

## UKUPC Festive Campaign



### Day 7 - Making "good" easier

This year saw environmental sustainability brought to the fore of many conversations and debates in our personal and professional lives with the arrival of COP26 in Glasgow. With most of our members engaging in the event in lots of exciting ways, it was great to see all the great work our sector is doing to pushing the agenda forward on climate. Some of the ways APUC support members to achieve their goals is by:

- Embedding sustainable practices throughout the procurement process, from strategy, tender and evaluation to contract and supplier management to ensure that risk around climate change are highlighted and addressed
- Supporting colleagues within the Higher and Further Education Sector to address climate change in their procurement activity
- Working with colleagues across the Scottish Public Sector in order to learn and share best practice
- Engaging with, and challenging, suppliers to work with APUC to address climate change
- Develop category specific (PIACC) guides for hot spot areas of carbon and greenhouse gases
- Create long-term category plans to reach Net Zero
- Produce Supply Chain Green House Gas Emissions data for institutions annually

Looking at our Veterinary Supplies framework, available to all UKUPC members, one of the suppliers planted 420 trees in the month of November of which 60 were directly attributable to activity on the framework. One tree is planted for every £250 spent on the framework. The same supplier are also in the process of launching a new catalogue in January centred around sustainable products (and defining what they mean by "green") and implementing their Green Plan. Members buying from items in the catalogue will not only be sourcing more sustainable products, in some cases 100% recyclable or 100% reused, but contributing to offsetting carbon within the supply chain.