Living Lab project brief – student engagement with the climate strategy

Description of the paper
This paper describes a potential course project or dissertation project to research and identify the opportunities for the University of Edinburgh to engage students with the new Climate Strategy.

Draft research question
What are the opportunities through the University of Edinburgh’s Climate Strategy to engage with students and support the student experience?

Background
The University of Edinburgh has committed to become zero carbon by 2040. The University’s Climate Strategy 2016 lays out a comprehensive whole institution approach to climate change mitigation and adaptation in order to achieve its ambitious targets. To meet these new obligations, we will take action on research, learning and teaching, operations, responsible investment, and will investigate renewables opportunities.

A key part of developing future implementation plans for the Climate Strategy will be to consider opportunities to engage students through a range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities. These activities would positively contribute towards the student experience.

Objectives
- Complete a research paper, which will identify and recommend opportunities to engage with students through the University’s Climate Strategy. This will support the development of future implementation plans to support the delivery of the strategy.
- Scope out best practice from other universities.
- Gain feedback from students about opportunities they would like to see developed.