

#### Incorporating the Sustainable Development Goals into Institutional Business Decision Making UWE Bristol







### Workshop overview

- Sustainability in decision-making at UWE
- FE/HE and the SDGs
- Expectations of students
- Overview of UWE work with SDGs
- Assessment and measurement
- What next?



Sustainability in decision-making at UWE 400 CONSTRUCTION 17 PARTNERSHIPS

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HOW?

WHO?

Institutional strategy

Sustainability Plan

**Estates and Procurement** 

QMEF

Staff and student engagement

SU@UWE





What is the current status of FE/HE engagement with the SDGs?



What is your institution doing? How is it identifying and managing its contribution to the SDGs?





**PRME** Principles for Responsible Management Education





Global Compact Network UK







What should FE/HE contribute towards meeting the SDGs?



What could an organisation contribute towards meeting the SDGs?

Baseline responsibilities for business include "recognition of the **responsibility of all companies** – regardless of their size, sector or where they operate – to comply with all relevant legislation, **uphold internationally recognized minimum** 

standards and to respect universal rights"





# Managing contribution to the SDGs

Defining priorities

Setting goals

Integrating

**Reporting and** 

communicating



Map the value chain to identify impact areas

Select indicators and collect data

Define priorities

Define scope of goals and select KPIs

Define baseline and select goal type

Set level of ambition

Announce commitment to SDGs

Anchoring sustainability goals within the business

Embed sustainability across all functions

Engage in partnerships

Effective reporting and communication

Communicating on SDG performance

Green Gown

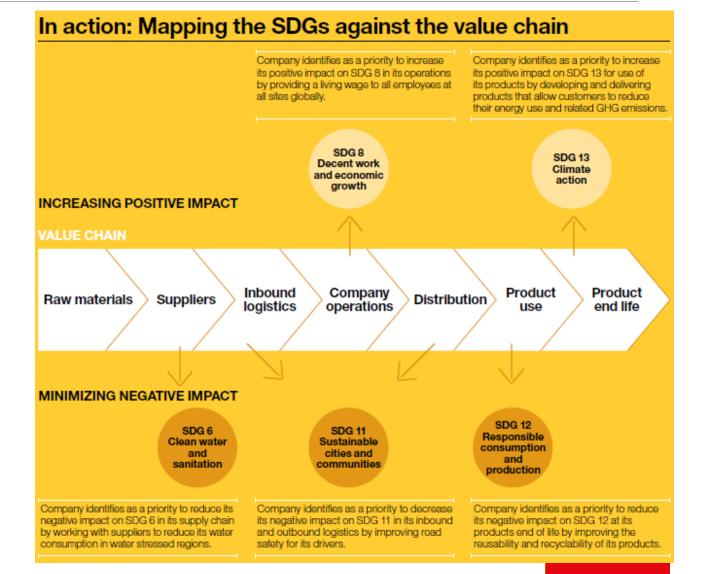


### Map the value chain to identify impact areas



How can this be applied to an HEI?

Activity: In groups, consider the relevance/ application of this model to an HEI.



## Map the value chain to identify impact areas



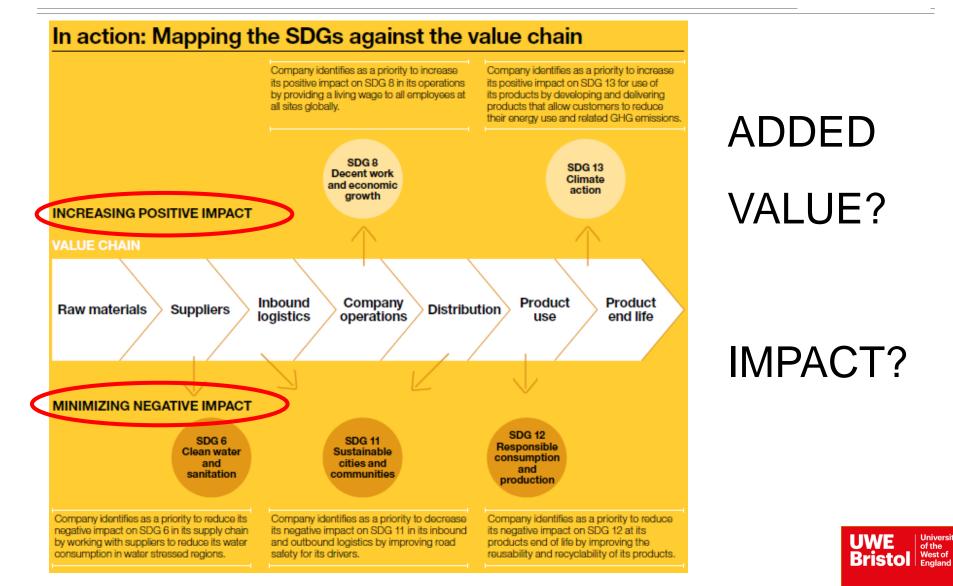
Raw materials		Students?
Suppliers		Academics
Inbound logistics		Procurement
Company operations		Facilities/estates/services
Distribution		Teaching/RKE/PE/etc.
Product use		Graduates in work
Product end of life		??Retirement??
	Green	Gown



#### **The VALUE chain**



University



What could an HEI contribute towards meeting the SDGs?

- •Estate management
- •Operations
- •Education
- •Research and knowledge creation
- •Influencing others
- •Raison d'être for HE?





Activity: In pairs discuss the potential contribution of HE to achieving the SDGs via these activities.



#### Assessing UWE's contribution to achieving the SDGs



Defining priorities

Setting goals

Integrating

*Reporting and communicating* 

- Strategy 2020
- Sustainability Plan
- ISO 14001
- Risk register
- Sustainability Plan
- Strategy 2020
- Own goal setting
- Internal and external presentations
- Roles and responsibilities
- Terms of reference and reporting templates
- Graduate attributes
- Working with others
- Internal and external reporting
- Standards
- Sharing and listening



#### **Expectations of current** and future students



Do students expect universities / colleges to take action on sustainability? Higher Agree Neither Disagree Don't know Rather not say 100% 7% 10% 9% 19% 16% 80% 26% 27% 60% 87% 40% 75% 61%

education

Sustainable development is something all course tutors should be required to incorporate within their teaching (n=7259)

52%

20%

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Sustainable development is something which I would like to learn more about (n=7256)

Sustainable development is something which all university / college courses should actively incorporate and promote (n=7256)

Sustainable development is something which universities / colleges should actively incorporate and promote (n=7267)

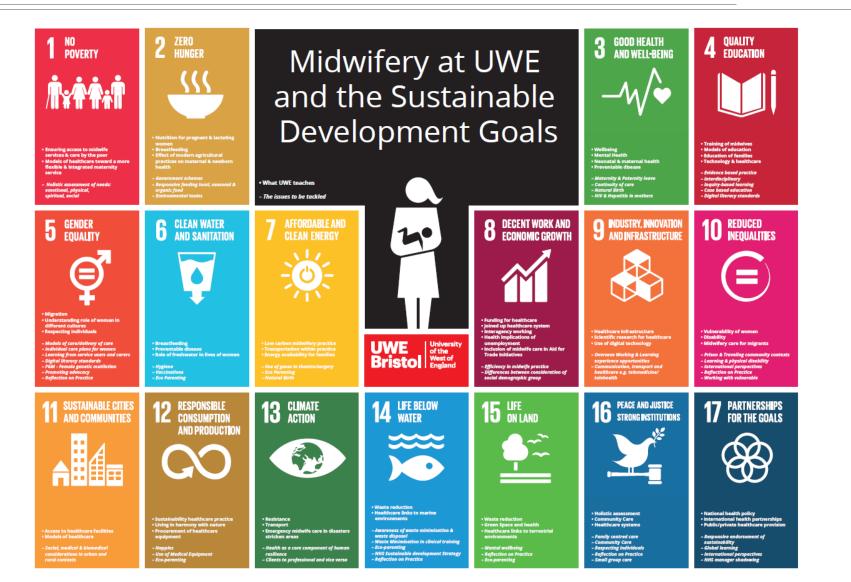






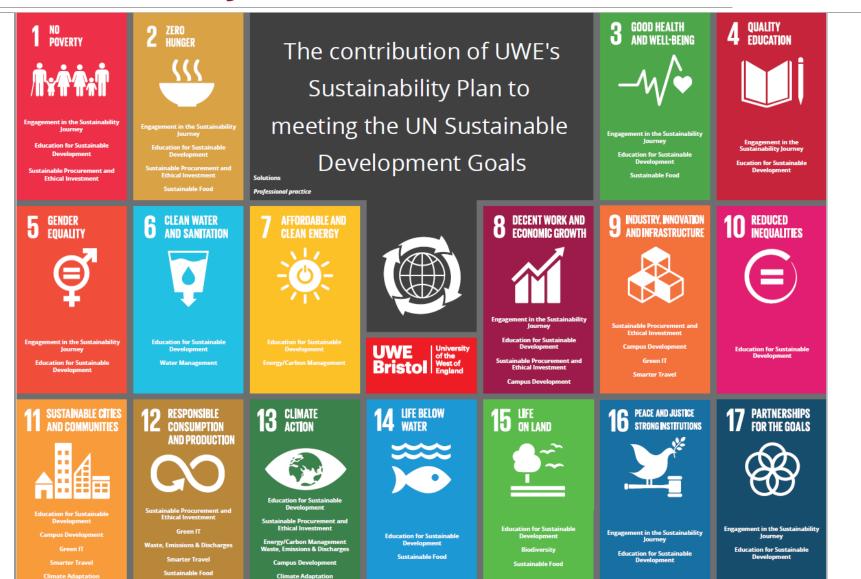
#### **SDGs and Curriculum**





#### SDGs and UWE's Sustainability Plan





Assessing, measuring and communicating success



•GRI

- •ISO 14001
- Corporate responsibility reporting
- •IRIS Metrics
- •LiFE
- •Responsible Futures
- •Awards
- •Impact?







Responsible **Futures** 

Accredited institution





- SDG Roadshow
- Responsibility
- Research
- Impact
- Working with our city and region
- Limits?



#### **HE and session SDGs**



#### Selection of connections:

SDG8

- HEIs as places of work
- HEIs as producers of future employees
- HE as a generator of economic activity SDG9
- Research is about innovation
- HEIs have access to intelligence, creativity, dedication and enthusiasm

SDG17

- HEIs work within their locations/regions
- HEIs bridge private and public sector
- HEIs and their Students' Unions









Take 1 minute to note:

- One action you will take forward sparked by this session
- one person who you will speak to about
  SDG work at your institution.

**Final questions?** 

**THANK YOU!** 



