



**Middlesex
University
London**

Profile

- Higher Education
- 18,000 students based at Hendon Campus
- 1,900 staff
- Urban environment, Greater London

Middlesex University Services & Facilities MDX Goes Green

About the project

Summary

A multi organisational project engaging staff and students in the Hendon Campus Biodiversity Action Plan designed in partnership with the London Wildlife Trust to pull together the various biodiversity features on campus.

Project partners

Working in partnership with Middlesex University Students Union and the London Wildlife Trust as well as Middlesex Universities Environmental Sciences Department various projects have been undertaken to enhance biodiversity on Campus through the engagement in conversation activities.

The results

The problem

Although individual buildings and elements of the campus are rich in biodiversity features such as green roof's, walls, and meadow areas there was no overall plan to pull together these elements and link them into the wider green spaces in the Hendon area.

The approach

Deliver an approach through a partnership model creating opportunities for staff and students to get engaged in conversation activities learning new skills and gaining new experiences.

Our goals

To deliver small incremental improvements to the campus every year through working with the Middlesex University Students Union and the London Wildlife Trust measuring results annually through a Bio Blitz.



Finalist's case study



Obstacles and solutions

"there is very little green space on campus"	Ensure that the site is properly surveyed and all green areas identified
"relaxed mowing looks untidy"	Work closely with the landscaping team as well as marketing so that people understand what is happening and why
"Students won't get involved"	The Students Union have been invaluable in advertising opportunities to students and getting engagement

Performance and results

In the first year of our partnership we have had three engagement sessions led by the London Wildlife Trust that created the start of a native hedgerow, two woodpiles, and two wildflower areas. The results have also led the landscaping team to relax mowing across the campus and the University to explore ways of restoring a pond on the campus.

The future

Lessons learned

The project although relatively simplistic involved a lot of planning to ensure that the relevant partners were engaged and sufficient staff / students could engage with the project.

Top 3 learnings from implementing your project

- The benefits of a partnership approach cannot be over estimated
- Good planning is required to ensure all parties are available
- Make sure that seasonal deadlines are not missed

Sharing your project

All staff and students can get involved in this project which is promoted on our behalf by Middlesex University Students Union. This loan scheme is available to all staff and students. We have promoted the scheme at every opportunity including Green Week, Fresher's Fair, Staff Induction and Sustainable Campus Tours.

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

Andrea Dlaska – Deputy Vice Chancellor

We are really pleased that our "Greening the Campus" activities with the London Wildlife Trust and Students Union including planting hedgerows, sowing wildflowers and creating woodpiles has been recognised for the benefits to Biodiversity in Hendon but also the valuable experience and opportunities it has given to the student volunteers.