

Coleg Sir Gâr Best Newcomer Green FE in Green HE - a dual sector approach

About the project

Summary

Coleg Sir Gâr's delivery of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) Group strategy for delivering sustainability through culture, curricula, campuses and community and specifically to deliver on the College's core strategic objective being *"to promote a culture of respect, environmental awareness and an ethos of global citizenship"*.

Coleg Sir Gâr, an FE institution, taking an holistic approach to sustainability within the college whilst also delivering and contributing to the HE INSPIRE sustainability project of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Project partners

University of Wales Trinity Saint David

The results

The problem

How to deliver the College's FE core strategic objective whilst at the same time contributing to the HE INSPIRE sustainability project of UWTSD

The approach

To strive to demonstrate continuous improvement in Coleg Sir Gâr's environmental performance and embedding sustainability in all of the College's activities and curricula whilst also delivering a Sustainability Action Plan for the HE INSPIRE project of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.



Profile

- FEI
- 9,000 students (includes full and part time students)
- 800 staff
- Urban & Rural campuses

Finalist's case study

Our goals

- To fully embed sustainability in all aspects of College life – culture, curricula, campuses and community;
- To demonstrate continuous improvement in environmental performance.
- To deliver the HE INSPIRE project

Obstacles and solutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal reporting link for Green FE and Green HE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated representative and reporting at UWTSD Sustainability Committee.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of environmental information and best practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental audits undertaken and performance data publicised internally Mandatory staff training – “Raising Environmental Awareness”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embedding ESDGC throughout all areas of curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for staff. Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification embraces ESDGC issues as part of its framework. Involvement of students in “Enterprise Challenges”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for utilities monitoring facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful in obtaining grant funding for AMM&T (automated metering, monitoring & targets) system

Performance and results

Retained Green Dragon Level 5 by demonstrating continuous environmental improvement.
 ESDGC embedded across all curriculum delivery.

The future

Lessons learned

- Engage with and involve as many Learners and Staff as possible.
- Promote achievements and successes

Sharing your project

Internally within Coleg Sir Gâr via Tutor Briefings, intranet, facebook, twitter, moodle

Externally with UWTSD, local community and nationally. Information shared with Welsh FE Colleges & Universities and Local Service Boards which has representation of all public organisations.

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

The College is immensely proud of being a Green Gown finalist and it recognises the commitment and hard work and of all staff and students to sustainability and the environment.

Sustainability is at the heart of all activities in the College and being a Green Gown finalist will further motivate everyone to ensure Coleg Sir Gâr can continue to improve its environmental performance, sustainable delivery and global citizenship. Being a finalist will promote the sustainable and environmental achievements of the College which in turn will make a significant contribution to the Future Generations Act of Wales.

Further information

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