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University of Worcester

Green Impact 2025-26

Programme Impact Report



20 years of action
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Green Impact: Global Influence



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What is Green Impact

Green Impact transforms organisations through our **United Nations award-winning programme** that makes **environmental and social sustainability achievable for everyone.**

We empower your teams to achieve ambitious sustainability goals by **bringing people together, focusing on solutions, and turning passion into action.**

Thousands of people all over the world are changing their workplace behaviours to protect nature and the climate.

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Green Impact works!

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90%

of participants know more about how to use their knowledge to make changes to their daily life

81%

of volunteer student auditors feel the experience has positively enhanced their employability

100%

of organisations report they've seen positive changes in pro-environmental behaviour

89%

of participants would rate Green Impact as Good or Excellent overall, and 90% had fun taking part

97%

of participants identified new skills or knowledge gained from taking part in Green Impact

77%

of participants identified changes to their own habits or behaviour from taking part in Green Impact

In 2024-25, Green Impact...



worked with **2,046** organisations, ranging from Students' Unions to NHS Trusts



had **3,644** participating Green impact teams, led by more than **9,334** people!



trained **891** students as auditors and project assistants



reached **1.5 million** people through our Green Impact Teams' hard work!



completed more than **37,508** positive sustainability actions

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Green Impact at the University of Worcester

2025 - 26



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Green Impact at the University of Worcester

Since Green Impact launched at the University of Worcester, in 2011, we've awarded 100 projects and seen over 2,300 positive sustainability actions. Here's what you achieved in 2025-26...



19 teams registered and **15** teams received an award for their project



22 people led on sustainability through Green Impact teams



19 students were trained and empowered in their roles as project assistants



2,109 colleagues and students were reached through your Green Impact Teams' hard work



11 students were provided with ISEP-approved training & development in their role as Green Impact Auditors

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at the University of Worcester in numbers 2025-26

15 innovative projects were audited and awarded



Across the 14 projects, 47 direct links to the SDGs were made



70 students completed the Responsible Futures questionnaire



11 reptile tins placed across the Lakeside campus

25 students took part in waste education activities



79 meals saved by Chartwell's "Too Good to Go" scheme

2,000 views on recycling awareness videos created by GIPAs



132 halls' kitchens had waste audits

3 Teams collaborated with external partners Remade Worcester, Worcester Council and Pets as Therapy



32 students filled out the Art House project survey



Energy efficiency reminders installed in 1 lab

600 Lavender Bags created for incoming students

Join the pack

The University of Worcester are looking for dogs to join their regular Pets As Therapy Team



2 maps have been plotted for foraging and walking

Supporting the Sustainability Strategy at the University of Worcester

Green Impact is a standing agenda on the Sustainability Strategy Group and supports the wider University of Worcester Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030. The variety of projects and areas of sustainability explored through the programme supports all four themes outlined in the strategy, mostly themes 1 and 2.

THEME 1: PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WELLBEING

SDGs relating to Theme 1: Promoting sustainability, social responsibility and wellbeing



- Green impact provides sustainability training for students as either project assistants or auditors.
- Students shape sustainability projects with knowledge, giving them applied skills in sus also learn new environmental skills from sta

- Sustainable principles are embedded in working lives by inviting all staff to run projects that improve environmental impacts of their work.
- Active citizenship is encouraged through projects such as Fairtrade and social media recycling awareness.

THEME 2: INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

SDGs relating to Theme 2: Integrating sustainability through knowledge, skills and experience



Team Spotlight

The below examples demonstrate some of the innovative and engaging work happening across Green Impact teams locally

Social media recycling campaign

- Created fun recycling education videos for social media in collaboration with Worcester City Council.
- Videos received over 2,000 views across My Worcester and Sustainable Worcester.

Lakeside Campus

- A continuing project where staff and students create a biodiverse campus.
- This year they have introduced reptile tins and there has been hedgerow planting.
- This space is open to the local community!

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Award Winners

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BRONZE AWARD 2025-26

Delivered by Students Organising for Sustainability UK

Chartwells, Food Waste Projects

Foraging Maps

Lavender Bags

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BRONZE AWARD 2025-26

Delivered by Students Organising for Sustainability UK

Hive Wellbeing Walk

Community of Practice

Pop-up Sustainability Hubs

You Matter

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SILVER AWARD 2025-26

Delivered by Students Organising for Sustainability UK

Art House Project

Fairtrade

Pets as Therapy

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Responsible Futures

Social Media Recycling
Awareness Campaign

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GOLD AWARD 2025-26

Delivered by Students Organising for Sustainability UK

Green Research Labs

Lakeside

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PLATINUM AWARD 2025-26

Delivered by Students Organising for Sustainability UK

Waste Management Strategy

Special Award Winners

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The special awards are for those who stand out with their passion and enthusiasm for sustainability. Each local special award winner is entered into the national Green Impact Awards.

Sustainability Hero

Winner: Ebba Wolf

She has been a great natural lead in the recycling project, attending meetings when others couldn't and relaying the information from the meetings, editing videos for the social media uploads, and just making deadlines were met and worked very well with Worcester City Council!

Community Action

Winner: Liv Humphries

Liv has organised a successful event for Pets as Therapy and the Lakeside children and families day. Liv has also helped with the Planting and management of the lakeside campus, including the lizard tins.

Innovation for Engagement

Winner: Green Research Labs & Art House Project

Both of these teams are brand new for 25-26 and have made fantastic progress! Both are starting brand-new sustainability ventures that will have a significant impact on carbon savings and improving well-being. Well done!

Environmental Improvement

Winner: Waste Management Strategy

This team has developed a waste segregation activity to educate on effective recycling. They ensured that "which bin" posters were above all university bins to assist with segregation. They have also encouraged others to engage with the strategy.

Experiences

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Here's what participants of Green Impact have told us this year:

Jayden Patel, Green Impact Project Assistant

"A positive, well-supported experience, that enabled me to improve my organisation and communication skills."

Max Browning, Green Impact Auditor

"It has allowed me to look more critically into limitations facing projects when it comes to applying the 3 pillars of sustainability."

Heather Barrett, Green Impact Team Member

"This was my first time as a project lead and it's been a great experience. The GIPAs assigned to my projects did some excellent work arranging meetings, gathering information and writing up findings for blog publications. A real pleasure to co-design the project with the students, and I hope take forward some of the work next year in a further project to support embedding sustainability in teaching and learning at Worcester."

Getting recognised

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All Green Impact team members and student auditors will receive a digital badge to showcase their personal and professional development.



“The Green Impact model at the University of Worcester demonstrates how sustainability education can be embedded in learning opportunities when student voice and co-creation are at the heart of teaching and learning design, resulting in empowered learners and a more engaged university community. We are proud to be part of SOS UK's scheme.”

Katy Boom, Director of sustainability, University of Worcester

“It’s been another great year for Green Impact at the University of Worcester! This year we have given out more awards and had even more students involved as project assistants and auditors. I have really enjoyed seeing the variety of sustainable themes that teams have worked across – from recycling to green labs, wellbeing to biodiversity. Congratulations to all the award winners!”

Eva Rodericks, Engagement Project Manager, SOS UK

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Congratulations to all teams at the University of Worcester

Congratulations on your achievements! We hope that you will continue being a part of Green Impact next year and join us on our journey towards creating a just and sustainable world for all.



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