

Academic Partnership Conference 2023

Tuesday 20th June and Wednesday 21st June



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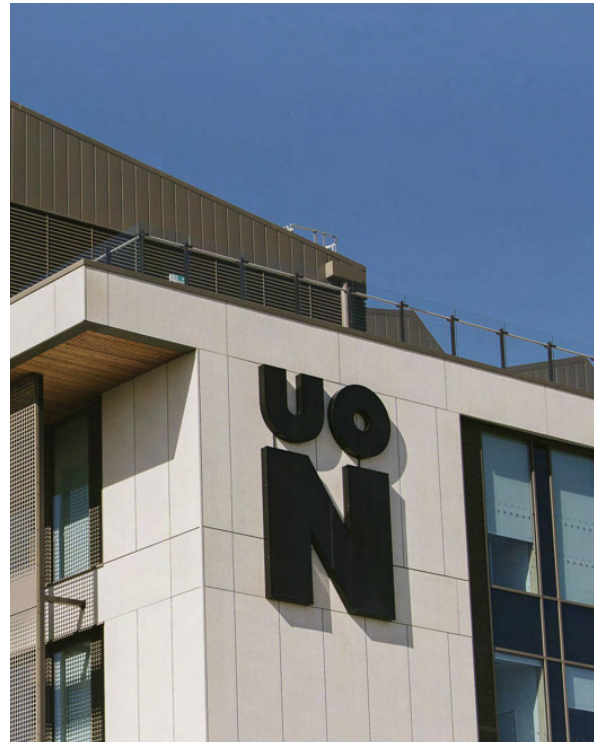
Higher educational partnerships in contribution to the achievement of UN sustainable development goals and the challenge of assessing social impact.

Academic Partnerships Office Welcome

Welcome to the Academic Partnership Conference 2023. We are delighted to bring you the conference for the first time since 2019 and that you are able to join us. Sessions will be presented by both UON and partner staff, with a variety of topics under the theme of **'Higher educational partnerships in contribution to the achievement of UN sustainable development goals and the challenge of assessing social impact.'**

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Foreword



“Higher educational partnerships in contribution to the achievement of UN sustainable development goals and the challenge of assessing social impact.”

It our pleasure to warmly welcome colleagues from around the world to the Academic Partnerships Conference 2023. We have been unable to meet in person for a long time and we look forward to sharing our ideas and learning about best practice in higher education partnerships, to share social impact projects and to celebrate achievements.

This conference provides exploration of the extent to which explicit alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) influences university activities and academic partnerships in practice.

With over half a million students studying through educational partnerships across the globe with UK universities, it is important to consider how or if commitments to social impact and sustainable development are being met.

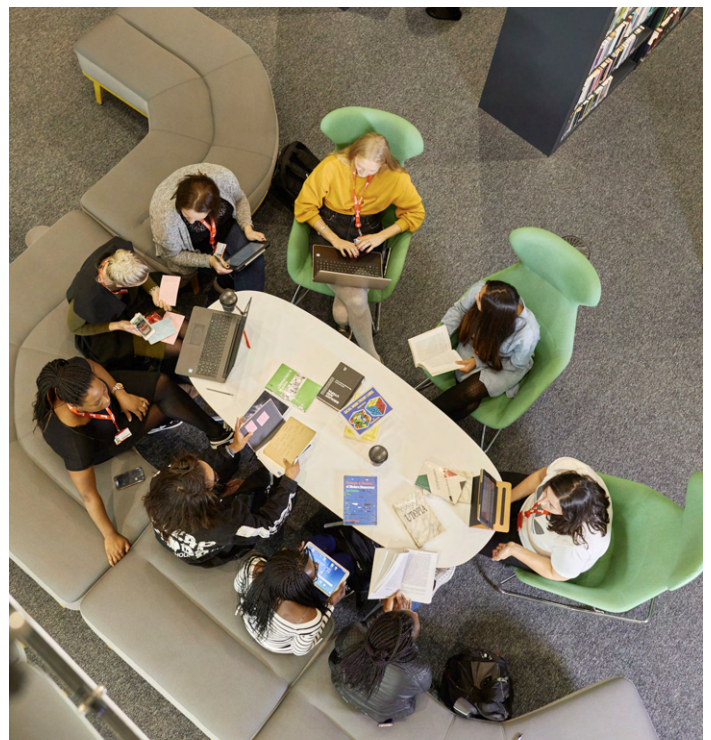
Most universities now have some type of commitment or strategy which attempts to align to UN sustainable development goals. Specifically, SDG 4 which outlines the drive for access to tertiary education for all, including university education, and lifelong learning opportunities.

The British Council considers that academic partnerships are fundamental to achieving UN sustainable development goals through education and guidance from Advance HE highlights the need to reduce and remove privilege and to improve accessibility and representation in higher education.

The complexity of SDG’s and how universities can achieve those aims is an under-explored area and there are many unanswered questions specifically in relation to institutional policies and practices that could better support positive alignment of outcome versus intention.

We look forward to learning from our national and international partners and our colleagues at the University of Northampton to share our stories, experiences and research and to collaborate together on such an important topic.

Maggie Anderson
Academic Programme Manager



Schedule

Day 1 | Tuesday 20th June

**Location: The Hide, Waterside Campus, University of Northampton,
University Drive, Northampton, NN1 5PH**

09:00-10:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
	Location: Registration will take place on the Ground floor, Learning Hub (look for the blue banner) with refreshments in the Hide, Learning
10:00-10:30	Welcome & Introductions
	Speakers: Maggie Anderson, Academic Programme Manager, Academic Partnership Office and Professor Anne-Marie Kilday, Vice Chancellor, University of Northampton
10:30-11:10	Session 1: <i>Research to support more cohesive, healthier, active communities</i>
	Speaker: Professor Federico Farini, Professor of Sociology, Centre for Psychological and Sociological Sciences (CPSS), University of
11:10-11:50	Session 2: <i>Insights into Changemaker activity in Sri Lanka</i>
	Speaker: Wathsala Nanayakkara, Director - Central Campus, Human Resource Management Institute, Sri Lanka
11:50-12:05	Comfort Break - Location: The Hide
12:05-12:45	Session 3: <i>Building research collaboration with international partners.</i>
	Speaker: Cathy Smith, Dean of Research, Impact and Innovation, University of Northampton
12:45-13:00	Insight into local social enterprise <i>The Good Loaf</i>
	Speaker: Suzy Van Rooyen, Founder and Owner, The Good Loaf
13:00-14:00	Lunch by <i>The Good Loaf</i> Location: The Hide
14:00 -14:45	Session 4: <i>Higher Education Partnerships and their contribution to the achievement of UN sustainable development goals to induce social inclusive growth</i>
	Speaker: Fazeela Banu, Deputy Director, Amity Global Business School, Mauritius
14:45-15:15	Session 5: UN Refugee Council
	Speaker: Elina Saveriades, Managing Director, CASA College, Cyprus
15:15-15:30	Comfort break - Location: The Hide
15:30 -16:15	Session 6: <i>Research and enterprise activities within the Centre for Sustainable Business Practices</i>
	Speaker: Amin Hosseinian Far, Professor of Systems Thinking, Centre for Sustainable Business Practice (CSBP), University of Northampton
16:15 - 16:30	Summary & Close
	Speaker: Maggie Anderson, Academic Programme Manager, Academic Partnership Office, University of Northampton

Schedule

Day 2 | Wednesday 21st June

**Location: The Hide, Waterside Campus, University of Northampton,
University Drive, Northampton, NN1 5PH**

09:30-10:00	Registration & Welcome Refreshments
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10:00-10:15	Welcome & Summary of Day 1
	Speaker: Hayley Tomlin, Academic Partnership Office Manager, University of Northampton
10:15-11:00	Session 7: <i>Special educational needs and disability (SEND) support for children and young people in Thailand to aid the achieving of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education)</i>
	Speakers: Julian Brown, Head of Education, University of Northampton , Harshi Sehmar, Principal and Founder, Village International Education Centre , Thailand and Dr Chanisa Tantixalerm, Chulalongkorn University , Thailand
11:00-11:30	Session 8: <i>Cross border collaboration towards sustainable development goals</i>
	Speaker: Dr Hesham El. Marsafawy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Gulf University , Bahrain
11:30-11:45	Comfort Break – Location: The Hide
11:45-12:15	Session 9: <i>Collaboration – The key to success</i>
	Speakers: Fiona Creed, Academic Programme Accreditation Lead and Trevor Venes, Lecturer Practitioner, Oxford University Hospital with Tracey Ali, Deputy Head of Nursing CPD and Partnerships, Cindy Odell, Senior Lecturer in Nursing and Roshni Khatri, Subject Leader for Health Professions, University of Northampton
12:15-13:00	Session 10: <i>Achieving UN sustainable development goals - insights from Singapore's green economy approach</i>
	Speakers: Easwaramoorthy Rangaswamy, Principal and Provost, and Kit Leon Choong, Chief Operating Officer, Amity Global Institute , Singapore
13:00-14:00	Lunch by <i>The Good Loaf</i> Location: The Hide
14:00-15:40	Session 11: <i>How we, as the University of Northampton, are measuring our social impact</i>
	Speaker: Claire Paterson-Young, Senior Researcher, Social Innovation and Impact, University of Northampton
15:40-16:00	Summary & Close of Conference
	Speaker: Maggie Anderson, Academic Programme Manager, Academic Partnership Office, University of Northampton

Conference Dinner

19:00 | Wednesday 21st June

**Location: Marquee, Senate Lawn,
University of Northampton, University Drive, Northampton, NN1 5PH**

19:00-19:30	Arrivals & Drinks
	Location: Marquee, Senate Lawn (please find your seats for a 19:30 start)
19:30-19:40	Welcome Address
	Speaker: Becky Bradshaw, Chief Operating Officer, University of Northampton
19:40-21:40	Dinner Service
21:40-22:00	After Dinner Speaker: The University of Northampton's first Sustainability Summit
	Speaker: Dr Ebenezer Laryea, Associate Professor and Chair of Sustainability Summit Planning Committee, University of
22:00-22:10	Closing of Conference
	Speaker: Shan Wareing, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Northampton
22:10-22:30	Close



Vice Chancellor

Professor Anne Marie Kilday

***Vice Chancellor,
University of Northampton***

Tuesday 20th June | *Welcome & Introductions*



Professor Anne-Marie Kilday is Vice Chancellor and Professor of Criminal History at the University of Northampton and joined the University on 1 August 2022. She writes and researches on various aspects of criminal history, particularly focusing on violent behaviour and gendered criminality. Professor Kilday started her academic career in Scotland working at the University of Strathclyde and then the University of Glasgow. She joined Oxford Brookes University in 2000 as a Lecturer in Early Modern History and progressed her career at the University securing various promotions from Principal Lecturer through to Dean.

She was promoted into the senior leadership team becoming the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Transfer and Impact in 2012 and then became Pro Vice-Chancellor Student Experience & University Community, with institutional

responsibility for all aspects of both student and staff experience in 2018 and continued in that role until she left for the University of Northampton. Anne-Marie enjoys supporting Oxford United and Celtic football clubs, playing table tennis, reading true crime and crime fiction, and chasing after her three cats Duncan, Angus and Rori.



Speakers

Professor Federico Farini

**Professor of Sociology, Centre for Psychological and Sociological Sciences (CPSS),
University of Northampton**

Tuesday 20th June | Session 1: Research to support more cohesive, healthier, active communities



Professor Farini (Ph.D. Sociology) leads the Centre for Psychology and Sociological Sciences at the University of Northampton. Professor Farini has been researching professionally through national and international projects, supported by European and National Agencies, Regional and Local Authorities. Prof Farini's research concerns the inclusion of migrant children and young people in education, youth subcultures and cultural studies, migrant-friendly services, conflict management, inter-cultural education, client-centred interpreting in healthcare and education, and the role of digital media in the diffusion of knowledge.

Prof Farini is Visiting Professor at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, where he is also a member of the Ph.D. School. He collaborates with the International Post-Doc programmes at the University of Venice 'Ca' Foscari'.

Wathsala Nanayakkara

Director - Central Campus, Human Resource Management Institute (HRMI), Sri Lanka

Tuesday 20th June | Session 2: Insights into Changemaker activity in Sri Lanka



Wathsala has been with HRMI since 2004 and presently heads the HRMI Central Campus as its Director. She has been in the forefront of HRMI's growth and has been instrumental in developing a strong relationship with UON. She has taken a lead role in HRMI's Changemaker initiatives and has been leading projects such as 'Kids Next Door', 'Beyond Classroom' and 'Inspire Careers'. She has been spearheading HRMI's student engagement initiatives and is a major contributor to connecting students with Changemaker learning, translating such learning into noteworthy projects.

Prior to joining HRMI, Wathsala has worked with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in supporting their factories improvement programme and served the Employers Federation of Ceylon. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Australian Institute of Business and a Bachelor's degree in Teaching Technology.

Speakers

Cathy Smith

Cathy Smith, Dean of Research, Impact and Innovation, University of Northampton

Tuesday 20th June | Session 3: *Building research collaboration with international partners*



Cathy Smith is the Dean of Research, Impact and Innovation at the University of Northampton. Cathy's role is to oversee the research, innovation and impact strategic direction for UON. She recently led on the REF2021 submission. Cathy is also a practicing and publishing historian. Her current work focuses on the history of mental health and charity.

Fazeela Banu

Deputy Director, Amity Global Business School, Mauritius

Tuesday 20th June | Session 4: *Higher Education Partnerships and their contribution to the achievement of UN sustainable development goals to induce social inclusive growth.*



Mrs Fazeela Banu has more than two decades of experience in the IT, ITES, and Education Sector, of which a decade is in International experience in the Higher Education Sector. She has ten years of Experience working at AMITY Mauritius and is an expert in devising strategies for international students' recruitments. She is well-known for transforming the students during their studentship as great assets to the society and world of work. She is a good mentor to the local and more international students enrolled at AMITY Mauritius. She has trained and placed thousands of students in top organisations.

Fazeela also has more than a decade of experience in devising strategies for international students' recruitments with substantial experience in collaboration with Foreign Universities for partnerships & exchange programs. She has more than a decade of experience in UK teaching. During her tenure as International Partnership Manager for the University of Northampton, she has ensured a good number of distinction achievements in each cohort. Under her leadership, the AMITY Mauritius Marketing team has consistently achieved growth in local and international student's recruitment for the UON MBA programme.

Speakers

Elina Saveriades

Managing Director, CASA College, Cyprus

Tuesday 20th June | Session 5: UN Refugee Council



For the last 10 years, Elina Saveriades has been the Managing Director of Saveriades Educational Organisation (owner of Casa College and KASA High School) in Cyprus. Her background in Chemistry has afforded her strong problems-solving skills and a solution-focused approach in setting and managing the long-term and short-term strategic goals of the organisation. Over the last decade, amongst other things, Elina has overseen the transformation of Casa College into an exclusive Hospitality College with updated programmes and key industry relations.

In addition, she has formed an Academic Partnership with the University of Northampton, has promoted green, eco-friendly office practices, manages a staff of 60, has established the 'Open Doors' programme as part of the organisation's corporate social responsibility, has overseen the development of the new premises and many more.

Professor Amin Hosseinian-Far

Professor of Systems Thinking, Centre for Sustainable Business Practice (CSBP), University of Northampton

Tuesday 20th June | Session 6: Research and enterprise activities within the Centre for Sustainable Business Practices



Professor Amin Hosseinian-Far is a Professor of Systems Thinking in the Department of Business Systems and Operations at UON. He is also the Chair of the research Centre for Sustainable Business Practices (CSBP) at the University. Amin received his BSc (Hons) in Business Information Systems from the University of East London, an MSc degree in Satellite Communications and Space Systems from the University of Sussex, a Postgraduate Certificate in Research and a PhD degree titled 'A Systemic Approach to an Enhanced Model for Sustainability' which he acquired from the University of East London.

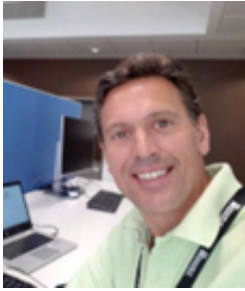
He has more than 80 peer-reviewed publications that are mainly disseminated as journal articles, conference papers and book chapters. His research interests are at the intersection of systems thinking, information systems, analytics and modelling, with applications in resilience assessment & sustainability, information security, management, business systems, global business operations, supply management, engineering, health, and education. Moreover, he has been an editor of two books and two conference proceedings.

Speakers

Julian Brown

Head of Education, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Session 7: Special educational needs and disability (SEND) support for children and young people in Thailand to aid the achieving of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education)



Julian is Head of Education at the University of Northampton which includes programmes aligned to Initial Teacher Education, Special and Inclusive Education and Learning and Teaching. Julian's key areas of expertise include Leadership in Education, Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, Inclusion in Higher Education and International Education Dyslexia. He is interested in professional development in the field of inclusive and special education and has been involved in international projects and teaching to contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 4, Quality Education. He is a specialist teacher for dyslexia

and has conducted assessments for individuals at risk of dyslexia for more than a decade.

Harshi Sehmar

Principal and Founder, Village International Education Centre, Thailand

Wednesday 21st June | Session 7: Special educational needs and disability (SEND) support for children and young people in Thailand to aid the achieving of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education)



Harshi is the Founder and Principal of The Village International Education Centre. Now in its 23rd year, the Village is considered by many, as being the Premier Special Needs school in Thailand. The school has been supporting parents and their children who have special needs in Thailand and Southeast Asia. As a highly experienced and recognized special needs educationist, with a career spanning over three decades, Harshi has made significant contributions to the field of Special Needs.

He has been instrumental in driving awareness for the need to educate, not just care for children with special needs, pioneering the development of tailor-made programs for children with different special needs, developing special needs education in Thailand in the international setting and training teachers and teaching staff on different aspects of special needs & inclusion. During his 27 years in Thailand, Harshi has established strong working partnerships with International Schools in the region and local universities like Chulalongkorn and ABAC where he is also a guest lecturer.

Speakers

Dr Chanisa Tantixalerm

***Assistant Professor at the Department of Educational Research and Psychology,
Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand***

Wednesday 21st June | Session 7: *Special educational needs and disability (SEND) support for children and young people in Thailand to aid the achieving of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education)*



Chanisa Tantixalerm, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Educational Research and Psychology, Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. She has an MA and a PhD. in Special Education from University of Oregon, USA. She is currently teaching and supervising undergraduate and graduate level courses and practicum in Special Education. Her research interest is in developing instructional interventions for students with difficulties in reading and writing in Thai and English. She had conducted research projects related to the development of a multitier student support system for Thai inclusive schools.

Her current research is on transition from vocational schools to work for learners with special needs in Thailand.

Dr Hesham El Marsafawy

President for Academic Affairs, Gulf University, Bahrain

Wednesday 21st June | Session 8: *Cross border collaboration towards sustainable development goals*



Dr. Hesham El Marsafawy is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Gulf University in Bahrain. He has obtained his Ph.D. at Duisburg-Essen University (Germany) in Healthcare Design. Dr. El Marsafawy taught at different universities in Egypt, Turkey and Bahrain; he has professional, teaching, and research experience in fields related to Design of Built-Environment, Product Design, and Human Factors/Ergonomics. He has comprehensive experience and research interest in developing universities' strategic plan, international collaboration and partnership, quality assurance system, policies, procedures and designing academic programmes (undergraduates and postgraduates)

in alignment with international accreditation standards, best practice benchmarking and industry requirements and expectations. Additionally, he has distinguished initiatives towards the development of university campus and educational environments with sound impact on the performance and satisfaction of students and staff. His research papers have been published in refereed journals (Scopus indexed) and conference proceedings.

Cindy O'Dell

Senior Lecturer in Nursing, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Session 9: Collaboration – The key to success



Cindy commenced her nursing career as a nursing cadet in 1975 going on to work with cardiac patients in an acute and rehabilitation contexts. She is registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council for nursing practice and as a teacher. She holds a Bachelors and Masters degree alongside a Post Graduate Certificate for Teaching in Higher Education. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Cindy currently teaches on the Masters programmes and supervises students on dissertation modules. Her key area of work is quality assuring partner modules and awards across Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire.

Her interests are varied previously including service evaluations of health trainers, older male drinkers in Corby Northamptonshire and part of a team who are understanding the engagement of qualified nurses in education.

Trevor Venes

Lecturer Practitioner, Oxford University Hospital

Wednesday 21st June | Session 9: Collaboration – The key to success



Trevor originally qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1996 at the North West London College of Nursing. He was one of the original students of the Project 2000 initiative, a University validated nurse training course. He has worked in various acute health care settings including Surgical (Urology, ENT, Vascular, General Abdominal and Laparoscopic) and Medical (Fast Track Neurological Rehabilitation). This lay the foundations for his interest and passion for intensive care nursing. Trevor has had a career in this speciality for over 2 decades, inclusive of neuroscience and cardiac, where he progressed to his current position as Lecturer Practitioner.

In his pursuit of becoming an educationalist in this area he achieved a MSc in Education and Clinical Practice. This enabled him to register with the NMC as a Registered Nurse Teacher. Trevor has held various educational roles at both Trust and University level. He was Nurse Lead for the Alert™ Course for nearly a decade training almost 4000 Trust staff and medical students, bringing the total to over 6000 since 2002. Trevor's particular professional interests are Multidisciplinary Team Training/Education, Simulation, Advanced Nurse Practice, Human Factors, Patient and Relative psychological outcomes and rehabilitation.

Speakers

Dr Roshni Khatri

Subject Leader for Health Professions, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Session 9: Collaboration – The key to success



Dr Roshni Khatri is Head of Health Profession at the University of Northampton. Working at the University since 2003, Roshni has been involved in various projects to embed active blended learning within current teaching practices. Her research interests include the use of technology to enhance curricula and curriculum design using active blended learning. Her clinical research interests include the evaluation of neurological rehabilitation techniques for adults and children to improve functional independence and quality of life. She has recently been awarded the Carnegie–Wits Fellowship to encourage a research collaboration and networking between health sciences alumni. Roshni is also a CAIeRO facilitator and works with academic partners to design and develop their modules and programmes.

Before working in Higher Education, Roshni worked in a range of acute hospitals within the area of neurological rehabilitation. Her roles included the delivery of rehabilitation programmes in rural and urban settings which ranged from the facilitation of sensory programmes for children with cerebral palsy to the delivery of community based rehabilitation programmes for adult stroke survivors.

Dr Easwaramoorthy Rangaswamy

Principal and Provost, Amity Global Institute, Singapore

Wednesday 21st June | Session 10: Achieving UN sustainable development goals - insights from Singapore's green economy approach



Dr. Easwaramoorthy Rangaswamy, Principal & Provost of Amity Global Institute, Singapore is one of the distinguished management professional. He holds a PhD in Management and also has degrees in Master of Business Administration, Master of Commerce, Master of Philosophy in International Business, Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications, Diploma in Advanced Client Server Applications, Bachelor of Commerce and Specialist Diploma in Applied Learning and Teaching from Republic Polytechnic, Singapore. He also has graduated from Cardiff University, UK with MSc Skills and Workforce Development. He is also

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, United Kingdom. He has taught for University of Northampton, Anglia Ruskin University, University of London, London School of Economics, UK; Victoria University, Australia and Bharathiar University & Visveswaraiah Technological University, India. He is also a Member of Panel of International Experts for IMD Executive Opinion Survey 2015-2022 which have been published in IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook.

Speakers

Professor Kit Leon Choong

Chief Operating Officer, Amity Global Institute, Singapore

Wednesday 21st June | Session 10: Achieving UN sustainable development goals - insights from Singapore's green economy approach



Professor Leon Choong is Amity's Regional CEO responsible for advancing the Group's academic and strategic interests in ASEAN. With over two decades' experience as an educator and successful entrepreneur, Professor Choong is an advocate for educational innovation and the creation of new markets to help more people gain access to quality education, from pre-schools to PhDs. Having established some of the most commercially successful and internationally awarded institutions in Southeast Asia, Professor Choong's portfolio includes government relations, strategic alliances, community engagement, institutional branding, student recruitment and international business development in the field of transnational education. Professor Choong also served as Secretary to the Universities' Endowment Fund, which successfully raised \$200 million dollars in donations for both the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. In his spare moments, Professor Choong volunteers at a youth rugby club.

Claire Paterson-Young

Senior Researcher, Social Innovation and Impact, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Session 11: How we, as the University of Northampton, are measuring our social impact



Claire is an Associate Professor at the Institute for Social Innovation and Impact (ISII). A key feature of her research is the development of social impact measurement frameworks that aid organisations to identify the positive and negative, intended and unintended outcomes of interventions and activities. She has over 10 years practice and management experience in safeguarding, child sexual exploitation, trafficking, sexual violence, youth and restorative justice.

Claire is a member of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Ethics Committee, NHS Research Ethics Committee and the University of Northampton's Research Ethics Committee. She is a trustee of the National Association for Youth Justice (NAYJ), and Associate of the Children and Youth People's Centre (CYCJ). She is currently an Associate Editor for the international academic journal 'Journal of Child and Family Studies' and Editorial Board Member for the international academic journal 'Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology'. Claire is co-author of a book titled 'The Social Impact of Custody on Young People in the Criminal Justice System' (Palgrave, 2019) and co-editor of an upcoming book titled 'Social Impact Measurement for a Sustainable Future: The Power of Aesthetics and Practical Implications' (Palgrave, 2021). Claire has experience as an external examiner for undergraduate degrees at Edge Hill University and DeMontfort University and experience examining PhD thesis at the University of Northampton.

Speakers

Dr Ebenezer Laryea

**Associate Professor and Chair of Sustainability Summit Planning Committee,
University of Northampton**

Wednesday 21st June | After Dinner Speaker: *The University of Northampton's first Sustainability Summit*



Dr Ebenezer Laryea graduated from the University of Southampton with an LLB in 2011. In the months following his graduation, he returned to the University of Southampton in the same year to pursue an LLM degree programme in Maritime Law. Upon completion of his LLM Maritime Law qualification at the University of Southampton, Ebenezer briefly joined Seafarer's Rights International (SRI) in London where his work was mainly focused on legal research and individual case management – following which he returned to the University of Southampton to pursue a PhD in Law.

Ebenezer's doctoral thesis focused on legal systems, legal theory, and how harmonious legal decision making can be helpful in preventing wrongful convictions and miscarriages of justice. Ebenezer currently holds the position of Associate Professor in International Sustainable Development Law at the University of Northampton and has recently been appointed the centre lead for the University's Centre for Sustainable Business Practice (CSBP), which operates within the Faculty of Business and Law. At present, he is actively engaged in various research and enterprise initiatives that strive to tackle intricate sustainability challenges both in the UK and overseas.



Speakers

Becky Bradshaw

Chief Operating Officer, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Conference Dinner: Welcome Address



Becky has worked in the higher education sector for over 20 years taking her current position as Chief Operating Officer at the University of Northampton in 2023. Becky led the operationalisation of the University of Northampton's new and innovative Waterside Campus and most recently directed their strategic response to the Coronavirus pandemic. She is passionate about social impact and the influence of professional services on student outcomes, alongside sustainability and environmental improvement, and currently leads development of both the University's Sustainability and Estates strategies.

Becky is the current Secretary of the Association of University Directors of Estates (AUDE) and as an ardent advocate of equality, diversity and inclusion, was a founding member of the AUDE Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Development Group, shaping and influencing equality, diversity and inclusion in estate and facility workforces and campuses throughout the sector. She is the senior sponsor for the University's staff led Women's network, sits on the national Health and Safety Committee for the University and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), Professional Development Group for AUDE, is an Independent Governor sitting on the Corporation at Northampton College, and has recently joined The Core at the Corby Cube as a trustee.

Professor Shân Wareing

Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Northampton

Wednesday 21st June | Conference Dinner: Closing of Conference



The Deputy Vice Chancellor is appointed by the Board of Governors and is designated as a senior post holder and an officer of the University. Shân joined the University in 2019. She has held university leadership roles for over 20 years, and has developed and delivered education strategies in five universities. Educated at the Universities of Oxford and Strathclyde and University College London Institute of Education, Shân has degrees in English Literature, Linguistics and Education. She's passionate about teaching and education, and is a National Teaching Fellow, as well as a

Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She is fascinated by organisational transformation and governance and has led numerous successful institutional change programmes. Shân publishes on leadership, digital education and organisational change, and is a regularly invited speaker for conferences and policy think tanks, particularly in the areas of digital transformation, gender and leadership, equality, diversity and inclusivity, and university strategy. She is Chair of Unite Foundation, a charity which provides homes at university for care experienced and estranged students, and is also Chair of Advance HE's Leadership and Management Strategic Advisory Group.

Venue Details

Location and Parking

The event will take place at the University of Northampton's award-winning Waterside Campus. Both conference days will take place in **The Hide**, which is on the third floor of the **Learning Hub** building. The **Conference Dinner** will be held in the marquee on **Senate Lawn** which is right outside the **Senate** building.

The cheapest parking for delegates is on-site in **Car Park 2**, which can be reached via University Drive, using the postcode **NN1 5PA**.

All-day parking for one day is charged at £3, made on arrival by cashless payment machines, or in advance via the RingGo app, website or phone number (the UON RingGo code is 24700, 20p transaction fee applies). Accessible car parking spaces are available for blue badge holders.

If you are a guest staying at **Sunley Hotel**, you may park in **Car Park 4**. Guests at the Sunley Hotel are entitled to free parking for the duration of their stay only on a first come first served basis. Please note that we cannot guarantee car parking spaces and advise that you pre-book your parking through the Hotel with your room booking.

