

SUBU

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

2021/22-2023/24

We Know Students



Introduction

SUBU recognises that its activities have an impact on the environment at local, regional, national and global levels and acknowledges a responsibility for the protection of the environment and the health of its members and the community. Sustainability is one of the key enablers of the SUBU 21/22 - 23/24 strategy and will be delivered to enhance SUBUs position as a sustainable organisation that manages the environmental impact of its actions.

At SUBU, Sustainability is defined as a focus on what we can do now for our present students to protect the future for incoming students; ensuring that our actions and events have reduced negative and increased positive impact on the environment and the future of our campus, the local community and the global environment.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are embedded into every department within SUBU enabling us to listen to students' passions around sustainability; giving us an ability to empower them on their educational journey with clear consideration for the future of the environment and our society.

Our MISSION

We will focus on what we can do for our present students to protect the future for incoming students; ensuring that our actions and events have a positive impact on the environment and the future of our campus, the local community and the global environment.

We will be an excellent Student Union that is financially and environmentally sustainable.

Reduce Negative and Increase Positive Impact. We will aim to reduce the negative and increase the positive impact our organisation has on the environment. We will comply with all current environmental legislation and aim to meet environmental best practice wherever possible.

Provide Opportunities. We will be a positive partner in the local community and provide you with a wide variety of sustainable opportunities to support you in making a positive change – locally, nationally, and globally.

Make your Voice Heard. We will listen to our students needs and empower them to make change through student-led ideas and campaigns. We will commit to student-led policies and work with students to give them the tools needed to lobby the university to make sustainable decisions.



Our VALUES

Collaborative

We will work collaboratively with the University, other Unions, our students and the community to create change.

Leadership

We will enable members to be more sustainable in their student life through strong leadership and embedding sustainability into strategy.

Ambitious

We will strive to continually improve our sustainable action at SUBU and maintain our Excellent Green Impact Award.

Transparent

We will be transparent in our Sustainability actions and will publish our achievements and commitments to our students and stakeholders. We will hold ourselves accountable and commit to continuous improvement.



Our **ENABLERS**

Monitor

Monitor and report purchasing, energy usage, waste and travel in the Union and find ways to minimise our carbon footprint. Areas of improvement can be identified and acted upon.

Policy

Implement a commitment to ethical and environmental organisational policies across the Union to include food, travel, energy, waste and ethical procurement.

UN SDGs

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals will be embedded into all SUBU Departments to help guide our work.

Reach

Promote the Union's environmental values along with other organisations, communities and the University to engage and develop wider awareness. This can be achieved through training, lobbying, campaigning, and volunteering.

