Foreword

Awardsing Sustainability Excellence

The Green Gown Awards, now in their 9th year, recognise the exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by tertiary education. In these changing and challenging times, it is now more important than ever to ensure that sustainability remains high on the sector agenda, and to demonstrate that it can be synergistic with other strategic drivers such as high quality student experiences, new skills requirements, increasing access, and enhanced value for money. This has been achieved by many of the examples in this brochure, which are drawn from 216 applications – a 23% increase on 2012. The value tertiary education generates is huge and the Green Gown Awards make a critical contribution to ensuring that value is better recognised.

International presence

The Awards continue to have a strong international presence with this being the fourth year of the Australasian Green Gown Awards, and the second year of the “International Green Gown Awards”. These have three categories – Continuous Improvement: Institutional Change, Social Responsibility and Student and Staff Engagement – and involve selecting an overall winner from the two that have been successful in Australasia and the UK. We are delighted to be working with other countries such as France to engage them within the Green Gown Awards family and to be part of the International Green Gown Awards in the future.

Sharing best practice and dissemination of Green Gown Award initiatives

As the ethos of the Green Gown Awards is to ensure the lessons and examples of best practice are shared within the sector and beyond, we are working hard with the partners of the Awards to ensure this information is disseminated far and wide. Case studies and videos from not only the 2012 UK and Australasian winners, and the highly commended and finalist entries are available from the sector owned Sustainability Exchange website. We are now working with all the 2013 stage 2 finalists to make similar materials available, and to encourage replication of all their great sustainability initiatives and achievements.

Partners

Without the financial support and sponsorship from our 2013 partners we would not be able to continue with the Awards and for this we thank you. We are also grateful to the 75 people who helped judge the Stage 1 and Stage 2 applications for their time, commitment and valuable contributions. It is their substantial experience in the sector and as representatives of the sector that truly make the Green Gown Awards’ sector owned.

Finally, we congratulate all of the finalists and thank you for sharing your shining examples of sustainability best practice. Every year provides fresh inspiration and we look forward to more fantastic applications in 2014.

Iain Patton
CEO
Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC)

Learning and Skills

Recognising achievement in the development of skills and capabilities relevant to sustainability. These can be vocational or related to wider purposes such as community involvement, global or environmental awareness or to support lifestyle changes.

Modemisation - Effectiveness and Efficiency in the Estate

Effectiveness, efficiency and value for money are central concerns for the tertiary education sector. Recognising the pressure to proactively manage costs and demonstrate value for money but seeks applications which demonstrate that this can be done in ways that enhance sustainability.

Research and Development

Recognising a method of research-based and knowledge-transfer activities within tertiary education which have had tangible effects on positive societal and environmental change.

Social Responsibility*

Recognising initiatives by tertiary education institutions which create significant benefits for local communities, disadvantaged groups and/or society as a whole in either the UK (or host country) or developing countries.

Student and Staff Engagement*

Recognising initiatives by tertiary education institutions which create significant benefits for local communities, disadvantaged groups and/or society as a whole in either the UK (or host country) or developing countries. Open to both staff and students at a tertiary education institution. Recognising people at any level who have worked hard at implementing a sustainability project, initiative (or several) and whose involvement has made a positive impact be that on their peers, their institution, their students, their local community or their local workforce.

Technical Innovation for Sustainability

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Basingstoke College of Technology

EcoBCoT – A Sustainable Future

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The project provides a sustainability framework that encompasses education, information and practical improvement. The project raises the profile of sustainability in the community and it provides the opportunity for everyone to participate and bring forward ideas.

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Falmouth Exeter Plus

Keeping your campus green: Sustainable travel choices for two universities in Cornwall

Falmouth Exeter Plus is the shared services delivery partner of Falmouth University and the University of Exeter at their £200M shared campus in Cornwall.

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Harrow College are working towards becoming a leading sustainable college.

Manchester Adult Education Service

Growing a greener generation

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Durham University

Reducing fume cupboard energy consumption by technical and behavioural changes

This project is innovative, original and intuitive, generating a 50% reduction in carbon emissions to support Durham University’s carbon management plan. It demonstrates that a technical solution and staff/student behavioural change can complement each other to collectively deliver an outstanding achievement. It has received award recognition in the industry and proven to be a model of environmental best practice.

The project has successfully converted an energy hungry installation into a carbon efficient system that is optimal in performance. It supports the University’s behavioural change philosophy, has raised awareness of staff and students to understand how their individual actions can impact on carbon emissions and the environment and successfully embeds a sustainable culture into everyday working practice.

Following the successful implementation of the pilot scheme the core design principals have been replicated in two further laboratory areas to deliver equally impressive savings. Further installations are planned in the future.

South Essex College

No longer on standby – Switching on to switching off

This project is about embedding sustainability into the student curriculum and into their and staffs lives at the College, focusing on waste management, energy and procurement to source equipment/resources from sustainable/local companies.

All Level 3 students have undertaken the Ascentis Environmental Sustainability Award and students from across the college have taken part in forums and online polls regarding sustainable issues to gain their views on what they would like to see take place within the College.

Use of LED lighting has reduced energy and maintenance costs by £10,000 per year. Refuse initiative have saved another £10,000 in terms of reduction in mixed general waste being collected.

Students and staff are encouraged to recycle or reuse resources e.g. old towels from its beauty and hairdressing course have been given to its dog grooming course for drying dogs.

Blackpool and The Fylde College

Saving the world one target at a time

This project’s aim was to improve the efficiency of the buildings and significantly reduce the volume of waste going to landfill.

As a direct impact of this project the College achieved substantial reductions in carbon emissions, energy consumption and cost savings.

The main features included; over cladding - reducing emissions by insulating buildings and increasing air tightness; decentralisation of boilers – ensuring heating is only in use for specific buildings; new low-loss transformers and voltage optimisation – consuming 10% less electricity compared to the previous transformers; BMS system – allowing for greater control of the heating systems; LED lighting-fittings installed and the carbon savings are significant even on such a small scale.

The College has also procured a new waste contract, which has significantly reduced the volume of waste being sent to landfill.

Royal Veterinary College

Linking policy and profession - A sustainability journey

The initiative was simply to implement an Environmental Policy and achieve ISO14001 certification in one year. The College has used the Environmental Policy as a driver to improve its sustainable image, improve environmental performance across eight key areas while at the same time raising the profile of environmental management at the College from a low baseline. Only ten months after the establishment of the EMS, the College was awarded ISO14001 certification.

As well as the environmental and financial benefits, the social and health benefits have been widespread; the College has reduced energy use, air pollution, waste, improved the green spaces at the College and educated staff and students about the benefits of good environmental management, with the hope that this skill will benefit them in future careers.

It is hoped that the College will now advance on the back of its ISO14001 success, improve environmental performance across eight key areas and strive towards sustainability being ‘business as usual’.

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Lancaster University

Challenging climate and geography - The unlikely success of a travel plan

Lancaster University is situated on a rural campus 4.5 km south of Lancaster city centre. The area is hilly and can experience inclement weather, not ideal geographical conditions for a successful Travel Plan. Commuting travel options for staff and students were limited, with car commuting dominating, leading to significant congestion on local roads and parking problems on campus. These issues, together with plans to expand the campus led to the adoption of the Travel Plan. Since implementing the Travel Plan dramatic progress has been made in resolving these problems and encouraging staff and students to adopt sustainable commuting travel modes such as a car share scheme, new student parking policy, subsidised bus services, work with the City Council to improve cycle routes and projects with the Student Union to encourage student and staff walking and cycling. This has reduced annual staff and student commuting carbon emissions by 24.5% p/a (2,500tCO2e).

University of Essex

Night storage heaters are so old school

The University of Essex, is home to 12,000 students from over 133 countries. This provides a great learning and research experience. It also means lots and lots of students to whom the vagaries of British weather come as something of a shock. Making sure its accommodation provides excellent thermal comfort is critical for the University in ensuring its very high student satisfaction levels, referring to think of it as meeting the Goldilocks standard: not too hot and not too cold. The University of Essex’s recent overhaul of the ‘so old school’ night storage heaters in its accommodation exemplifies its ethos. Unlike night storage heaters, the new system keeps students low carbon cozy. Providing the right level of heating at the right time of day and saving over 400 tonnes of carbon per annum.

University of Gloucestershire

Carbon reduction on a shoestring – Achieving 25% savings in tough times

The University of Gloucestershire (UoG) has adopted a steady, simple but long term approach to carbon reduction focusing on ensuring that all decisions, at all levels, consider sustainability implications; maximising the effectiveness of existing budgets by prioritising zero and low-cost efficiency measures such as space efficiency, insulation, heating controls, detailed monitoring, super-efficient lighting and widespread ‘green’ ICT schemes and always combining technological solutions with staff and student engagement campaigns to maximise impact. The results of this approach have been impressive with direct carbon emission reduced by 25% against a 2005/06 baseline giving annual financial savings of almost a quarter of a million pounds, a reduction in energy consumption of over four million kWh and avoiding the release of 1,195 tonnes CO2 per year. These savings are despite student numbers increasing by 12%, showing it is possible to successfully decouple growth from rising emissions and helping put the University at the top of UK sustainability rankings.

University of Surrey

Lighting Improvement Programme

The Lighting Improvement Programme, a £500,000 project funded under the HEFCE RGF2 banner, included lighting replacement in four academic buildings and support teaching buildings. This initiative forms part of the University’s carbon management plan and is expected to reduce its CO2 emission by a minimum of 1,500 tonnes (6% of total emissions) when complete through all University buildings. The unique feature of this programme is that all installations were undertaken during normal working hours in occupied buildings utilising existing old metal pan ceilings. This was only possible by close co-operation between the estates team, contractor, faculty and department staff.

The key benefits of the programme include: improved visual amenity – staff and student satisfaction; control of internal environment for the space users; highly efficient T5 fluorescent lighting; reduced energy consumption (Predicted 20%, initial metering 15–18%); reduced carbon emissions; standardisation of luminaires and lamps and controls and improved maintenance and PPM practices.
University of York

Stop wasting waste

The project is to minimise waste going to landfill. The key was to identify what waste was going to landfill and to identify a better environmental disposal option for large waste streams. It was estimated that food waste made up approximately 25% of the landfill waste. If food waste could be removed and sent for anaerobic digestion, not only would it save on landfill but very importantly it would allow for the off-site mechanical and manual sorting of the remaining general waste.

The sorting separated waste in to recycling material, refuse derived fuel (for conversion to energy) and landfill material.

Moving to mixed recycling, sending food waste for anaerobic digestion, sorting the general waste and a communications strategy aimed at all campus users has seen the University of York reduce the waste it sends to landfill from 67% to 10% within one year.

University of Ulster

All scope carbon reduction

Environmental Sustainability is recognised as strategically important for the University within its Corporate Plan, which commits to further development of the University’s environmental sustainability strategy and the prudent use of resources.

The University has made considerable improvements in its environmental sustainability performance through effective carbon emissions reduction across all 3 emissions sources/scopes. Improvements have arisen from the use of renewable electricity generation and reductions in energy consumption, mains water usage and business travel by car.

Formal carbon reduction targets across all 3 emissions scopes have been established within its Carbon Management Plan 2010/11 to 2020/21.

The submission quantifies the carbon performance across all 3 scopes and summarises the key initiatives which have contributed to the achievement of emissions reductions.

The University of Manchester used £2.2m of funding from the HEFCE/Salix Revolving Green Fund (RGF) to implement energy efficient technologies

Six Salix indicators

- RGF funding value: £2,475,061
- Annual £ savings: £615,164
- Annual savings figure of CO2, 3,479
- Lifetime £ savings: £7,885,773
- Lifetime savings figure of CO2, 44,670
- Average project payback: 4 years

Sponsor of the Carbon Reduction Category 2013

“Salix has helped the University at all stages of the fund management, from advice and guidance on the initial application, to on-going project development. They have accommodated new and innovative technologies within the supported technology list.”

Damian Oatway, Fund Manager at the University of Manchester
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### Belfast Metropolitan College

**Belfast Met e3 Building at Springvale**

Belfast Met opened its £18 million high-specification, ultra high-tech ‘e3’ economic development campus in September 2012. The employability/entrepreneurship/enterprise (e3) facility will enhance the employability skills of students, stimulate enterprise through business incubation and innovative development programmes, and foster enhanced approaches to commercial and economic development using leading edge technologies and advanced approaches to teaching and learning.

Designed to accommodate up to 500 users on a daily basis, e3 houses specialist zones dedicated to digital media, manufacturing technology, catering, business incubation, SME training and renewable technologies. Belfast Met considers that the role of the further/higher education sector in addressing skills needs and engaging with local businesses and industry is central to the development of our economy.

This impressive and highly innovative facility will provide a unique curriculum and learning opportunities for further and higher education and for research and development throughout Belfast and across Northern Ireland.

### Cologe Gwent

**Crosskeys X Block and Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone**

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University of Lincoln

Cutting carbon emissions through refurbishment - Student Village

A project to refurbish student accommodation at the University of Lincoln has produced significant reductions in energy consumption and carbon emissions, while delivering a much improved student experience.

Compared to the previous year electricity consumption was reduced by 23% and gas consumption by 14% (despite a rise in heating demand).

Five halls of residence in the Student Village were refurbished during summer 2012, with a view to improving facilities for students and reducing energy consumption. A wider refurbishment project included the following energy improvements - replacing lighting in communal areas with LED versions, installing presence detection lighting controls, low energy fridge/freezers and adding Thermostatic Radiator Valves that are controlled electronically to radiators in student bedrooms.

Maintenance call-outs to the Courts have been significantly reduced. The project also included new furniture, flooring and painting. The remaining buildings in the Student Village will receive a similar upgrade in 2013/14.

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The Manchester College

Harpurhey Baths upcycled

The Manchester College upcycled a derelict Grade 2 listed public baths building, designed by renowned architect Henry Price in 1910. This led to the creation of a multi-use facility raising community engagement and student participation in north Manchester.

The project regenerated an important landmark from the Victorian heritage of Manchester.

The facility is a beacon for the local community and was recently at the centre of a positive media campaign to counter a BBC3 television programme portraying the area in a negative light.

Since completion, student numbers have improved consistently:


The percentage of 16 to 18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) has decreased since the completion of the project:

2007: 13.5% - 2011: 11.2%.

The area is improving, as exemplified by data from the Indices of Multiple Deprivation:


CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT

Nottingham Trent University

Saving space in science

The Rosalind Franklin refurbishment has been a cornerstone in the School of Science and Technology teaching and learning facilities at Nottingham Trent University (NTU). Design and planning have accommodated maximum utilisation and minimum impact on the surrounding environment throughout the project.

NTU’s ability to integrate modern technology into the refurbished teaching laboratory, and maintain a practical student experience, is quite original throughout the sector.

Facilities enabling multiple classes to be taught simultaneously and building material reuse highlight NTU’s commitment to improving utilisation and resources, as well as providing the infrastructure to ensure a first class teaching experience is available to all students.

Rosalind Franklin has trialled and tested the compatibility of technology in a working environment and as a result of the success the system is being rolled into other schools creating new learning environments and atmospheres.

CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT

The Manchester College
The University of Bristol has been continuously improving in all areas of sustainability; reducing carbon emissions by 2,000 tonnes, 76% of waste diverted from landfill, achieved ISO14001 including ESD, reduced water use by 13%, built eight BREEAM Excellent Buildings with four green roofs and 250kw of solar PV, delivered public transport and cycling programmes so 82% of staff travel sustainably, buy local, Fairtrade, sustainable and organic food for its catering outlets, integrated ESD principles into its curriculum and processes for monitoring courses, delivering increased biodiversity, started to integrate sustainability in procurement, delivered sustainability training to over 400 staff members and students, developed Green Impact and developed this into new schemes for hospitals, accommodation and even dentists!

Though there is still much to do to be a truly sustainable University, the University of Bristol is well on the way with its journey.
Institute

Anglia Ruskin University

Learning and working together for positive change

This course helps students gain the knowledge, skills and capabilities they will need to act as a catalyst to inspire and bring about change towards sustainability.

It is a unique partnership between Anglia Ruskin University, the Eden Project and Change Agents UK.

Students embark on an ambitious learning journey, along which they gain a deep understanding of key sustainability challenges; become equipped with the skills required to lead change; and undertake a work placement in which they can apply their knowledge and skills.

This is a truly multidisciplinary course of study, with an emphasis on developing students understanding of a range of natural and social systems. It is delivered through a combination of intensive residential sessions in Cambridge and Cornwall together with innovative online learning.

This course explicitly addresses each partner’s institutional goals to develop sustainability literate and skilled individuals who are empowered to live and work within a sustainability paradigm.

Blackpool and The Fylde College

Student entitlement to education for Sustainable Development

The aim of the project was to develop a cross college approach to implementing and delivering Sustainable Development (SD) by embedding SD into the curriculum, developing a package of resources across the organisation and the sector and directly involving students within this.

This began by gaining management buy-in from both academic and corporate staff through staff development and training sessions. Four academic departments were then identified to pilot the project: Hair Beauty and Related Therapies; Business and Professional Studies; Engineering and Computing and Hospitality, Tourism and Sport.

Students were involved through group and individual projects and gained IEMA accredited training in sustainable auditing.

The outcomes were presented at the LSIS NW conference. One project outcome was the creation of an online resource bank of materials that can be used by a wide range of curriculum areas showcasing teaching resources which were developed.

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Humanitarian Sustainability uses Coventry University’s Add+Vantage (A+V) employability modules as a means of teaching students the importance of applying sustainability concepts when operating in humanitarian response situations.

Humanitarian Sustainability is about developing sustainable, culturally sensitive and appropriate solutions to address social issues in communities that are unable to cope themselves. It can be applied on a local, national or international level.

The project has resulted in a Humanitarian Sustainability Journey available for students to travel starting in their first year with a broad global challenge, moving to more specialist topics in the second year including looking at the concepts of Corporate Social Responsibility, and then onto a final year module that focuses on a sustainable supply chain that starts in pre-disaster preparedness, through to the remediation of a post-disaster community.

The project has resulted in National and International recognition with a UNITWIN Network with 18 partners in over 5 countries.

Edge Hill University

Accounting for the Environment: In the real world

The Accounting for the Environment module is an inter-departmental initiative which allows two-way knowledge transfer.

This module is not only relevant to UK-based frameworks but will be prudent to the International Integrated Reporting Agenda and requires third year students to assess ‘real life’ energy and waste data provided by Edge Hill’s Facilities Management team (FM). Students were then tasked to calculate the data as required by the Higher Education Funding Council for England’s Estates Management Statistics.

The use of actual legislative requirements gives the subject matter credibility and provides the future decision-makers with a realistic insight of the cost of energy and waste usage both in monetary and environmental terms.

FM staff gained an understanding of the working environment from the eyes of students and lecturers. This alternate perspective then allows FM to adjust processes to improve FM customer service and enhance student and lecturer experiences.

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Delivering a better catering solution

TUCO has been restructured and repositioned to be fit for purpose for all members. In future, the service to members will be delivered in four important areas of activity.

- **Share** the opportunity for members to share information and learning.
- **Learn** for information about training courses and opportunities.
- **Buy** details of framework agreements, market updates, and supplier information.
- **Grow** ideas, innovation and advice to improve catering operation.

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The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

The green cabaret

In Autumn 2012 Central piloted a sustainable approach to theatre production, using a musical theatre project, which is a core part of the curriculum for third year BA Acting and BA Theatre Production students.

The pilot, a production of ‘Cabaret’ (March 2013), allowed Central to identify key sustainability strategies and focus areas, as well as providing students with an invaluable learning tool.

The legacy of the production was to forge a foundation for effective integration of sustainability into the curriculum and thereby across future student productions marketed to the now established guidelines; an example of the latter being a recent production of ‘Arabian Nights’ at the world famous ‘Minack Theatre’.

In addition, lessons learnt from the project’s design process will be incorporated into building new performance spaces; these will then be showcased as blueprints for similar institutions.

The new TUCO - proud to support sustainability initiatives within universities

As Chair of The University Caterers Organisation (TUCO), I am delighted to extend congratulations to all the entrants in this year’s Green Gown Awards. We are honoured to support the awards this year as lead Sponsor and the TUCO affinity with the ethos and work of EAUC makes us a comfortable partner.

TUCO and our suppliers, both in education and industry, know that good practice is the right practice when it comes to sustainability. Earlier this year TUCO became EAUC Gold Members on behalf of our 500 plus members (many of which are also EAUC members), demonstrating our commitment to the charity and its exemplary work embedding sustainability in the tertiary sector.

TUCO supports in-house university caterers to:

- share best practice – including sustainability initiatives
- to learn and to develop new and existing skills
- to cost effectively negotiate and buy from quality suppliers
- to grow their operations through ingenious trends and ideas

In addition to the vital importance of reducing our impact on the health of the planet, sustainability is vital to the health of our industry. We know that students are extremely savvy consumers, early adopters and trend-setters, as well as being incredibly socially conscious. They demand sustainable and ethical products and values, voting with their feet if they don’t see them.

TUCO is committed to furthering the industry’s sustainability, supporting member institutions to develop and propagate their own green initiatives, whilst also committing to wider initiatives such as WRAP’s Hospitality and Foodservice Agreement, Compassion in World Farming’s Good Egg Awards, and Soil Association certification. Our Annual Member’s Conference this summer had a sustainability theme, and saw the launch of our Group Certification initiative in conjunction with the Marine Stewardship Council Certification scheme, a fast track for members to get ‘Certified Fish’ onto their menus.

It is clear to TUCO’s Board, members and suppliers that real sustainability is only possible through working together, and not in silos. As an organisation, we base our work on the importance of sharing in order to learn and grow, and these inspirational Green Gown entries, from carbon reduction initiatives to structural and ideological improvement projects are to be applauded and upheld as examples for others to follow.

As an industry, we are making great strides in improving our sustainability, and the more we can shout about initiatives and inspire peer organisations the better.

Good luck to everyone who has entered this year’s Green Gown Awards!

Julie Barker

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University of Surrey

Sustainability education through co-learning with practitioners

Reflecting the University’s interest in engaging with business and policy, sustainability courses have always been ‘outward looking’ and involved problem-based learning. In the past two years a series of initiatives have been undertaken to develop this, including three specific projects:

In 2012/13, the Centre for Environmental Strategy split a single SD module to create two new modules: Sustainable Development (Foundations) and Sustainable Development (Applications). The modules draw on a network of respected SD experts from public, private and third sector.

The School of Psychology and CES offer an MSc module on “The Psychology of Sustainable Development”, central to which is interaction between students from a range of disciplines and collaboration with the University on research projects that address practical issues in the university.

In 2012/13, the MSc in Sustainable Tourism was launched by the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and CES. Explore, the UK’s leading sustainable travel company, are integrally involved in the course, offering students unique opportunities for applied learning.

University of Southampton

EMS: Changing the world, one company and thirty students at a time

Each year the University of Southampton work with large organisations to teach students EMS in real-world practice. Organisations receive an EMS manual meeting the requirements of ISO14001, the students have a professional level understanding of their subject and a consultancy standard addition to their CV, whilst the University has enhanced community engagement.

Through this course the University has developed bespoke Environmental Management Systems to ISO14001 standard for large businesses such as West Quay Shopping Centre; Hildon Water; Southampton City Council; Southampton General Hospital; Skandia (Old Mutual) Insurance. West Quay implemented ISO14001 into their business within 6 months of the student submissions. The parent company (Hammerson plc) have since rolled out the system to their seven other UK shopping centres including Birmingham Bullring and Brent Cross, with each gaining ISO14001 from the outputs of this module.

This is an example of education making a positive contribution to the environment, business community, society and the lives of students.

University of Leeds

Creating environmental consultants who make a difference

The University of Leeds MSc Sustainability (Environmental Consultancy & Project Management) has both local impact and international reach. By combining demanding academic study with consultancy and project management skills, culminating in a workplace sustainability project, students are equipped to make a positive difference before, and long after, they graduate.

In semester one, students are steeped in theory; sustainability, corporate responsibility, planning, regulation and a choice between developing literacy in the physical or economic aspects of sustainability. In semester two the theory is applied looking at case studies and the practicalities of working with stakeholders, managing projects and setting up contracts so that the most sustainable outcomes can be delivered. During third semester, students also have a significant role in developing and applying to external project host partners; the process closely emulates recruitment and gives students an invaluable first-hand experience of gaining work in the sector.

Excellent functional links to the University’s sustainability team helps to ensure consistency between the theory it teaches and the student’s experience of the institution as whole.

University of Bristol

Embedding Education for Sustainable Development across the curriculum

The University of Bristol has delivered a student led ESD initiative, reflecting its commitment to offering students opportunities to learn about issues of global importance such as environmental awareness and sustainability.

The work to date has been delivered in a unique way using student interns to lead its development. This has delivered a full course and module baseline review identifying 23% of courses containing ESD and has led to the inclusion of ESD with student record data; mapping tools which help define ESD and engage academics, one to one assistance for academics; training courses and an ESD teaching and learning guide.

All faculties have engaged in the process with a number of schools ranging from Religious Studies to Dentistry developing ESD activity. A key outcome of the work has been the inclusion of ESD in all faculties’ Annual Programme Reviews which are reviewed by Faculty Quality Enhancement Team Chairs.

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Coventry University

Eat the campus

Coventry University’s grounds team have created an interactive campus for fun, learning and research replacing places of traditional planting and bedding with two new spaces of colour, smells and tastes; transforming under-used urban corners into a pick your own campus of “what’s that and how do you cook it?”.

The schemes include a unique example of a publicly accessible forest garden, a kitchen herb garden and edible hedge. Fifty percent of the world’s population now lives in cities and in collaboration with its leading research groups into sustainable urban drainage and sustainable agroecology, Coventry offers an exemplary site of best practice, demonstrating that amenity and functionality can be combined with innovative and manageable schemes of perennial as well as annual planting.

The work at Coventry is recognised and supported by organisations such as Ryton Organic, Britain in Bloom and even its external auditors for ISO14001.

External parties agree that this award winning green campus offers best practice and is functional and attractive.

Durham University

Catering for cultural change “why bother”?

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Durham University

Engagement breeds success

Sustainable procurement is a thing of the past at Durham, it is now so embedded in the work of the Procurement Service that the Sustainable Procurement policy has been replaced by a new Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility (CSER) Policy for Procurement.

Addressing CSER is at the heart of what Durham aims to achieve. This is carried out through stakeholder engagement, be that staff, students or suppliers, as well as through the creation of a category management structure and strategic sourcing strategy.

Durham do not stand still and are continually looking to develop further. However, the work does not stop in procurement. Heavily involved in the creation of the Responsible University framework for Durham University, and looking to see how CSER can be addressed across the University, is all in a day’s work in this Procurement Service.

Nottingham Trent University

NTU get down to earth

Nottingham Trent University’s (NTU) estate comprises over 240 hectares of land across its three campuses, ranging from city centre to farmland. NTU work hard towards conserving and continually improving biodiversity found on and around the estate. Staff, students and the local communities getting involved help enrich a diverse environment.

NTU continually go beyond minimum legal requirements in terms of the biodiversity protection and enhancement across the institution. Practices have been developed in farming and landscape strategies as well as construction and refurbishments taking consideration of the impacts on surrounding biodiversity.

Staff and students are involved in biodiversity projects becoming more aware of the habitats and species that they will encounter during their time at NTU.

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The University of Manchester

Manchester veg people - Delivering local organic produce

Along with a social enterprise, the University of Manchester helped to create the success of a cooperative aimed at getting more organic growers across Greater Manchester to grow and supply vegetables and eggs to a stable public sector market in Manchester.

This allows money spent on buying vegetables to stay within the Manchester economy whilst reducing the impact that pesticides and fertilisers have on soil and water courses in the local area.

Through the University being a partner and reliable buyer, it has encouraged people to start up organic growing businesses, encouraged existing growers to go organic so they can make a fair living wage by getting paid for how long it takes to grow veg rather than basing it on farm gate and retail prices.

Swansea University

Canol, Calon, Craidd: Campus at the Centre

Campus at the Centre (CCC) places Swansea’s grounds at the heart of a sustainable university in three ways; a wellbeing activity centre for staff and students; a green breathing heart for people and wildlife, and an outdoor classroom to support the University’s core mission.

CCC has worked to embed its five core sustainability principles into the facilities and services offered by Swansea University, delivering multiple benefits, including staff and student wellbeing.

CCC includes a bilingual nature trail, ecotherapy referrals, a biodiversity action plan, the ORACLE (Outdoor Research and Community Learning Environment), food growing projects, botanic garden restoration, and Baycycles.

CCC has been a fantastic ‘entry point’ for staff and students, helping them see how they can collaborate in sustainable activities, and promoting positive change. It has added value to the campus as a venue, and has attracted media coverage, including Welsh TV!

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University of York

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The University of York are excited to continue reviewing the project and are looking at ways to extend this across the other commercial departments.

University of Salford

Trees for printers. A reward for supporting sustainable change

Staff were asked to give up individual desktop printers as part of a University wide Print Strategy. IT support and budgets for desktop printers were actively removed while providing a means to have them collected and recycled. To encourage further uptake the “Trees for Printers” initiative was developed as a positive response to staff who had supported the first phase, encourage others and keep the project live.

The first year saw 440 printers recycled. In partnership with its supplier, Ricoh, Salford City Council, the University Sustainability team and Volunteering initiative, US CATs, the project has enabled the planting of 312 trees and 250 wildflowers at local green spaces.

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University of East Anglia

Udderly brilliant!

When deciding on the most sustainable way of managing the diverse flora and fauna of the fenland, flood plain and meadows that form parts of the University of East Anglia’s (UEA) 300 acre estate, Grounds Manager Oliver Deeming had the idea of introducing cattle onto campus.

In summer 2012, four highland cattle (Delia and her sisters) were loaned to the University as part of a conservation project that encourages effective environmental land management. As well as maintaining biodiversity and enhancing the quality and character of the landscape, cows are a cheaper and more efficient way of clearing the land than manpower.

Grazing the land to differing heights diversifies the range of plants growing in the area and droppings act as a catalyst for invertebrate growth. Finally, hooves break up sections of dead vegetation, giving seeds that have been dormant for years the chance to germinate, providing the campus with plants that have not been seen for many years.

University of Bradford

CLEE – Green library environment and education

CLEE is the University of Bradford’s latest Student Experience enhancement project that has not only radically improved the old, inefficient learning environment of the City Campus Library but also provided a low carbon refurbishment in tandem. This project is a win-win-win-win-win. It has provided a 21st century library for the University and a vastly improved learning and student experience. The space is flexible and will cope well with changes to libraries use.

Carbon and utility savings are huge and overall it provides a very relevant template for the sector. Bradford show that refurbishments can be delivered cheaply, quickly and with a minimum of disruption to service users.

The CLEE programme put people at the centre of the process. The provision of a modern space has aided behaviour issues; a bi-product through a greater level of respect, less litter and noise issues.

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The project involved the Lancashire Global Education Centre building on the College’s aspirations for SD in the curriculum and developed a package of resources for use across the organisation and the sector.

Overall goals were set to achieve this, which included:

• developing a strategy to embed SD into all curriculum areas.
• creating piloted and evaluated activities and lesson plans in consultation with tutors and students, initially working with four curriculum areas.
• providing external training for tutors via LGEC.
• educating staff as to why SD is important to learners, their future careers and the organisation.
• working with staff to develop SD pedagogies.
• creating a transferable, online ESD resource bank for FE and HE tutors which is relevant to the whole sector.

Nottingham Trent University

The Future Factory

Future Factory is a six year £4m ‘sustainable design in business’ support project, aiming to deliver 279 business assistances, 200 business collaborations, 257 graduate placements, 39 new jobs created and 30 business start-ups by June 2015.

The project is 40% funded by the ERDF fund, and 60% funded by Nottingham Trent University.

Future Factory’s aim is to build a platform for a more competitive and responsible business community, and nurture its next generation workforce and business leaders, which will place environmental capital alongside core economic growth.

Future Factory uses a range of academic/research staff, students, graduate placements and specialist product design & prototyping technologies to help SME business develop the next generation of more efficient, functional and sustainable products. NTU use international experts at the forefront of this agenda to inspire change, running a wealth of free business workshops aimed at transforming the way SMEs embrace product and business innovation.

University of Gloucestershire

Learning for Sustainable Futures: Sustainability learning and skills for university teachers

The Learning for Sustainable Futures (LFSF) scheme develops the knowledge and skills of educators so they can improve student learning experiences in Education for Sustainability (EfS) and be catalysts for education change.

The Scheme recognises that educators are best placed to act as the change agents in their departments and faculties, to spark new thinking and practice in teaching teams, among student cohorts and with fellow professionals and industry partners.

14 projects have been funded through the scheme to date, producing tangible outcomes for curriculum change, exemplars that are easily replicated by other departments and universities, and new initiatives and findings to trigger changes in social and informal learning across the campus and for the wider student experience.

Colleagues have benefited from the professional exchanges, mentoring and workshops attached to the Scheme, which has also generated interest and involvement with local and regional university partners as well as colleagues at other universities.

University of Salford

Developing an energy and low carbon professional development centre – Energy Professional Development

Taking the University of Salford’s long held expertise in the built environment, physical and social sciences, it has created an Energy Professional Development Centre to tackle the energy crisis head-on.

The individuals take their learning back to the workplace to implement changes that will save their organisation’s energy, carbon and money.

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Walsall Adult and Community College

Excellent teaching = sustainable teaching - Using accelerated learning to improve English for speakers of other languages

Excellent teaching = sustainable teaching and learning is a project Walsall Adult and Community College delivered in its ESOL provision from September 2012 and March 2013. It was supported by the Learning Skills Improvement Service.

This project focused on developing sustainable teaching and learning approaches and curriculum content utilising accelerated learning techniques with considerations of sustainability embedded into the learning process.

Building on an earlier accelerated learning project focussed on Mathematics the College were keen to ensure that there was no need to deliver separate sustainability modules and that the resources used and learning process was a sustainable one. The process involved training and supporting staff to use accelerated learning techniques (the training was delivered using accelerated learning!) and then through a process of on-going support, help staff develop the skills and confidence to implement in day to day teaching and learning.

Durham University

Durham Gateway

The Gateway Programme brings together several key elements of University policy, primarily to address increasing academic needs, improve the quality of the student and staff experience, present a more welcoming public face and integrate in to the rich historic City context.

The Gateway Programme therefore focuses on the regeneration of the Science Site and comprises of:

• A new building (the Palatine Centre) for Student Services, the University Executive and support services.
• Catering and social facilities for students, staff and visitors.
• A prestigious new Law School, providing modern, purpose-built accommodation.
• A major extension and refurbishment to the main Library to accommodate all our undergraduate and modern research collections and state-of-the-art working spaces for staff and students.
• Refurbishment of office space at Mountjoy, to accommodate non-student facing professional support services.
• Science Site Environmental Improvements Enhancement (greening) of the environment of the science site, including areas of pedestrianisation, native planting and public art.

This successful programme provides a benchmark for future projects.
Newcastle University

Smart working – A change in agriculture

Smart working is output-focused working and management with flexible, appropriate working arrangements and facilities based on needs rather than hierarchy.

The smart working project has developed Newcastle’s space management from an efficiency-based approach into deep cultural and organisational change.

It is unique in offering an integrated approach to space and people management that improves environmental sustainability and yields other very significant benefits such as better morale, communication and health.

Newcastle’s measurable savings show it is at least 37% more sustainable and efficient with savings in floor space carbon, waste, capital and recurrent cost while employee opinion survey responses have been highly positive on key engagement indicator questions due to a quality office environment that facilitates collaboration.

University of Aberdeen

Sharing services, enhancing sustainability. North East of Scotland Shared Data Centre (NESSDC)

This was a ten month, large-scale, complex and high risk project to upgrade the live primary data centre at the University of Aberdeen.

The goal was to turn an aged data centre into a state of the art shared data centre for all tertiary educational establishments in the North East of Scotland and spearhead a shared-service approach. Tasks included major construction work, innovative technology deployment and relocation of all network/server kit whilst all business operations were kept running.

In achieving this goal, the University has delivered individual and sectoral savings through the creation of a highly carbon-efficient facility. There has also been a significant improvement in its services to staff and students through the improved facilities – green can be the right choice on all levels!

Team skills, pride and inter-institutional trust have been significantly developed and the NESSDC project forms a basis from which other shared initiatives will grow.

Anglia Ruskin University

Climate change adaptation – Partnering to survive

The East of England Climate Change Adaptation Network is a knowledge transfer partnership between the Global Sustainability Institute at Anglia Ruskin University and Sustainability.

With over 140 key stakeholders the network facilitates dialogue, learning and sharing of best practice between local authorities, business, public sector bodies and the voluntary sector. The Environment Agency, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department of Health, and the NHS are also represented.

This independent, outcome-focused network seeks to increase adaptive capacity across the region and by partnering with Universities develop an enabling environment where scientific evidence can be joined with social sciences and business practice to ensure positive outcomes.

One key output of the Network is a series of case studies and best practice which highlights adaptation potential of different organisations and the region as a whole. These case studies demonstrate real impact that the network has had.

Lancaster University

New Centre for Global Eco-Innovation develops eco-innovative products, processes and services

The £19.8M Centre for Global Eco-Innovation unites the expertise, resources and global contacts of Lancaster University, the University of Liverpool, and Inventya Limited, to develop new eco-innovative products, processes and services in collaboration with ambitious northwest businesses.

To achieve the centre’s objectives, a distributed team of over 200 people was established in a little over six months, including a core team of fifty graduate researchers, fifty project supervisors in the collaborating SMEs, over seventy academic supervisors and a centre management team across the three delivery partners.

For both universities, the realisation of projects across eleven departments is unparalleled. For Lancaster, admission of twenty five postgraduates in one year stands as the largest ever single year intake as a result of one initiative.

The centre is the only one of its kind in Europe and is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.
**University of York**

*Delivering green excellence: Green chemistry never stops*

The Green Chemistry Centre of Excellence (GCCE) is an internationally-leading academic facility for pioneering pure and applied green and sustainable chemical research. GCCE provides high quality education and training programmes and develop strategic research partnerships with global corporations and world-leading universities.

The world is now rapidly waking up to the importance of making chemicals and chemistry more sustainable and environmentally compatible – Green Chemistry never stops!

GCCE’s research and development has enabled new start-ups, safe-guarded small businesses and enabled large companies to transition to new sustainable technologies, processes, markets and products.

Its successes in research and development form a key part of University strategy, “University Plan 2009-19: Knowledge to inspire people”, which is based on four key themes: (a) excellence; (b) internationalisation; (c) inclusivity, and (d) sustainability, as it incorporates its latest research into undergraduate and taught graduate programmes thus inspiring the next generation of ‘green thinkers’.

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**University of the Arts, London**

*Dye-beds and sustainable fashion*

Students from MA Fashion and the Environment course at London College of Fashion (LCF) were invited to showcase their design work, which uses plants from the College’s dye garden to colour cloth, at Chelsea Flower Show in May 2013.

LCF was one of only five prized Artists’ Retreats at the centenary Flower Show and they utilised the opportunity to explain their work with natural plant dyes to an extensive audience.

The students’ work, resulting in unique and beautiful pieces, highlights the extent of what can be achieved through harvesting locally sourced plants.

Their involvement at the Chelsea Flower Show was recognised through substantial media coverage, royal visitations and the invitation to work with the Royal Horticultural Society in a larger capacity at the Hampton Court Flower Show in July 2014.

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**University of Salford**

*Salford solar research, prototyping and production facility*

The facility and the services offered are unique within both the commercial and higher education sectors. Whilst it is acknowledged that there are panel manufacturers in the UK, no one offers prototyping, batch manufacturing, combined with latest research and development.

A key to ensuring the success is alignment to local and national policy and as such the project is heavily engaged with local and national government departments.

What is also unique about this facility is that the research being conducted has an impact on the University’s energy bills and emissions as it will be producing panels for the University.

The project is also supporting staff development in that it is providing opportunities for the Estates Department’s electricians to undertake relevant training to install and maintain the panels again adding to the uniqueness of its offering.

Future panels will be manufactured by the University students to power the buildings they are taught in, therefore students will have direct input into greening the University estate for themselves and for future student generations.

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**Loughborough University**

*Eat Your Campus – A project to develop an edible landscape*

The vision of Eat Your Campus is to plant fruit and nut trees along cycle paths and footpaths planted by people who live, work and pass through these places. The project focuses on the linking of spaces and sites through green corridors and is a really active, visible and hands on way of the university promoting and demonstrating its commitment to biodiversity.

A key aim is to engage staff, students and the local community with the land, the seasons and each other in a sustainable, long term way. This is done in a collaborative way using different activities such as tree planting, barefoot blindfold dawn chorus walks, harvesting events, apple pressings, flora and fauna feasts, cider and wine workshops, gardening workshops, skill sharing workshops, seed exchanges and wild food walks.

The project has developed new and strong links with local people and local community groups acting as a catalyst for activity across Loughborough.
The University of Sheffield

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The College has to date worked with over 500 individuals during the project’s short life. Overall it aims to have imbedded the community garden into all areas of the College.

Anglia Ruskin University
GoGreen Pilot ’12: Employability, leadership and sustainability – Think big. Start small!
GoGreen movement is about creating opportunities to make a difference starting with small actions and aiming to big changes toward sustainability.

The aims of GoGreen Pilot ’12 are: first, increase the employability of students through their experience as facilitators of environmental practices, by developing their communication, time management, report writing and leadership skills. Second, embedding sustainability in the formal and informal curriculum in higher education. Third, working with communities and organisations willing to improve their environmental practices.

The University expects to create a model that can be transferable to other institutions and led by students and organisations across the world. It believes that education for sustainability can be beautiful, practical and empowering.

Twelve students, supported by a group of academics, received training from the NUS to support twelve third sector organisations in Cambridgeshire implementing 337 pro-environmental actions, with approximate savings of 12,704 kg of CO2 and cost savings of £4,700.

University of Leicester
Carbon Footprinting in Schools
The Carbon Footprinting in Schools project placed student volunteers into six under-achieving schools in Leicestershire to create a carbon footprint for the school and teach the pupils about climate change, which is being axed from the curriculum.

Following intensive training, volunteers delivered teaching to over 250 school pupils and prepared final carbon footprint reports. Some schools exceeded the project brief with energy audits as well as a travel survey in one school.

Project evaluation showed that it successfully raised awareness of climate change issues amongst school pupils, staff and the volunteers. Student volunteers also reported increasing their employability skills, e.g. communication, problem-solving, organising skills. Two graduates have gone on to pursue associated careers. The schools are now improving their baseline data or formulating plans to reduce their footprint.

The project is now being developed into a student-led initiative to create a model that can be replicated across the education sector.

University of Worcester
Your Green Future – New opportunities in a changing world
Through interactive events Your Green future inspires school students with employment opportunities available to them within the green economy. University sustainability students and industry professional mentors supported workshops aimed at making the link between classroom and career opportunities, exploring pathways to work to develop a low carbon and sustainable future.

Your Green Future contributes to bridging the green skills gap, helps address youth unemployment and ensure a sustainable and competitive low carbon economy. It is a unique interface for business, universities and schools and their students; providing discussions and learning opportunities that are mutually inspiring and informative.

Young people found an appreciation that jobs within a green economy have a dual challenge: to make economic growth and development compatible with climate stabilisation and a sustainable environmental footprint. Furthermore, they discovered that ‘green skills’ are not only needed in the ‘eco industry’ itself, but that practically all jobs will need to develop sustainability knowledge and skills.

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Durham University

Biophilia: engaging staff and students in biodiversity sustainability

The Greenspace Biodiversity Group has undertaken extensive engagement in biodiversity awareness, monitoring and enhancement across the University.

Enhancement and monitoring projects include moth and infra-red mammal camera trapping, acoustic recording, nest-box schemes and estate management changes. Engagement tools include training, online biodiversity identification and recording, blogging and guided walks.

The benefits of the engagement project portfolio are many and varied. From a biological conservation viewpoint, the University has encouraged greater numbers of species to occur on the estate including some for the first time. It also have a greater understanding on the biodiversity assets it possess, with 100 bird species recorded and over 200 plant species, including five orchid species. They have engaged many students in monitoring work and ran several final-year student projects on site.

This has engaged staff and students alike and has strengthened University links with the local community through press releases and working with Durham Prison.

The University of Nottingham

Sustainable Super Heroes

In 2012 the University of Nottingham launched a ‘How green is your lab competition’, kick-starting multiple programmes for long term change, including:

• Energy efficient lab practice’s (water bath and vacuum pump, solvent extraction, freezer storage and defrosting)
• A chemical sharing database to reduce wastage, still used by lab members, and providing data to support a proposed new chemical inventory add-on to the purchasing system, which University management board is still currently considering.
• Reuse of glass vials through in-house washing and sterilisation processes that can be made available to all labs.
• E-on Power-down plugs that switch off peripherals when the PC is off and Belkin conserve switches that simultaneously shut down up to 6 pieces of lab equipment.

The competition succeeded in engaging 8 PG teams, UON staff, Sustainability department and Management board.
University of Brighton

C-change: Cutting our carbon by 50% in five years

C-change is the overarching brand for sustainability related engagement at the University of Brighton.

The campaign utilises new forms of communication, well-resourced engagement opportunities and an element of fun to engage, inspire and support students and staff to cut carbon and reduce their environmental impacts across the entire university, in halls of residence and also in their personal lives.

With such diverse audiences and themes the campaign has had to be creative in the way it engages, stepping outside the normal university engagement and offer new ways to be involved for staff and students.

The results have been spectacular, with the campaign being seen as a shining example of how to run a large scale communication campaign within the institution. Recognition amongst staff and students has been high and never before has the university engaged as many people around sustainability issues.

University of Gloucestershire

Student Union

A red hot social enterprise – The Cheltenham Chilli Company

The aim of the project was simple; get students producing their own food sustainably.

Supported by Union staff, University of Gloucestershire (UoG) Sustainability Team and members of the community, students regenerated a disused University greenhouse and its surrounding area on campus so that it could grow large numbers of chilli plants.

After lots of hard work and a number of kind donations of materials, such as seeds, pots and compost, the Cheltenham Chilli Company has successfully grown around 500 chilli plants and is now producing and selling chilli products.

Students are encouraged to lead the business with their ideas and initiatives incorporated into the project including:

• running a University wide branding competition.
• undertaking market research to help inform the product to be produced.
• creating content for student-based and wider media.

UoG has engaged students interested in sustainability and, by creating a business, has also attracted students interested in developing their employability skills.

University of Worcester

Energize Worcester – Students drive energy efficiency in their homes with Green Deal

An innovative project using students to do an online Green Deal pre-assessment survey of 260 student houses as part of a broader approach to maximise the uptake of the Green Deal in Worcester; lift students out of fuel poverty; provide ‘earn as you learn’ and CV enhancing opportunities.

Energize Worcester has opened up enormous possibilities for students to couple their studies with real-world experiences through linkages developed with businesses and other organisations linked to the green economy.

It has enhanced student’s employability through training and practice - the professional skill sets developed in the project has enhanced their employability.

Students across all academic disciplines have developed better understanding in home energy efficiency. The energy advice provided to households by the project made significant numbers of student tenants more energy aware, and willing to improve their behaviour in the future.

Reaching over 1000 students whose homes have been audited, this involved over 10% of the university’s student population.

Walsall College Student Union

That bit extra

“That bit extra” promotes engaging projects that has included everything from plants to pants. The Students’ Union successfully bid for the NUS Student Eats to promote a College food growing society. The College entered environmental projects in the Lloyds MFL Challenge.

Don’t Spend a Wedge involved students handing out free pots and seeds and Cash4Trash raised recycling awareness highlighting items to exchange for cash. Its Chelsea Fringe entry used recycled containers to display plants in a shopping trolley to challenge the ‘take away culture’ and show how to grow your own.

Walsall College was the first winner of the Pantrepreneur Challenge, a national enterprise competition to raise awareness of Fairtrade cotton; their prize was an educational trip to India.

Ethical banking is promoted to all through Walsave, the College based credit union.

These activities raise the profile of individuals, the College and Walsall to a national and international level.
Ms Samantha Godden
Sustainability Leader, ifs University College
Sam Godden has achieved so much without the benefit of funding or organisational status. Sam has used her interpersonal skills to liaise and persuade staff and stakeholders of all levels and has convinced them that sustainability is a “must.”
Sam inspired the Principal with her vision and he encouraged her to establish the sustainability committee. She worked with LUEG last November to host a joint sustainability conference and has written the ifs’ first sustainability report which will be published later this year.

The activity, spearheaded by Sam, which has the potential for the most impact is the curriculum review. Sam surveyed the students and was pleased to find that of those responding 96% believed the ifs qualifications should include the concept of sustainability.
A systematic curriculum review is now underway and the results of which will hopefully leave a much longer legacy as the graduates become professional practitioners in a global society.

Ms Maria Gilling
Principal, Walsall Adult and Community College
Maria Gilling has complete ownership of the strategy values and ethos of the college. Because of her commitment and passion this has been replicated across the institution.
Maria has ensured that sustainability is included in every decision the college makes (sustainability is a way of thinking not an absolute agenda) and more importantly embedding sustainability into the systems and processes which make the college has made sustainability business as usual. Maria has inspired staff and colleagues within the college and the community.

Maria is always breaking new ground – taking risks and developing new thinking, Accelerated Learning and Sustainability, utilising NET Positive sustainability strategies and focusing on Social Value and Social Return on Investment.
Being nominated for such an award is an acknowledgement of a real sustained effort on behalf of Maria and her staff.

Ms Norrie Blackeby
Head of Facilities and Central Services, University of Exeter Students’ Guild
Norrie Blackeby is a dynamic change agent who inspires people. Norrie has led the way in shaping her role and ensuring sustainability is future proofed. She has been instrumental in delivering the Guilds Environmental Policy by educating members about reducing their environmental impact, facilitating environmental initiatives and providing volunteering opportunities, as well as supporting the University of Exeter’s environmental commitments.
Norrie has been instrumental in the development of the Community Garden where she has secured extensive funding, brought together communities, shared best practice nationally and internationally, and found innovative ways of using the Garden as a Living Laboratory, from school visits to growing Flax and Wode as part of the Experimental Archaeology programme.
Norrie has increased recycling, reduced paper consumption and contributed to the University being awarded two Green Flag Awards. Norrie continues to drive change across the Guild and University in her new role as Green Fund Manager.

Mr Ian Brown
Building Services Manager, Bradford College
Ian Brown has driven the College’s vision to be a sustainable organisation at the heart of its community; identifying, developing and embedding new environmental schemes and practices. His personal drive and leadership has resulted in significant environmental and financial impacts; instilling passion and commitment within the team, College and community.
Ian is not only innovative, generating ideas on how the College can achieve its strategy, he has also formulated business plans to support these, and delivered them.
Through Ian, the College has a successful recycling facility and furniture reuse store – resulting in significant savings on landfill and replacement costs. Ian has also developed a new waste management strategy, requiring analysis of the waste generated by the College, the current disposal routes and adherence to legislative framework. This has led to new waste management processes being proposed.

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Mr Ivan Hopkins
Executive Chef, Nottingham Trent University

Ivan Hopkins has revolutionised the catering menus based around sustainability, gaining the prestigious Silver Food for Life accreditation.

Ivan’s efforts ensure that menus across the NTU estate encompass all factors that are key to the needs of the University, staff, students and visitors illustrating his exceptional level of commitment and passion to go above and beyond the expected.

Communications and engagement with internal parties, and external parties show how Ivan reaches out to varied stakeholders. He strives to provide the best service and quality available and in doing this he encompasses and addresses the three pillars of sustainability – the economy, social factors and environmental aspects.

Set apart from his work of providing catering for NTU, Ivan is eager to demonstrate and share his experiences with others, this again demonstrates Ivan’s passion and personal strive to achieve sustainable costly foods.

Ms Naomi Hicks
Public Communications Manager, London School of Economics and Political Science, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

Up against Naomi Hicks’ energy and initiative, HE bureaucracy doesn’t stand a chance. Naomi guides colleagues into interesting, impactful new territory – whether gold-standard carbon offsetting or experiential events.

Naomi has forged fantastic alliances and partnerships. Last year, the Institute held interactive sessions at the Science Museum ‘Lates’, for 18-30 year olds. Naomi wrote and devised these lively workshops, which included voting exercises, a comedy ‘Have I Got Climate News for You’ round, and plenty of dressing up. The Science Museum was so impressed that they have since invited us back.

Naomi has also encouraged staff and students to ‘walk the walk’ when it comes to sustainability. Some of the more fun and interesting ways she has communicated this message is through ‘pedometer challenges’, competitive stair climbs and tree planting days. These activities elevated the Institute from silver to platinum status within a year of Green Impact.
Mr Clive Wilson

Director of Estates and Facilities, University of Bradford

Clive Wilson is both a leader and engager in equal measure. As a leader Clive initiated Ecoversity, one of the first full institution sustainability programmes in our sector. He then delivered a major part of it; always keeping the agenda fresh and relevant to the University Senior Management Team.

Within Estates Clive engages staff with passion, innovation and belief in sustainability, not with a ‘top down’ but an ‘all together’ approach. Cultivating ONE successful team delivering all aspects of sustainability across the Estate.

Clive’s role has been as pathfinder for the institution’s values, strategies and ethos. Initially sowing the seeds for Ecoversity, the programme going on to revolutionise the curriculum, campus, community and culture of the university. Moving forward, Clive has pushed the boundaries: multiple BREEAM outstanding buildings, world’s greenest student residences and associated engagement programme, major carbon reductions and more recently sustainable off-grid infrastructure leading to business continuity.

Nelson & Colne College

Exemplar resource and technology programme

In line with the College’s sustainability strategy, Gateway for Progression (GAP) students have taken the initiative and social responsibility to reduce the College’s waste bill by 18% and provide an additional revenue stream for the College from recycling. This revenue is then injected back into the student learning.

Over the year 12 tonnes of paper has been diverted from landfill and has saved the College over £2,000 in waste disposal costs. The activity also provides team building experiences in a working environment for the GAP students and helps develop their numeracy skills including weighing, measuring and counting.

The College disseminates sustainability achievements such as this to staff and students on a regular basis using an ICT sustainability dashboard.

The College is hoping to improve the stream of sustainability information going forward by committing to the implementation of a formal Environmental Management System which will support the recording of this information.

Doctor Zoe Robinson

Senior Lecturer in Environmental Science, Keele University

From inspiring, empowering, and motivating individual students to lead on their own sustainability projects; to developing sustainability modules and a sustainability-focused degree programme; and undertaking outreach and national advisory work, the breadth and depth of Dr Zoe Robinson’s engagement with environment and sustainability is unrivalled.

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Head of Sustainability Education, Plymouth University

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Nelson & Colne College

Exemplar resource and technology programme

In line with the College’s sustainability strategy, Gateway for Progression (GAP) students have taken the initiative and social responsibility to reduce the College’s waste bill by 18% and provide an additional revenue stream for the College from recycling. This revenue is then injected back into the student learning.

Over the year 12 tonnes of paper has been diverted from landfill and has saved the College over £2,000 in waste disposal costs. The activity also provides team building experiences in a working environment for the GAP students and helps develop their numeracy skills including weighing, measuring and counting.

The College disseminates sustainability achievements such as this to staff and students on a regular basis using an ICT sustainability dashboard.

The College is hoping to improve the stream of sustainability information going forward by committing to the implementation of a formal Environmental Management System which will support the recording of this information.
There is growing evidence that current legislation is not achieving the expected reductions in the actual energy use of buildings and, if anything, can have significant unintended consequences. CarbonBuzz provides a platform for directly assessing live building performance against design expectations.

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The Biodiversity Index is an interactive web-based tool that enables people with little knowledge of ecology to do a rapid but scientific assessment of the level of plant diversity on any UK site.

It can help organisations to assess site biodiversity by providing a simple self-assessment survey, online data repository and results calculator.

A scientific algorithm is applied to the collected data, generating a numerical index score which can be used to compare different sites or monitor changes from one year to another.

The tool produces a highly visual interactive summary and a report for each site, offering tips, signposts and suggestions for enhancing biodiversity; many of which could be cost neutral or actually save the organisation money.

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The three UK winners – to be announced this evening.

The three Australasia international category winners were announced at the ACTS Conference on 26 September 2013. Information on their winning projects can be found on the following pages. These three winners will be competing with the three UK winners – to be announced this evening.

The EAUC are excited to announce the second year of the international Green Gown Awards. We hope that the international winners inspire excellence in leading economic, social and environmental responsibility across the whole of the tertiary education sector. The quality and diversity of the applications demonstrate that sustainability has the power to improve the performance of our institutions and citizenship and employability of our learners.

We are delighted to be working with other territories such as France to engage them within the Green Gown Awards family and to be part of the International winners inspire the second year of the International Green Gown Awards. We hope that the international winners inspire excellence in leading economic, social and environmental responsibility across the whole of the tertiary education sector. The quality and diversity of the applications demonstrate that sustainability has the power to improve the performance of our institutions and citizenship and employability of our learners.

Our partnership with ACTS continues to grow and we look forward to working together with them to ensure that our sector stands up and share learning and experience to ensure that as a sector we continue to improve and progress.

All applicants to the Green Gown Awards are to be commended for their efforts, regardless of whether they are deemed ‘winner’ or not. We look forward to working even more closely with the EAUC in delivering these international awards.

The internationalisation of the awards not only brings further prestige of best practice both internationally and at home.

ACTS is delighted to continue to be a part of the International Green Gown Awards, recognising and rewarding the excellent work of institutions from across Australia, New Zealand and the UK. The recognition of the efforts of institutions in the sector is so important, as it shows that tertiary education is committed to sustainability and sharing examples of best practice both internationally and at home.

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SCT is also continuing to make its own operations more sustainable thereby practicing what it teaches. ReTHINK is its masthead and incorporates the three prongs of EfS, Sustainable Operations and Community Engagement. Its staff and students are involved in the ReTHINK programme and develop sustainability initiatives within their own teams. SCT has shown considerable savings in energy and resource consumption since implementing ReTHINK in 2010 and in the same year was certified as Australia’s first and only Carbon Neutral Educational facility.

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Supporting Green Gown Awards dissemination

HEFCE would like to congratulate all the Winners, Highly Commended and Finalists of the Green Gown Awards 2013.

These sustainability initiatives will be promoted throughout the extensive Green Gown Awards network including a variety of websites such as www.eauc.org.uk, www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk as well as the partners of the Awards such as HEFCE, Universities UK and AoC. The best practice will be promoted throughout the sector networks such as Newsletters, twitter, Facebook, the EAUC Conference and partner conferences as well as external media partners such as Green Futures and University Business.

We are proud to support the dissemination of Awards excellence.

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2013 GREEN GOWN JUDGES

The judging panel are representatives of sector organisations and/or specialists in a particular area. It is their substantial experience in the sector that truly makes the Green Gown Awards sector owned. We thank the judges for their time, commitment and valuable contributions.

AA Projects
ACTS - Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability
AOC - Association of Colleges
APUC - Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges
ASRA - Association for Student Residential Accommodation
AUDE - Association of University Directors of Estates
AUE - Association of University Engineers
BACHE - British Association of Cleaning in Higher Education
BUFDG - British Universities Finance Directors Group
Carbon Trust
Change Agents
College Development Network
CUC - The Committee of University Chairs
Cynnal Cymru - Sustain Wales
EAUC - Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges
ELSA - English Learning and Sustainability Alliance
ESKTN - Environmental Sustainability Knowledge Transfer Network
Forum for the Future
Futura
Graines de Changement
Guilf HE
HEA - Higher Education Academy
HEEPI - Higher Education Environmental Performance Improvement
HEFCE - Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW - Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HOLEX - National Network of Local Adult Learning Providers
IEMA - Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment
JISC
LANTRA
Leadership and Foundation for Higher Education
LWEC - Living with Environmental Change
NERC - Natural Environment Research Council
NUS - National Union of Students
Ofsted
People & Planet
Platform for Sustainability Performance in Education
RCUK - Research Councils UK
Salix Finance Ltd
SCHOMS - Standing Conference for Heads of Media Services
SDRN - The Sustainable Development Research Network
Sector Representatives - incorporating EAUC Regional Groups, Community of Practice Groups, Chair of the Board and UCCCFs Topic Support Networks - Education for Sustainable Development, Energy Management, Travel & Transport
SFC - Scottish Funding Council
Sodexo
SPCE - Sustainable Procurement Centre of Excellence
TEC - The Energy Consortium
The Scottish Government
TUCO - The University Caterers Organisation Ltd
UCISA - The Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association
UCU - University and College Union
UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme
USHA - Universities Safety and Health Association
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Welcome from Iain Patton, Chief Executive Officer, EAUC

**Dinner served**

The Awards hosted by Iain Stewart, assisted by our Award supporters

Please refer to the table menu for the running order of the relevant Prominent Guests.

**SAFETY AND CONVERSION**

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**Awarding sustainability excellence in the tertiary education sector**

**GREAT GROWN AWARDS GUEST DIRECTORY**

Sustainability – “together many raindrops make an ocean…”

TUCO is proud to be working in collaboration with the EAUC and supporting the Green Gown Awards, representing best practice across UK university campuses.

**TUCO** has been specially selected for its provenance and sustainable sourcing and as the leading voice in university catering, we hope you will enjoy!
A SUSTAINABLE EVENT

The Green Gown Awards is run in accordance with the EAUC’s high expectations of sustainable standards and its sustainable events’ ethos. Some of the concepts which have been integrated into this year’s event include:

**Awards dinner:** Working with our partners - the Soil Association and Derby College/Roundhouse Events - we are proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious “Gold” Food for Life Catering Mark for guaranteeing a menu that includes fresh, local, seasonal produce from the UK and incorporating 15% of organic ingredients. Other elements include all catering being served using non-disposable crockery and cutlery and table water available in jugs. We wish to thank all involved for working together on this fantastic achievement.

Roundhouse Events work closely with its waste contractor to reduce the impact of waste generated going to landfill, so much so that 100% of the waste handled by them has been diverted from landfill. The venue uses food waste separation and The Roundhouse was awarded the National Recycling Stars Award ‘Gold’ for both 2012 and 2013 and the Zero Waste Award ‘Bronze’ in 2013.

**Unique table decorations created by Derby College students:** Made using Oasis biodegradable wire and hay, contorted willow and seasonal flowers placed in glass test tubes - which can all be reused, recycled or composted.

The Derby College Broomfield Hall Floristry students are on their City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma Course. The course consists of ten units which the students do in one year. They cover all aspects of the floristry industry from; funeral and wedding arrangements, hand-tied designs, plants, art and design, shop display, identification, function decorating and work experience within the industry. It is mainly a practical course with written assignments to back-up the knowledge the students learn along the way.

The students have enjoyed creating “sustainable table decorations” as part of their course. We wish to thank the fifteen students involved, led by Amanda Drury, Floristry Lecturer, Derby College, for providing such novel decorations and incorporating the design into their curriculum activities.

For a copy of the EAUC Insight Guide – How to create and manage a sustainable event – please visit www.eauc.org.uk
Sharing excellence

The Awards' ethos is to ensure the lessons and examples of good practice are shared within the sector. As the sustainability community and facilitator of unrivalled knowledge for the tertiary education sector, the EAUC is working to capture this excellence to inspire, inform and influence our Members. It is our role to work with the partners and Awards’ finalists to ensure this information is disseminated far and wide.

We are delighted to share the case studies and videos from the 2011 and 2012 Awards on the Sustainability Exchange – with 2013 coming soon!

www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk

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