



### **Integration of SDGs in**

- Institutional governance/strategic level
- SDGs in research
- SDGs in campus operations
- SDGs in curriculum development
- SDGs in student engagement activities
- SDGs into community activities
- SDGs at a whole-institution level

### **Focus on**

- Goal 1 - No poverty
- Goal 2 - Zero hunger
- Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
- Goal 4 - Quality education
- Goal 5 - Gender equality
- Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13 - Climate action
- Goal 14 - Life below water
- Goal 15 - Life on land
- Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

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As one of our city region's largest employers and workplaces we have been able to prioritise a range of work to meet SDG8, SDG10, SDG11, SDG12, SDG13 and SDG16 through our campus operations, policies and processes. For example, we are [living wage](#) accredited employer (SDG8), a top ranking institution for [LGBT-inclusivity](#), hold [quality marks](#) for gender, disability and racial equality (SDG10), enact responsible methods of [procurement](#) (SDG12) and [investment](#) (SDG16) and have made a [commitment to zero carbon](#) in-line with Manchester's 2038 goal (SDG 11/13).

*"Social responsibility is a core goal of our university, and by becoming accredited with the LWF we have a real opportunity to influence policy in a national forum and have conversations about the benefits that good pay and working conditions bring to individuals and wider society."*

**President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell**

### **BENEFITS**

1. This shows the connection between local action on campus and global goals e.g. the effect of procurement on global supply chains
2. This has ensured that our University can turn a mirror on to itself in how operate responsibly



*Image description: A photograph of our staff and students holding Living Wage Foundation and Greater Manchester Citizens banners, in celebration of our university becoming an accredited Living Wage Employer in January 2019.*

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

Universities around the world are some of the largest employers, spenders and place-makers in their cities and regions. This means that as well as creating impact through our traditional functions such as research and teaching, we can also make significant impact through the way we operate. We recommend:

- A strong focus on employment practices such as the recruitment of local talent into non-academic roles and paying beyond minimum legal requirements
- Engaging in best-practice to support the equality and diversity of staff and students
- Linking the work of our universities to wider city-region targets to decarbonise energy and transport
- Using procurement to support the development of thriving social enterprises and SMEs that are addressing the SDGs through their own operations.