

## **INVEST FOR CHANGE**

## Get your university to sign the COP26 declaration

## Template email to VC

Find your Vice Chancellor's details online, copy the below text and fill in the red - then send!

To: VC email

**Subject**: University investments for climate action

Dear <insert VC name here>

Hope this email find you well. I wanted to get in touch about an exciting opportunity for <insert University name here> to show commitment to use our investments to push for climate action.

At COP26 last year, 26 asset owners - totalling £7 billion in investments - launched the <u>COP26</u> <u>declaration: asset owner climate expectations of asset management</u>. The declaration sets out 8 minimum climate expectations for asset management, covering ESG issues with a focus on climate, from investment strategy to asset allocation, active stewardship and transparency.

Founding signatories of the COP26 declaration include Jesus College Cambridge, St Anne's College Oxford, The University of Bristol and The University of Sheffield. The full declaration, as well as all the signatories can be found on <a href="mailto:the website">the website</a>.

As a student, I believe this would be a great thing for <insert University name here> to sign, showing the leading work being done in this area.

Signatories are at the head of the sector's growing work on responsible investment, guiding peers and creating wider change in the investment sector. This is also a key component in accelerating to the sector's push to reach net zero.

Do you think this would be something <insert University name here > would consider signing? If not, please do let me know what the barriers to signing are. If you have any specific questions about the initiative, you can contact Mel Kee at SOS-UK on <a href="melanie.kee@sos-uk.org">melanie.kee@sos-uk.org</a>, who is coordinating this nationally.

To sign, please <u>complete this form</u>. I know my fellow, as well as any prospective, students will be delighted to see you taking strong action in this vital area.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

<insert your name>

