GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS

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INTRODUCING SOS-UK

SOS-UK is an educational charity created by students and staff at National Union of Students (NUS) in response to the climate emergency and ecological crisis.

- Supporting more student to lead, act on, and learn for sustainability.
- Embedding sustainability in formal education across all disciplines, from early years to adult learning.
- Making sustainability more inclusive, for everyone.





NUS DELIVER THEIR SUSTAINABIILTY WORK THROUGH SOS-UK





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91% say they agree their place of study should actively incorporate and promote sustainable development

- 91% of students are concerned about the effects of climate change
- **65%** say sustainable development is something they would like to learn more about

Embedding sustainability across campuses, curriculums and communities is fundamental to representing our students, and strengthening our students' unions.

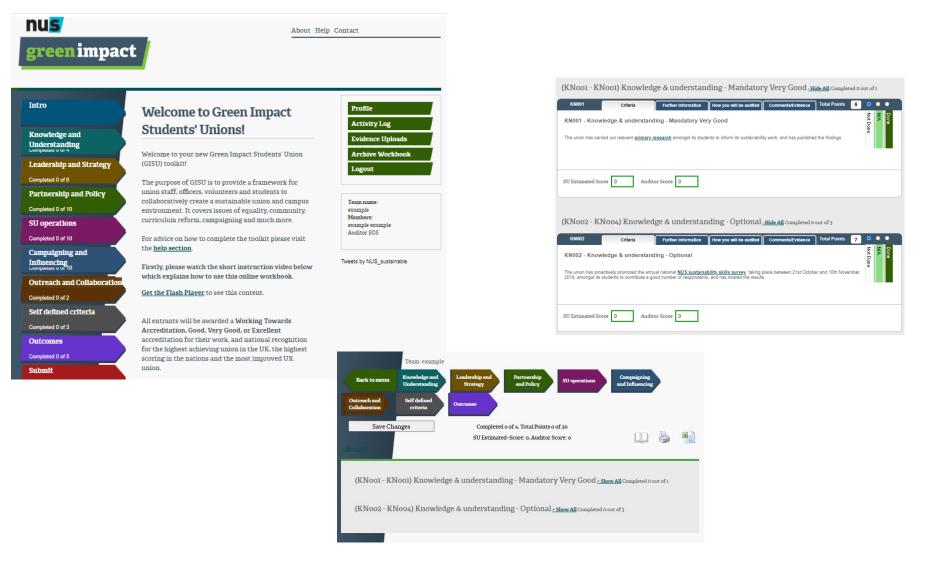


GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS (GISU) IS ...

- A **framework** for union staff, officers and students to **collaboratively** address key issues to lead on embedding sustainability and social justice across **campus, the curriculum, and wider society.**
- This supports SUs to build **impactful** projects and campaigns around climate justice and equality, curriculum reform, health and wellbeing and much more.
- You're joining our **network**. We provide opportunities to partner with other unions, hold networking events and share best practice through resources and case studies.



SUs GAIN ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE TOOLKIT





UNIONS RECEIVE A RANGE OF SUPPORT

- Resource bank
- Webinars and workshops
- Peer to Peer learning and networking
- Email and adhoc support
- Phone call mid-way
- Training
- Learning and development opportunities





WHY SUs TAKE PART

- Provides **structure and focus** for SU sustainability work
- The framework helps to embed sustainability into **strategic plans** and other another **annual plans**
- Helps to **demonstrate**, **monitor** and **evaluate** success and sustainability progress
- Provides an opportunity to **self-reflect and review**
- Encourages collaboration with other SUs
- To showcase what the SU is doing and gain accreditation & recognition
- Useful way to **communicate to students** what the SU is doing
- National benchmark other SUs are taking part
- To hold the SU accountable for actions of day-to-day activities
- Helps those involved realise what they can do to improve sustainability in their SU



"Green Impact is an enabler for success which is in our strategy developed from student feedback."



WHAT HAVE SUS BEEN FOCUSING ON?

AUBSU - Wellbeing garden

QUEEN MARY - Student item collections for reuse

ASTON - Lobbying uni for better investment policy

BUCKS - Period Poverty

CITY OF GLASGOW - Climate cafes to support climate anxiety.

READING - lobbying uni to move to more ethical banking

WESTMINSTER- Food waste week of activities

ABERDEEN - Behavioural change and comms around net zero and the university's commitment for students



Next year's focus...

The curriculum Gardening/growing and wellbeing Ethical investments (carbon targets) Decolonising and decarbonising



QUESTIONS?

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