## 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.

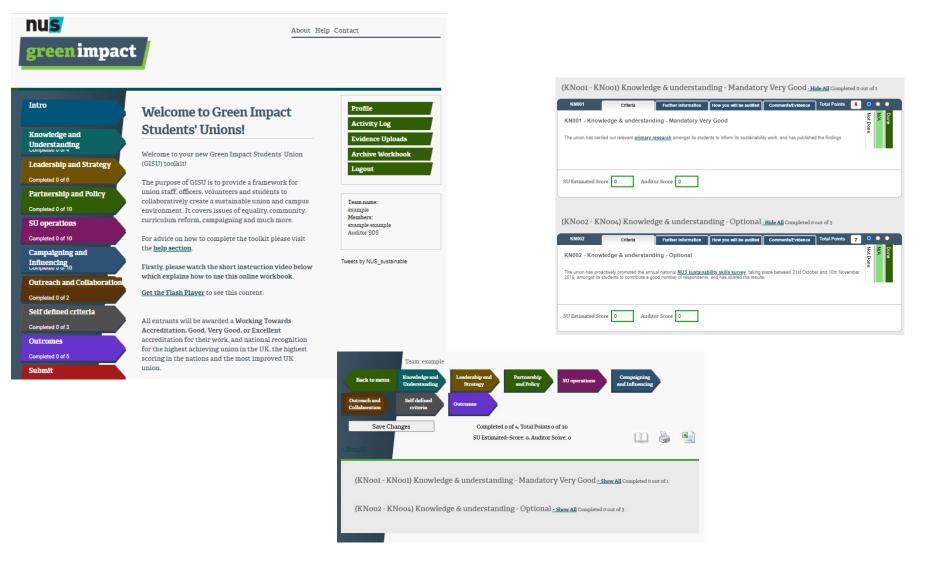


#### GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS (GISU) IS ...

- 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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