
- **LGBT+ History Month Screening:** 21 February, 5.30-9pm, Lg16, *a screening of The Normal Heart*
- **Climate Games Jam:** 26 February - 1 March; Theme and Climate Talk: 26 February, 12-1pm, Lg16; Judging and Prizes: 1 March, 1-4pm, DO.2.4-5, *sign up in advance or during the week*
- **Carbon Literacy Training Part 1:** 26 February, 1-4pm, Lg48 *booking required; part 2 on March 4, 1-4pm*
- **Refillable Van:** 29 February, 11.30-12.30 at Augustine House, 1-4pm at Verena Holmes
- **Veg Box Collection:** 29 February, 3-5pm, location TBC, *you must order your veg box by 12 noon on 27 February*

Do you have sustainability news?

Is your team making sustainability a priority, or are you putting sustainability into your curriculum? We would love to hear about it! The Academy for Sustainable Futures is always looking for more sustainability news to share in our newsletter and on our blog. We're also happy to help and encourage your department's sustainability journey! Get in touch through sustainability@canterbury.ac.uk if you'd like to have a chat!



LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH @ CHRIST CHURCH

by Bethany Climpson

February is home to LGBT+ History Month in the UK; a month-long celebration that raises awareness of, and combats prejudice against, the LGBTQ+ community. Founded in 1994, it intends to celebrate the achievements of the community, as well as their diversity.

The month targets both the LGBTQ+ community as a whole, as well as curriculum of students in primary and secondary age groups.

They do this by providing resource packs with lesson plans and activities across multiple years on their website, and having a yearly theme to help show how LGBTQ+ contributions are spread across different occupations. In 2023, the theme was focused on cinema, while this year the theme is titled "Medicine - #UnderTheScope" to look at LGBTQ+ advancements in medicine, both historically and today.

At Christ Church, we're celebrating LGBT+ History Month in a number of ways. Across Canterbury and Medway campuses, there's a whole host of events to celebrate the month:

- **LGBT History Month at Augustine House and Drill Hall** - book displays that will be up the whole month, focused on LGBT History and medicine
- **LGBTQIA+ Quiz** - 12 February, 7-10pm, The Lounge Bar
- **LGBT+ Give It A Go Session** - 14 February, 1-2pm, The Students' Union on Canterbury Campus, or at the same time in Rowan Williams Court at Medway - pronoun badge making, flag painting, and crafts
- **LGBT History Month Stressless** - 15 February, 1-5pm, Stressless Zone, Augustine House second floor - rainbow arts and crafts and a film screening

More events and activities to get involved with this February can be found on the [LGBT History Month page of the CCCU website](#).



CLIMATE GAMES JAM - OPEN TO ALL

Across February's Academic Development Week, the Academy for Sustainable Futures is collaborating with the Games Design team to run a climate-themed jam event in which participants create their own games over the course of a week! All are welcome to join! [Sign up in advance or during the week at](#)

Opening Theme and Climate Talk: Monday, 26 February, 12-1pm, Lg16
Judging and Prizes: Friday 1 March, 1-4pm, DO.2.4-5