

Dear ecco London co-founders,

it is always exciting starting something from the scratch and thus being able to create it to the own liking. Founding "ecco London" will not only put you right on the forefront of the thinking and implementation of "sustainability", but also bring together a bunch of people that can move a lot!

ecco ([www.ecco.st](http://www.ecco.st)) was founded in 2000 by students from the University of Hohenheim, Germany, and has since developed into the most international student association of its kind with local groups in 15 industrialized as well as developing countries. Since 2002, Klaus Toepfer, secretary-general of the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) is the patron of ecco, giving the group's reputation a further boost and allowing a wider reach of ecco activities into the area of international organisations such as the UN system.

ecco London would be the first ecco group in Britain, thus effectively making us the focal point for all ecco activities not only in London but in the UK as a whole. We are therefore very much looking forward to creating a fascinating programme for the coming year and beyond.

So how do we get organised?

.> Setting up a ULU (University of London Union) Society will not limit our "trading area" to one college and thus increase our possibilities. The submission date for founding the society is 24 October. By that time, a number of brief documents will have to be prepared and at least 20 members from four University of London colleges have to sign up.

.> Therefore, we will hold a first general meeting on Wednesday, 22 October at 6pm (Location: TBA) to elect a board and agree on an initial course of action. Please notify us if you will be unable to attend.

.> In the meantime you can learn more about ecco on its website, especially on the internal section: on [www.ecco.st](http://www.ecco.st) <<http://www.ecco.st>> go to >>categories> members and use the user name: "ecomember" and the password "sustainable", you will find the "International Statute" and the "Principles and Philosophy"

.> Attached you will find a proposal for the programme that we have created as a starting point for our discussion next week

Please do not hesitate to send us questions if you have any at this point. If any of your friends could be interested in ecco as well, please forward this mail to them.

Very much looking forward to seeing you,

Max and Janosch

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