

SUSTAINABILITY BOARD REPORT

January 2019

The logo for The Students' Union at UWE is a white triangle pointing downwards, containing the text 'THE STUDENTS' UNION AT UWE' in red, uppercase letters.

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STUDENTS' UNION ACTION PLAN

Please find attached The Students' Union Sustainability Action Plan for 2018-2019. The Students' Union invites the feedback and input from the Sustainability Board.

NUS GREEN IMPACT ACCREDITATION

This academic year, NUS are trialing an approach to partner together Students' Unions within the scheme to enable ideas sharing and problem solving on a more practical level. The Students' Union at UWE have been partnered in a group of three with Falmouth & Exeter SU and Glasgow Caledonian SU. Glasgow Caledonian SU are new to Green Impact this year and Falmouth achieved Good last year.

NUS RESPONSIBLE FUTURES ACCREDITATION

NUS are looking to introduce the concept of 'Host Partnerships' in the 2019/20 academic year. The concept is that 'Host Partnerships' would nominate themselves to be a learning space for others across the cohort during the academic year and would benefit from being recognised for their leadership across the sector. Our partnership is interested in exploring this idea and becoming a Host partnership.

Looking ahead, the partnership is focusing on gathering evidence for our submission in May 2019 and ensuring good participation in the NUS SDG Teach In (February) and with the Sustainability Teaching Award in the Student Experience Awards.

STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Students' Union at UWE are delighted to welcome Lauren McLeron as our new Student Sustainability Engagement Coordinator, a new title for the 'Green Team Coordinator'. Lauren will be joining us after 3 years' experience of developing a STEM programme for young people, and previously as an Education Specialist at The Walt Disney Company, designing their Earth Day Event "Party for our Planet". Lauren's focal projects for the coming 5 months will be supporting the Sustainability Committee's campaign, facilitating areas of work for the Green Impact submission and coordinator further student feedback forums around The Students' Union's longer term sustainability strategy.

FOOD WASTE CELEBRATION

The Students' Union at UWE were delighted to be approached by 'SustainIt' (<http://www.sustainitsolutions.com/>) to be part of their Bristol electronic Christmas Card.

They designed and put together an Infographic showcasing all the amazing work local Bristol organisations have been doing to help reduce and reuse food waste, and Bring Your Own Bowl (BYOB) was featured! We look forward to the next food waste BYOB in February.

Bristol's positive impact on food waste

123 organisations helped Bristol become one of only two cities in the UK to achieve a Silver Sustainable Food Cities standard.

BRISTOL WASTE COMPANY

• Saved **704.4 tonnes** of food waste (equivalent to **3,522 reindeer**) with their 'Slim My Waste – Feed My Face' campaign.



GROW BRISTOL

All produce is sold to **18 restaurants** and **7 retailers** in Bristol within a **2-3 mile** radius of the farm.

GENECO

Bio-Bee collected **430 tonnes** of food waste from over **5,000 bins**.

FARESHARE SOUTH WEST

Saved around **400 tonnes** of food headed for landfill, that's about **950,000 meals!**

SQUARE FOOD FOUNDATION

M&S stores have supplied enough surplus potatoes to support all the classes they've run over the last **2 years**.

SEASON AND TASTE

Use **100% compostable** vegetable starch packaging from Vegware.

FOODCYCLE BRISTOL

Collected **29,736 kg** of food waste to date, the same weight as **1,293** Christmas trees.

STUDENTS' UNION AT UWE

Collectively saved over **220kg** of food, feeding over **600** students for free through their 'Bring Your Own Bowl' events.

COMMUNITY FARM

3 tonnes of wonky veg was sold via 'Veg on the Edge'.

POCO TAPAS

Recycle **97%** of their waste. All ingredients are sourced from **18 ethical suppliers**.



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STUDENT LEADER TRAINING

The Students' Union at UWE are running a new sustainability session for student leaders, society committee members and interested students, exploring sustainability and liberation groups. The 'Green Light to Liberation and Equality' workshop will run on Wednesday 23 January. We are excited to explore this area with our members and create action to ensure our engagement plan is inclusive and representative of our members.

AWARDS

Following on from success at the Green Gown Awards, Bring Your Own Bowl has been selected as an entry into the Guardian Awards and the What Uni? Awards for 'Giving Back'.

Rachel Colley (The Students' Union Community Manager) has been nominated for the Community Leadership Award at The Bristol Social Impact Awards (The Voscur). The winner of this award will be decided by public vote and voting closes at 5pm on Thursday 17 January 2019. Click here for a list of nominees and the voting form: <https://www.voscur.org/content/community-leadership-award-nominations>.