

'NUS for Climate Action 2018' Environmental Roadshow on 17 & 18 October

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In support of Singapore's [Year of Climate Action](#) in 2018, the NUS Sustainability Steering Committee is organising the NUS for Climate Action 2018 environmental roadshow, happening on 17 & 18 October.

In addition to the roadshow, there will be various fringe activities such as talks and a tour. Register [here](#) now for the fringe activities.

Limited vacancies for talks and tour, please register early to avoid disappointment.



The poster features a light blue background with a green landscape at the bottom. At the top, there are six colored banners with icons and labels: WATER (blue), ENERGY (yellow), BUILT ENVIRONMENT (grey), WASTE (green), GREEN SPACES (orange), and MOBILITY (red). The main title 'NUS for Climate Action' is in large, stylized letters, with 'Making a Difference' and '2018' below it. The dates '17 & 18 OCTOBER 2018' and 'WED-THURS • 10AM-4PM' are in pink. The location 'AT UTOWN PLAZA' is in large pink letters. Below that, 'ENVIRONMENTAL ROADSHOW' is in blue, followed by 'EXHIBITIONS • TALKS • CARNIVAL'. At the bottom, it says 'ORGANISED BY: SUSTAINABILITY STEERING COMMITTEE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE'. The landscape includes trees, a building with solar panels, a bicycle, and a recycling bin.

SELECTED TALKS

1. SUSTAINABILITY IN SCIENCE

SPEAKER: Mr Martin Farley, Sustainable Lab Advisor, University College London

SYNOPSIS:
This talk will introduce the topic of sustainability in science, and explain how laboratories can consume lots of energy and materials. Examples from around the UK and beyond of how such energy and material consumption may be mitigated will be included, such as engagement programmes, potential significant savings from waste, ventilation, cold storage and more. Finally, Martin will discuss the future of the field, and how a group of international universities are working together to set future standards of sustainable practices in laboratories. The talk will include a quiz, as well as time for questions at the end.



WHEN: 17 Oct (Wed), 2-3pm at Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Education Resource Centre

2. APPLYING THE CONCEPTS OF BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION IN RECYCLING BINS

SPEAKERS: Dr Peck Thian Guan & Mr Harry Lim, Waste minimisation and recycling taskforce (WART), University Campus Infrastructure

SYNOPSIS:
The success of a recycling programme is not only determined by the amount of waste collected, but also the level of contamination in the recycling stream. Contamination of the recyclables makes recycling difficult and costly. Therefore, bin contamination is a critical issue that must be overcome for any recycling programme to be successful.



Behavioural insights combine insights from psychology, cognitive science and social science with empirically-tested results to discover how humans actually make choices. The affordance of the bin design and the saliency of the bin labels have an important influence on how people dispose of their waste. Behavioural insights were successfully applied in NUS to reduce the level of contamination in our recycling bins.

WHEN: 17 Oct (Wed), 3-4pm at Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Education Resource Centre

3. GREENING SINGAPORE WITH NATIVE PLANTS

SPEAKER: Assoc. Prof. Hugh T.W. Tan, Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore

SYNOPSIS:
The native vascular plant flora of the Republic of Singapore has suffered the extinction of 594 out of a total 2277 species. It is vital to restore and conserve the native plants to preserve the biodiversity and natural ecosystem.

Assoc. Prof. Hugh T.W. Tan will talk about the following topics:

- What are native plants?
- Why conserve native plants?
- Why grow native plants?
- What are your gift plants?
- What native plants can be grown in urban areas?
- How can I grow native plants in urban areas?
- Where can I find out more about cultivating native plants?



WHEN: 24 Oct (Wed), 1-2pm at Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Education Resource Centre

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TOUR

GREEN MARK BUILDING TOUR

BUILDING: VENTUS
DATE: 18 OCTOBER 2018 (THURSDAY)
TIME: 1:30PM - 2:30PM
MEETUP POINT: VENTUS BUS STOP

SYNOPSIS:
What makes a green building, green? Is it simply having plants on the rooftop? Join us for a tour of Ventus by staff from the Office of Estate Development to find out the answers to all these questions, and more!

