

## The Students' Union, UCLan Student Engagement Small Acorns to Large Oaks

### About the project

#### Summary

We have created a place on campus where good ideas on greater sustainability, from both students and staff, can flourish which has resulted in real change.

#### Project partners

The Students' Union, the University of Central Lancashire,  
The Do Nation, NUS Students' Green Fund

### The results

#### The problem

Low levels of student and staff engagement with sustainability issues.

#### The approach

Create an environment that enables good ideas to become realities.

#### Our goals

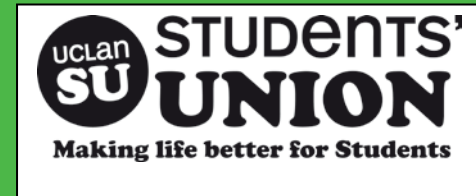
- Extend and further embed the work.
- Embed SD into the curriculum building on from our SD in the Curriculum Mapping Process.

#### Obstacles and solutions

- Student engagement – Green Week Student Bursaries, Do Nation Pledge, Allotments & Secret Garden
- Staff engagement – Allotments, Do Nation Pledge, Pop Up Stationery Stall
- Legacy – Strategic involvement in the Campus Master Plan, and SD Embedding in the curriculum.

#### Performance and results

- NUS Environmental Innovation Award 2015
- RHS Britain in Bloom Award – It's Your Neighbourhood Award 2015 – (Allotments & Secret Garden.)



#### Profile

- HEI
- 28,000 students
- 2,000 staff
- Urban

#### Category supported by



## The future

### Lessons learned

Institutions, via a grass roots up approach, need to allow students and staff to help find and implement creative solutions to the sustainability agenda in order to allow real change on campus to happen.

### Sharing your project

- Presentation at Green Impact Round Table event, Manchester 2015.
- EAUC NW presentation, Oct 2015.
- Other universities interested in our allotment model, e.g. Liverpool Guild and Edinburgh.
- Via social media.

### What has it meant to your institution to be a Green Gown Award finalist?

*"We are thrilled to be nominated for a Green Gown Award for a second year in a row in the engagement category. Just being nominated has helped our work and given us real peer recognition and kudos."*

Green Ladder Project Manager

### Further information

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