

Leadership Networks for Climate Change NEWS



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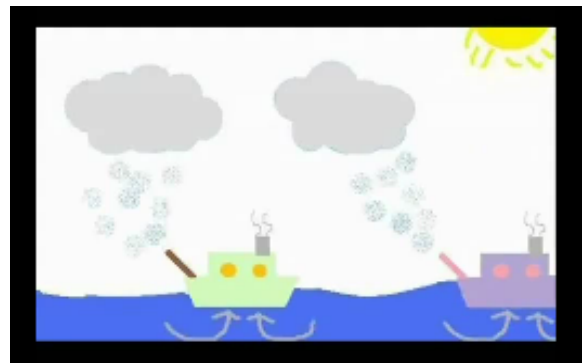
LNCC's 2011 has come with new ideas, an increased energy and a number of changes for many of our project team members. The networks at each of the universities have evolved and grown to include some new faces inspiring new directions, while at the same time we have had to say goodbye to a few friendly faces.

Murdoch University said goodbye at the end of 2010 to Peter Devereux who left for a year long posting at the United Nations Volunteers office in Bonn, Germany. Davina Boyd, the NI for Murdoch has taken on Peter's role and will be looking into hiring an NI to assist with project activities this year.

In Tasmania, Kristin Warr began a new as an Academic Developer in a teaching and learning unit, expanding her NI role to larger, intra – institutional network. Part of this move has supported the seeding of the new UTAS Stage 3 network, welcoming Corey Peterson on board as the NI for a new bike shelter network. The NI role for the climate change network has been taken up by Millie Rooney who has assumed the role with amazing momentum.

UNSW has begun the year in fine style recruiting twenty new members, a combination of academic, Masters, PhD and undergraduate students.

Further south, many new members of the Wollongong network have begun to implement climate change activities, based on the successful implementation of the project in 2010.



A still from a short animation about geoengineering created by students in the subject; "Professional Science Communication" at the University of New South Wales. Available on the UNSW Climate Change Leaders UTUBE website.

“Has science done enough to tell people what climate actually is?”.

Asked in a film from the UNSW UTUBE internet site – ‘Climate Change Leaders’

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Focus on....

University of New South Wales



Paul Brown



Sarah Terkes

<http://www.youtube.com/climatechangeleaders#p/a>

'Climate Change Leaders' UTUBE Channel

One highlight of the work coming out of the UNSW network has been the creation of multiple short animations and films about climate change. These exciting projects are examples of the kind of outcomes that an interdisciplinary university experience can have. Those involved in creating the various films have ranged from undergraduate film students through to PhD climate scientists as well as university scientists who are experts in different areas of climate science. One of their films asks; 'Has science done enough to tell people what climate actually is?' and demonstrates through animation this notion more clearly. Others show the process involved when the network meets together to begin creating a collaborative piece of work. Their most recent animation can be found at -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJLIcBkgLwQ>



Images from videos from the University of New South Wales' Climate Change Leaders UTUBE website

UNSW Update

In addition to working together to create new short documentaries that better communicate issues of climate change, the UNSW Network is busy working to understand their institutions climate change teaching. They are conducting surveys with students, to understand their experiences of climate change teaching, and with staff, to clarify exactly what they are doing in relation to climate change and where they think they can make a contribution to cross-campus climate change teaching.

UNSW are also creating opportunities for students to be involved in course design. Currently a group is involved in creating both an undergraduate and post graduate unit in the climate change teaching space.



Paul Brown in discussion in a short film illustrating network process

University Updates...



Pamela Abuodha
UOW



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Davina Boyd
Murdoch
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UTAS



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University of Tasmania

UTAS has begun 2011 with a new Network Integrator, new energy and new members. Penny Measham from agricultural science and Kate Nash from journalism have both entered the network with great enthusiasm.

The network has met three times and is excited about working together to trial a new model of interdisciplinary staff/student learning that will culminate in a public event at the end of 2011. This trial will help inform the development of a problem based interdisciplinary unit open to students and staff from all disciplines of the university. The trial will include a two day workshop where network members teach to each other, and to participating students, allowing for feedback and reflection on how more interdisciplinary approaches to climate change teaching could emerge.

Murdoch University

The WA LNCC team have been working to understand how personal behaviour changes over the course of a semester in relation to changing awareness and understandings of the complexities of climate change. They are working on ways to explore and measuring these behavioural shifts. The team has begun incorporating climate change into assessment for units in the areas of overseas aid and international development.

They are particularly excited about the networking element of the LNCC project and have begun organising a series of workshops emphasising this and to assist in future support and involvement in the LNCC project at Murdoch.

University of Wollongong

Posters are being made at UOW bringing together students from two different subjects: Social and Environmental Accounting and Redefining Eden: Indigenous Peoples and the Environment! Teams incorporating students from both will work to develop a poster touching on the economic impacts of climate change and the effects on indigenous communities. These posters will then be displayed for all to see!

The UOW network has also ran, for the second year in a row, surveys of student attitudes and perceptions of climate change held by students in four diverse subjects. The results of which will be compared with those of first year science students at the University of San Diego and published.

For further information about the project or to be included on the email list please email lncc.up@utas.edu.au

