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SCONUL and sustainability

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# What is SCONUL working on around sustainability?



- Green libraries partnership with other partners
- Climate change and sustainability group
- Scope 3 emissions and the supply chain
- Financial sustainability



# What is the Green Libraries partnership?



- Launched by CILIP in Spring 2022
- Manifesto came out in July 2022
- Added to the Board: Julie's Bicycle, Arts Council, Libraries Connected, SCONUL, NHS England, RLUK and National Library of Scotland.

»»» **Vision** – a sustainable future for planet and people, empowered and supported by librarians and library workers

»»» **Mission** – to place libraries at the heart of environmental change

»»» **Purpose** – to enable libraries to facilitate environmental action and a just transition to more sustainable and healthier communities

# What's coming up in 2024



- Green Libraries Week 2024
- Green Libraries conference in November
- Self-assessment toolkit



# Climate change group workstreams



- Scope 3 webinar
- Green Libraries webinar
- Library procurement
- Climate change group work – SDGs and social justice
- Looking at our own carbon footprint
- Exploring our conference footprint



# Scope 3 and procurement



- Working with procurement bodies to look at the library supply chain. This is still at an early stage
- Scotland (APUC) use a product to record emissions called Ecovardis, other tools are available
- We've seen a number of Universities undertaking ethical procurement frameworks



# Financial sustainability



- SCONUL pulse survey (June 2024) – due to be re-run in November
- Only 14% of libraries weren't expecting cuts
- Content and staffing both being looked at
- SCONUL ran two webinars to offer support and advice
- Will be providing assistance with next round of 'Big Deal' negotiations with Jisc

