RPAG meetings - Key points

Meeting 17 September 2020

- The group had a presentation by Lyreco about their sustainability activity, which includes everything from protecting bees, a site in Telford with solar panel installation to using electric vans. Lyreco presented some of their sustainable products such as <u>Steinbeis</u> paper and <u>Cheeky Panda</u>.
- LUPC presented their latest documents: <u>Responsible Procurement Policy</u>. The responsible procurement strategy will be approved at the next Board meeting in December.
- The <u>RPAG Terms of Reference</u> were reviewed by the Group and approved by LUPC Board and RPAG.
- Members shared the challenges they currently face, around the modern slavery statement and the possibility to extend the day for reporting according with the <u>current UK guidance</u>. LUPC have reviewed all member statements and will advise when there is a non-compliant statement evident.
- LUPC and SUPC annual responsible procurement event, this year will be online, 4th November 10am 3 different sessions, can stay for all or just some. Ellen McArthuer foundation – Circular economy. Uni of Bristol – Climate Emergency. LUPC and SUPC tools to help implement. <u>More info here</u>.
- Electronics Watch annual summit virtual. 30th November 3rd December 2 sessions per day. <u>More info here</u>.
- There is a Net Zero Innovation Programme in collaboration between the Local Government Association and University College London. Over a period of 12 months the Net Zero Innovation Programme will provide up to ten pairings of councils and universities with up to £18,000 in funding support to develop and deliver innovative projects to tackle net zero challenges in their local area. <u>More info here</u>.
- A new <u>Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre</u> created to enhance the understanding of modern slaver and transform the effectiveness of laws and policies designed to overcome it.