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The University of Worcester

Green Impact 2014-15 Impact Report

1. National Statistics

In 2014/15 Green Impact was run in 286 organisations, encompassing positive sustainability work in universities and colleges, students' unions and a variety of community organisations such as hospitals, local councils, museums and dental surgeries. Across these organisations there were 1,509 teams or departments taking part, reaching 55,219 staff, approximately 9,756 of which sat on local Green Impact teams. To date the scheme has delivered 214,090 actions, 128,622 as a direct result of the scheme, and this year we have trained over 800 students as volunteer auditors or as project assistants, supporting teams through the programme.

This feedback report reviews your team's activities over the past year, and provides an overview of the impact of the programme at the university.

2. Local statistics - The University of Worcester

- 19 departments took part and 16 returned completed workbooks
- These contained 550 staff, of which 162 were directly involved in a Green Impact committee
- 11 teams reached Bronze and 5 reached Gold standard
- 13 auditors received IEMA approved training to audit departments, helping with their employability. 12 teams also had student Green Impact Project Assistants
- 478 actions were completed over the course of the year, 439 of which were as a result of the Green Impact workbook!

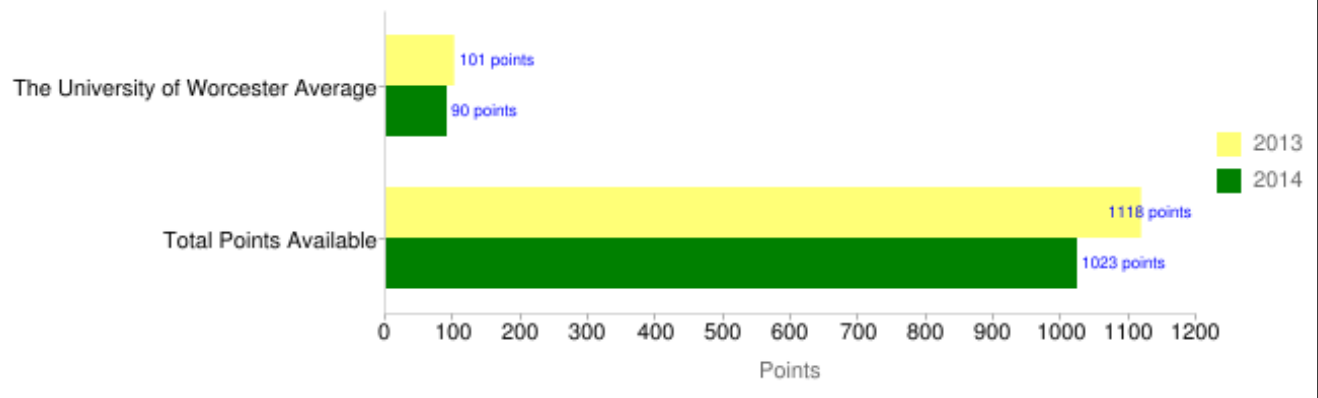
3. Local actions completed as a result of Green Impact

The workbook requires teams or departments to state whether they have completed the action as a result of the scheme. A total of 478 actions were completed by the teams or departments here at the University of Worcester, 439 were as a result of the programme:

Theme	Actions completed as a result of Green Impact	Total actions completed
Special award	1	1
Catering	55	55
Catering- Bonus	0	0
Labs	8	31
Love Food Hate Waste	30	31
Embedding and Communications	71	72
Biodiversity and community	3	3
Procurement	4	4
Travel	20	22
Water	7	7
Energy	84	88
Waste and Recycling	105	116
TOTAL	388	430

By asking participants to state if they have completed tasks as a result of Green Impact, we are able to make some simple calculations to estimate the impact their combined actions may have had on both carbon reductions and financial savings. (Calculations completed through the Carbon Trust:

Figure 1: How your score compares



4. Auditor Training Impact

The 13 auditors recruited conducted a total of 16 audits. Across the board we had overwhelmingly positive responses from students who attended the auditor training. Students at Worcester were enthusiastic and reliable when it came to participating in the training and carrying out audits.

5. Other Successes and Achievements

- 3 Worcester began the Green Impact Excellence programme developing sustainability based projects, which will have an impact on their own departments but also have the ability to be replicated at University of Worcester and more widely. These teams presented at the awards ceremony and will be completing their projects next year.
- Worcester Students' Union won a prestigious Excellence Award in the national Green Impact Students' Unions programme.

6. Project Officer's Comments

"Teams at Worcester continue to go above and beyond to complete the Green Impact workbook. The introduction of Excellence to this year's Green Impact programme shows that staff have embedded sustainable practice as part of their core routine and are ready to share their innovative approaches to problem solving with other teams. This good practice has produced exciting results which will be shared with universities across the UK. University of Worcester's dedication to embedding students at the core of Green Impact is very much within the spirit of the programme and it is great to see the enthusiasm of those involved as well as the collaboration between staff and students." Fran Box, Sustainability Project Officer- NUS, fran.box@nus.org.uk

7. Finally

On behalf of the Green Impact team, many thanks for helping to make this project a success. We hope you look forward to taking part next year! In addition to the success of the scheme here and at the 56 other universities and colleges taking part this year, we're delighted to announce that NUS are recruiting further institutions in the UK to join the scheme in the 2015-16 academic year. For more information visit www.nus.org.uk/greenimpact or contact jo.kemp@nus.org.uk