

COP26 declaration: asset owner climate expectations of asset management

Further information for universities

As we prepare for COP26 in Glasgow this year, Students Organising for Sustainability ([SOS-UK](#)) and [Friends Provident Foundation](#), have partnered with the Charities Responsible Investment Network ([CRIN](#)) and Responsible Investment Network - Universities ([RINU](#)) to develop a set of asset owner climate expectations of asset management.

We are looking for leading asset owners, from universities to charities and pension funds, to endorse these expectations, helping us launch them to the wider public at COP26. **Founding signatories will be at the head of the HE sector's increasing work on responsible investment, leading peers and creating wider change in the investment sector too. This will also be a key component in accelerating to the HE sector's push to reach net zero.**

These expectations are for asset managers and are a starting point rather than definitive best practice. By endorsing this declaration universities are committing to engage with their managers on the eight expectations. Signing the declaration does not mean these expectations have to be already in practice.

The aim of this initiative is to send a strong market signal to asset managers about what progressive asset owners expect, and help other asset owners, journalists, civil society, and politicians to judge what is good practice and what is greenwash as many make climate leadership claims in the run up to, and during, COP26.

[See the declaration here.](#)

About the launch event

The launch is at COP26 on Monday 8th November, with a panel discussion, including Mark Campanale (Carbon Tracker Initiative) and Larissa Kennedy (NUS President), followed by drinks and nibbles and the opportunity to network. The event will run on from 17:00 - 18:00 in the COP26 Learning Zone @ the Federated Hermes Fringe Festival.

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