

Responsible Futures Project Plan 2022 - 2024

Project Summary

Introduction

Responsible Futures is an externally assessed certification from SOS -UK of a whole institution approach to social responsibility and sustainability (SRS). By 'whole institution', that is a Partnership between the Students' Union and the University.

The scheme provides a framework for action that will help facilitate institutional change. The accreditation mark recognises and celebrates progress being made along a journey of change, rather than it being certification of an endpoint. Once awarded accreditation lasts for 2 years. UW has held accreditation since 2015 and most recently reaccredited in June 2022. The Sustainability Strategy Group provides the forum for the monitoring of the Responsible Futures Project Plan, developed jointly by Worcester Students' Union and the University, which seeks to build on our accreditation successes and set out a pathway for development and successful reaccreditation.

The key recommendations from the June 2022 re-accreditation audit were:

- x Enhance vertical, horizontal, and interdisciplinary collaboration on work related to Responsible Futures - interdisciplinary learning opportunities (Susthingsout, Carbon Literacy, cross-disciplinary sustainability challenges). x

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Element

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externally
Advance HE
online
workshop.

Comms
circulated for
SDG Teach in
March 2023 &
2024 .
Significant
increase in
participation in
2023 by staff
(8th overall) and
students (10th
overall) . 2024
dip in
participation but
still ranked 10th
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5	<p>Student action for EfS</p> <p>KPIs –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number signed up to sustainability opportunities register - Number in sust network and activities - Number of course reps attending training 	<p>Welcome Fair</p> <p>UWSU Sustainability Network</p> <p>Course Reps training</p> <p>GGW</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight</p>	<p>Welcome Fair</p> <p>EfS/SDG session at course reps conference.</p>	<p>GGW Feb 2023</p> <p>Online training resource?</p>	<p>Welcome Fair</p>	<p>GGW Feb 2024</p>	<p>KB/HB/SU engage ment manager + officers</p>	<p>Course Rep conference January 2023. Approximately 20 students (reps) attended the sustainability Workshop at the Rep Conference . Approximately 92 % of 398 Course Reps were received training in 2022 -23 which included sustainability induction and introduction to the SDG's</p> <p>GGWs Feb 2023 & 2024 took place (including SOS- UK 3Ds workshop s).</p> <p>All training for students is mapped to the SDG's and students are educated about them throughout the sessions.</p>
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Embedding 7 Sustainability in SU campaigns	SSO GI Speak Week Repair café Think before you ink Community Cupboard	Launch of GI
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PIs

- Number of artwork with SDG's on
- Elections – number of freebies given out/number of freebies made sustainable
- Number of items donated to community cupboard
- Feedback given during Speak Week and Network Week
- Achieving Very Good or above in GISU

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<p>engaged Linked In and Eventbrite ana lytics</p>							<p>KB working on creating 2 graduate alumni digital creative posts. – not approved .</p> <p>WPI project Jan- May 2024 green careers in secondary schools .</p> <p>Linked In posts promoted responding to Change Agents UK and Sanctuary Housing .</p>
<p>9 Communication/ dissemination https://www.worcester.ac.uk/documents/communications-and-community-engagement-strategy.pdf</p> <p>KPI – Metrics on media posts</p>	<p>STO Digital creatives Comms plan</p>	<p>Comms plan developed Digital creatives recruited. STO posts</p>	<p>Digital/STO posts following Comms plan</p>	<p>Digital/STO posts following Comms plan</p>	<p>Digital/STO posts following Comms plan</p>	<p>Comms, SU officers/ SU engagement manager , digital creative s</p>	<p>Posts produced of key events, campaigns, survey findings. WSU Promotion of SOS UK survey and Go Green Week across social media platforms.</p>

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