



- Integration of SDGs in institutional governance/strategic level
 - Integration of SDGs in research
 - Integration of SDGs in campus operations
 - Integration of SDGs in curriculum development
 - Integration of SDGs in student engagement activities
 - Integration of SDGs into community activities
 - Integration of SDGs at a whole-institution level
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- Focus on Goal 1 - No poverty
 - Focus on Goal 2 - Zero hunger
 - Focus on Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
 - Focus on Goal 4 - Quality education
 - Focus on Goal 5 - Gender equality
 - Focus on Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
 - Focus on Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
 - Focus on Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
 - Focus on Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
 - Focus on Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
 - Focus on Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
 - Focus on Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
 - Focus on Goal 13 - Climate action
 - Focus on Goal 14 - Life below water
 - Focus on Goal 15 - Life on land
 - Focus on Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
 - Focus on Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

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Universities for Nottingham Sustainability Action Panel and Workshop – Integrating SDG 17 and SDG 13

On 3rd March 2021, our university hosted a virtual panel discussion and workshop to advance the SDGs and reduce carbon emissions. This event formed the second of a now annual series of events as part of the [Universities for Nottingham partnership](#), which brings together staff and students from both universities in Nottingham (University of Nottingham & Nottingham Trent University) and Nottingham City Council along with members of the wider Nottingham community to discuss how we continue to drive down carbon emissions in our city and region.

Over 100 people joined the session organised by the Sustainable Development Team as part of NTU's annual Sustainability Action Week. It was encouraging to see so many informed and engaged students, staff and citizens share ideas and knowledge about ways to address climate change through individual and collective action.

The panel included staff and student representatives from Nottingham City Council and both universities. Approximately 40 questions were submitted for panel consideration and a follow-up report was sent to all attendees summarising responses to questions not covered during the live event. Following the panel discussion, delegates participated in a workshop to further explore topics around energy, consumption habits, transport and travel behaviour, and natural and green spaces.

The event provided us invaluable insight into stakeholder views on climate action to assist in steering future work around SDG13 in Nottingham. It also demonstrated the value of multiple stakeholders moving collaboratively toward a shared vision regarding the SDGs and associated local commitments e.g. [Nottingham City Council's Carbon Neutral Action Plan](#). The wider partnership provides excellent opportunities for students and staff to contribute, as demonstrated in an earlier 'Challenge Day' event on 12th February 2021, this time just for Nottingham Business School students, wherein council representatives set students five SDG13 challenges to help achieve the city's ambitions.

BENEFITS

1. Strengthens existing partnerships across the region between key partners such as local authorities and universities.
2. Develops understanding of sustainability and the sustainable development goals across a range of key stakeholders including the public.
3. Drives forwards progress with tackling other SDGs with a broad consensus and a wide range of views and outlooks from across the community.

BARRIERS

1. Engaging a wide range of participants in the event was an initial challenge. This was overcome by using the diverse communications channels available to each partner organisation to reach out to a broad variety of different citizens in Nottingham including students and permanent residents.

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CONCLUSIONS

As noted in the definition of SDG 17 'The SDGs can only be realized with strong global partnerships and cooperation'. Our contribution to this, in the context outlined in this case study, has been a very positive experience for all parties involved.

The respective partner organisations have all received invaluable feedback from stakeholders on sustainability issues and particularly Climate Action (SDG 13) and carbon reduction. The broad range of opinions and views generated by this partnership event has been a real benefit.

We would encourage other SDG Accord signatories to explore similar partnerships in their areas and to work in tandem to support each other in our shared goals whilst also advancing our own set agendas.