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"This programme has been wonderful! Really opened my mind to sustainability issues and global change."

"I came away with optimism after seeing how many opportunities there are for people entering the sustainability field now (us!)."

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57 STUDENTS
Undergraduate, masters and PhD students from 31 courses representing 24 departments across the University

36 SPEAKERS
Public and private sector, start-ups, not-for-profits... were all represented through both Senior and Junior presenters

19 ALUMNI
From different courses at the University, came back to present to current students and give them career insight and skills
For the 6th time, the Environmental Change Institute hosted the Training Better Leaders Course. Students across the University came together for 3 days of intensive training to learn from over 30 professionals. Circular economy, energy, water and food security, leadership in sustainability and more, were examined through presentations, panel discussions and seminars. Interactive workshops delivered key skills, like communication, leadership and stakeholder engagement, while diverse panels encouraged students to challenge their own views.

**PRACTISING CHANGE: a Step by Step approach**

**TRENDS IN SUSTAINABILITY**
- Presentations, panel discussions, seminars

**SKILLS FOR PRACTISING CHANGE**
- Interactive, hands-on workshops

**TAKING THE LEAD: BECOMING AGENTS OF CHANGE**
- Case study: role play game

**SESSION INSIGHTS**

**CLIMATE VISUALS**
Time to ditch the polar bear for diverse, compelling climate photography that achieves deeper impact

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
Because sustainability involves cross-sector collaboration and different stakeholders from across the society, how best to engage them is key

**SYSTEMIC CHANGE**
To build long-term resilience, generate economic opportunities and provide environmental and societal benefits
Generating provocative discussions, panels brought together presenters from Blenheim Palace, Global Water Leaders Group, Feedback, local government and Regen, to name a few. Students enthusiastically raised questions about public policy implementation, gender equity, systemic change, and energy, water and food security, among many other key topics.

**DIVERSITY**

The nearly 60 participants represented **24 University courses**, including Archaeology, Art, Engineering, English, Law, Physics, PPE and more. This diverse group bonded during the 3 intensive days and had the chance to **network with professionals** at a dinner held at Somerville College on the first day.

For more information and the full programme, [click HERE](#)
THE SUSTAINABILITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Training Better Leaders course is part of the wider Sustainability Internship Programme, led by the Environmental Change Institute. Students are offered UK-based and international paid placements to gain experience of working in leading organisations on socio-economic and environmental issues. We have linked with over 30 organisations, and the programme is an opportunity for our partners to connect with the University of Oxford and recruit talented graduates who could become an asset to their team.

“My internship exceeded my expectations in so many ways and I’m so glad I took the (slightly scary) jump to live and work abroad, even if it was only for 6 weeks. It has shown me that I’d be happy to work abroad in the future, and I’d be so happy to go back to Sri Lanka and IWMI – it was a fantastic organisation to work for that really cared for interns and made sure we were settled.”

Emma Carter, IWMI Intern 2018 - BA Geography student

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