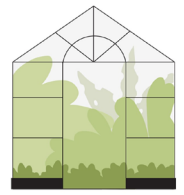


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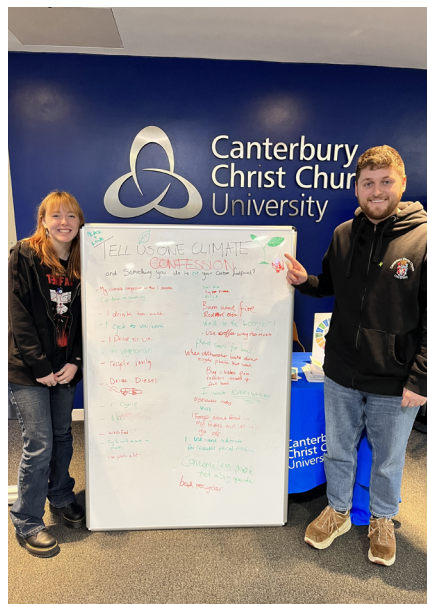
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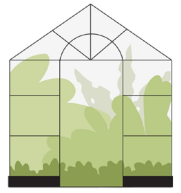
## What Happened at COP28@CCCU?

Between the 29th of November and the 12th of December, The Academy for Sustainable Futures ran a series of events to coincide with COP28, held in 2023 in Dubai. The COP events are annual opportunities for countries and interested parties to come together and organise for a more sustainable future.

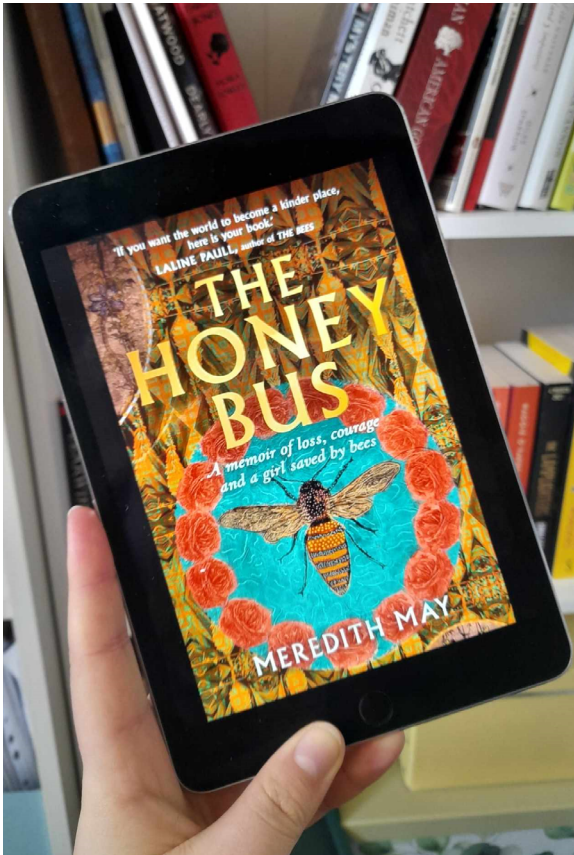
COP28 enabled 118 countries to sign a deal pledging to triple their renewable energy capacity by 2030, while 155 countries signed the Global Methane Pledge to reduce their methane emissions by 30% by 2030 and deliver \$1bn in new investments to make it possible. Plus, the Loss and Damage Fund for developing countries to use to help mitigate the effects of climate change received \$700m - not nearly as much as is needed, but an early win for the conference.

Meanwhile, at CCCU, we ran a number of events to educate and engage staff and students with sustainability. Over 40 students discovered their carbon footprints, another 20 undertook Carbon Literacy Training, and even more joined us for other activities, from the Climate Escape Room, to the Climate Café Nature Walk and confessing the good and the bad they do for the environment with the Student Green Office's Touchdown pop up stand.





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## SUSTAINABILITY BOOK REVIEWS #11

by Bethany Climpson

Full disclosure: I'm scared of bees.

Have been my entire life. I've only been stung once, and that was a stealthy bee sitting on me for a good thirty minutes before it deigned to die in an effort to punish me for standing up, but most insects and flying things scare me.

And then I read *The Honey Bus*. And I'm still scared of bees, but now I'm absolutely fascinated by them, too.

Written by a fifth-generation beekeeper, Meredith May's memoir, *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees* is the best memoir I've ever read. And I've read maybe six. It's a true story reflecting the concept of queen bees onto mothers, and family dynamics onto hives; a young girl being raised by her beekeeper grandfather in the wake of her mother's absence.

And as much as you will learn about the intricate lives of bee colonies, you'll also learn about their importance to our ecosystems. In this world, where bees provide a third of our food, understanding the causes of their decline and how to do best by them is vital for everyone. This book explains it all in a sincere and honest way – and if you're not sold yet, here's the kicker:

When I read it, I cried four times.

You will do the same.

WHAT'S ON @  
CCCU

- **[The Veg Box Project](#)**: collection on Thursday, [18 January](#); deadline Tuesday, noon. *The Veg Box will be running fortnightly from this date onwards; [1 February](#), [15 February](#) etc.*
- **[StressLess - Mindfulness and Relaxation](#)**: 18 January, 1-5pm, StressLess Zone, Augustine House second floor
- **[Potter and Prune](#)**: weekly, Wednesdays, 3-4.30pm in the Johnson Wellbeing Garden
- **[Wellbeing Café](#)**: weekly, Thursdays, 2-4.30pm in the Food Court
- **[The Refillable Van](#)**: 25 January, 11.30-12.30, outside Augustine House, 1-4pm outside Verena Holmes
- **[Eco Hope Nature Walk](#)**: 1 February, 1-1.45pm, meet outside Verena Holmes