



student action on world poverty and the environment

General Proposal for the Forum 2009

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Your proposal

Total word limit for this section: **500 words**.

Which category does your proposal best fit into?	Go Green
Title	Where now for Go Green Universities? Campus Communities in transition.
Summary of your proposal (no more than 30 words). For example, a topic for discussion, a position to debate or suggested course of action (like a motion).	There is lots of new interest in tackling climate change and high energy use coming from the Transition movement. How can P&P build on its success with Go Green to incorporate the enthusiasm from Go Green and Transition on a campus level?
<i>What is the proposed agenda item? (Write about your proposal in more detail</i>	

here.)

Many Universities have taken up the 4 demands of the Go Green campaign and the thrust of the campaign is losing relevance with groups who feel they have successfully created the institutional framework for change. At the same time the transition initiatives concept is spreading like wildfire across the UK and the world.

The idea of embarking upon transition – from an oil-based society to a localised low-energy society – can be applied to a University community, but it is not clear how.

How can P&P best harness the opportunities provided by the brilliant success of Go Green (including the League) and an upsurge in interest in peak oil and climate change as provided by the transition movement.

Why is this important for People & Planet? For example, why is it valuable to discuss or if implemented, how will it make P&P more effective?

We also need to think about where the Go Green campaign should go in order not to lose the amazing momentum it has carried to date. And at the same time, People & Planet, as the most pervasive bunch of eco students in the country, is the best placed group of people to take on the idea of transition and spread it.

How could it be implemented? (if applicable)

The discussion could focus on how the transition model could be applied to a University campus, how P&P could plug into the transition movement more widely, how transition fits into our other climate change campaigning, or aim to bring it all together to develop a new strategy for the Go Green Universities campaign.

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