



The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

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

SDG Accord Reporting 2021 CASE STUDY

SDG3: Tackling Student Period Poverty/promoting safer sex.

Winchester Student Union is tackling period poverty on campus and promoting safe sex and student welfare. We introduced the Advice Centre Freebie Bin, providing students with access to free sanitary items, as well as condoms, pregnancy tests, personal alarms and drink spiking test cards to students who need them – all available for free to all students as part of our Advice Centre.

We wanted to take proactive steps towards making sure students have every chance to be happy and healthy by tackling period poverty and student financial barriers to safe sex.

“I heard people talking about the student union advice centre and how they had found yourselves extremely helpful”

Current Winchester students can visit our Freebie Bin on campus weekdays 9am-4pm during term time, located by the Student Union offices on Level 3 of the King Alfred Centre. This service is also advertised in a number of washrooms, campus wide.

BARRIERS

We recognised that some students may have been finding it difficult to access the Freebie Bin on campus (especially during the coronavirus lockdown) so we decided to introduce a [‘Request an Advice Centre Freebie Bin product’](#) to the Student Union website. Students can complete a short type form on and we will do our very best to deliver period products within 5 working days. The products are put through the student’s letter box in a sealed paper bag. This service is dependent on the availability of staff and resources but is something we hope we can continue to offer moving forward.

CONCLUSIONS

The Advice Centre Freebie Bin has been well received by students and during July 2019 – July 2020 we gave away approximately **1900** sanitary products. We hope that as the Covid restrictions begin to ease more students will once again be able to make use of this service and access free sanitary items.

