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Cloud Computing and Shared Services

[Presentations, summaries and videos](#) from the 12 Dec Green IT for Science/RECSO workshop are now available. They cover the Janet brokerage scheme; a University of Plymouth feasibility study of sharing services with a local authority; a University of St Andrews cloud decision toolkit; the FEAST report on cloud and shared services for FE and HE; and the personal student dashboard developed by Surf and Surfnet (the Dutch equivalents of JISC and Janet respectively). The latter can integrate a wide variety of academic and personal information, including that from more than one campus for students who are spending time away from their home institution, and greatly impressed the UK attendees.

Low Sustainability Marks for IT Industry

An analysis of the IT industry's

Free JISC Events

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Information for Energy Efficiency (see below)
London Campus, Coventry University, 9 Feb

Conferencing in Universities and Colleges (see below)
Warwick University, 6 March

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Information for Energy Efficiency

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Energy managers have long known that improving efficiency requires good information about usage. Now hardware and software innovations are enabling many more people to access and use energy data, and for it to be displayed in buildings. Universities and colleges are now taking advantage of these capabilities, but often in isolation. In addition, there is considerable uncertainty about how information should be provided in order to motivate changes in user behaviour. This free workshop builds on previous events at Oxford and Manchester (whose presentations can be viewed on the Past Events section of www.goodcampus.org) and has presentations on Coventry University's JISC funded project on student residences; the most effective means of motivating staff and students, based on work at Manchester Metropolitan University; and information for energy savings in laboratories. The event has been organised by three JISC Green IT projects – DELTA and Green IT for STEM at the University of Bradford and RECSO (Responsible Energy Costs, led by Forum for the Future).

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This unique event will disseminate the latest research on conferencing usage, impacts and potential (which is considerable) from JISC-financed Green IT research projects by SusteIT and the Welsh Video Network (WVN), highlight successful uses of the technology within the sector by both FE and HE, and debate potential sector level actions to increase uptake and overcome barriers. The event will be useful for: sector policy-makers; senior managers within institutions with an interest in extending reach, improving performance or minimising business travel; and AV, IT and travel coordinators.

sustainability and social practices found that with the exception of Ricoh, Intel and Motorola Mobility, the IT industry earns dismal grades, averaging about a D+. The report by Oekom Research, a ratings company, assessed 205 companies in its review. A [summary of the report](#) can be found here.

About Us

This newsletter is from the JISC funded SusteIT initiative. Its aim is to publicise the outputs of both our own activities and those of the [JISC Green IT programme](#) as a whole, and to provide brief updates on other developments within the field. See www.goodcampus.org for more details on our work including copies of previous newsletters. You can unsubscribe by clicking on the link at the bottom of this page.

Remote participation will also be possible through streaming, messaging and other means. the workshop has been organised by the SusteIT project, in collaboration with the EAUC Travel Coordinator's Group.

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Power Consumption of VC Equipment

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The [Welsh Video Network \(WVN\)](#) have published their report on Power Consumption of Videoconferencing Equipment. This involved testing both individual videoconferencing CODECs and some associated Audio Visual (AV) equipment commonly found in videoconferencing installations. In general, the results appear to indicate that age is no guide to power consumption, although the more modern equipment is generally more power hungry. Similarly, the more versatile the equipment the greater the power consumption. The analysis showed that screens tended to be the most power hungry equipment. Most importantly, a considerable energy saving can be made over time by always putting equipment (manually or automatically) into standby, or switching them off completely when not in use.

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