

University of Leeds Learning & Skills Creating Sustainable Futures

About the project

Summary

Ten, cross disciplinary Discovery Themes have been developed to ensure students from across the University have access to core knowledge and skills which underpin the Leeds Curriculum. Most Leeds undergraduate programmes include provision for students to study discovery modules as part of their degree. One theme, 'Creating Sustainable Futures' allows students from all disciplines to enroll on options from over 100 modules within the sub-theme relating to the topic, whether it is from a scientific, social or economic angle.

Project partners

The Sustainability Service joined forces with the Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) and the Student Education Service (SES) to support the development and delivery of the Creating Sustainable Futures (CSF) Discovery theme.

The results

The problem

The University of Leeds understands its role in delivering Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Clearly teaching and learning opportunities span the wide range of disciplines, and opportunities for engaging with ESD vary across programmes of study. Specifically the project is critical to the university as our main tool to help us achieve our commitment to increase sustainability literacy within the whole student body and provide opportunities to all students, regardless of their course to gain a critical understanding of sustainability issues during their time at the University.

The approach

The modules within the CSF theme are open to all students at the University, no matter what they study and which year they are in. The Sustainability Service helped to create the CSF module using a variety of different tools and approaches which help students engage with real world problems, and gain invaluable skills and knowledge that they can benefit from and take with them after graduation.

Our goals

As part of our newly launched Sustainability Strategy, the University is committed to building knowledge and capacity and integrate sustainability into student learning. The CSF modules help students at the university explore the various different aspects of sustainability and broaden their skills and knowledge on the issues



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- University of Leeds
- 31,906 students (includes full and part time students)
- 7517 staff
- Urban



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