

CHANGE FOR CHANGE



funding criteria



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The Green Team



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What's Change for Change all about?

The Change for Change fund is an opportunity for you to receive free funding of up to £500 to turn your brilliant ideas into reality. The fund is open to anyone who has the desire to create social, economic and/or environmental change here on campus or in Bristol's community.

At The Students' Union at UWE we are dedicated to making positive change. We want you to make the most out of your time here at UWE and be a core part of this change. The Change for Change fund gives you the opportunity to enhance your employability skills and the chance to generate real life sustainability projects, which will be left as a legacy long after your time here at UWE.

This guide will give you all the hints tips and advice that you need to complete the Change for Change application form. Please note that not all projects will need funding but we are still always here for support and advice if you need it so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

What will Change for Change support?

Change for Change is funding to support students to pioneer sustainability projects. Sustainability is often assumed to be about energy reduction and environmental conservation but in fact it also encompasses engaging with local communities, ethical purchasing, campaigning, social justice and supporting the local economy. There is a whole range of projects and ideas that come under the heading 'sustainability' if you're unsure, or can't think of a project idea straight away, then get in contact or check out our project idea section just below.

Am I eligible for the Change for Change money?

- Do you have project ideas?
- Are you a UWE student?
- Does your project aim to create some sort of social/environmental/economical change?
- Does your project aim to embed sustainable behaviours and attitudes in staff, students and/or local communities?
- Do you want to have a positive impact whilst here at UWE?
- Is your project not for profit?

Congratulations – you are in with a winning chance of being awarded Change for Change funding.

We are keen to support a variety of ideas; from film nights to starting a co-operative, to making and selling honey to organising a swap shop, to even getting involved with greening the curriculum. We have a great team here to support you and your projects, so whether you want a sound board to listen to your ideas or are ready to launch into a project feel free to get in contact – thegreenteam@uwe.ac.uk

How do I apply for the Change for Change fund?

Individuals, groups, clubs, networks and societies can apply for funding anytime throughout the year. Applications for funding £100 and below will be reviewed on a rolling basis but please give up to one week for forms to be processed.

If you have a project that is for £500 or more please get in contact and we may be able to put you in contact with another funding source that can support you and your project.

To receive an application form please download the application form from The Students' Union website using the link

www.thestudentsunion.co.uk/

changeforchange with your name and a summary of your project idea in no more than a few sentences. All completed applications need to be sent to greenleader@uwe.ac.uk.

Project ideas

- Practical workshops that engage students in a sustainability-related topic, e.g. renewable energy or Fairtrade
- Sustainability-themed film or speaker events
- Sustainability-themed exhibitions
- Events that support a local or national campaign
- Raising awareness of ethical consumption
- Promoting the use of sustainable travel
- Projects that promote landfill reduction
- Projects promoting sustainable/ethical food consumption
- Projects promoting biodiversity and the use of green spaces
- Events that encourage networking between students, alumni and local professionals
- Setting up a local community group
- A sustainability-related field trip for your course
- Projects that encourage existing clubs and societies to become more sustainable
- Projects promoting sustainable travel
- Organising a community event
- Projects that encourage intergenerational and interfaith connectivity

Things Change for Change cannot fund

- International travel
- Projects that are not based in Bristol. You can campaign on global sustainability issues, as long as your actions take place in the local area and/or online
- Use of unsustainable travel such as taxis and car hire
- Pay – You cannot pay people to work on your project
- Projects where the process is unsustainable. Think about your project on a whole being sustainable rather than just aiming for a sustainable outcome. For examples- the materials you use, your transports, the amount of waste created etc.

Evaluating your impact and success

At the end of your project you will need to complete the short 'change for change' impact form. This requires just a few photos and a paragraph or two on the success of your project and its impact.

Change for change funding criteria

Your project idea will need to adhere to the below criteria in order to be successful. Make sure you explain how your project or event meets these criteria in your application.

The Change for Change panel consists of The Green Team Co-ordinator, Vice-President Societies and Communication, Sustainability Officer, UWE Sustainability Team and the Community Team Manager

Criteria	That means
Sustainability	Your project must show a commitment to sustainability.
Have a positive impact	You must clearly demonstrate how your project will engage as many students and/or local residents as possible to achieve sustainable behaviour change in one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy savings • Waste: reduce, reuse, recycle • Ethical procurement • Sustainable food consumption • Community engagement • Sustainable travel
Student Development	Your project should empower students to develop their skillset and awareness of social, economic or environmental sustainability issues. We encourage projects which provide campaigning or volunteering opportunities for other students.
Realistic	You will need to produce a comprehensive timeline and budget plan. It is important you thoroughly research your project and demonstrate a need for it.
Legacy	You must have a clear idea of the long-term benefits of your project and be able to demonstrate how your project will continue once funding ends, or once your time at university ends.
Staff Support	If your project idea will involve the University Estate (e.g. on campus, halls of residence, building or land), you must have support from the relevant staff member. Get in touch if you're unsure.
Non Commercial	Your project cannot be of commercial or financial gain to a private sector organisation.
Match Funding	If your project already has funding from another source or you are considering applying for additional funding from other UWE or external grants please get in touch before applying.

Funding

You will be required to provide receipts for everything you purchase for your project, these can be scanned and emailed to thegreenteam@uwe.ac.uk or brought to The Community Team, The Students' Union at UWE, Frenchay Campus. For purchases above £100 you will need to get an invoice. Further financial advice is available.