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SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

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WELCOME TO THE SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE'S NEWSLETTER, A CONDENSED LOOK AT SUSTAINABILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS.

On Wednesday 10th June, the Sustainability Service hosted the annual Sustainability Awards. This evening was to celebrate sustainability initiatives on campus and congratulate Green Impact teams on completing another successful year, even with all the changes to the criteria! The evening was organised to have a positive sustainable impact; the standard food option was vegan, meaning that people had to opt in for meat. The main course consisted of a chickpea gâteau, followed by a delicious dark chocolate brownie with almond milk ice cream for dessert. It was hard to believe the whole meal was vegan and gluten free! The awards were made from recycled University furniture and the place cards were made from seed paper. The original and vibrant table decorations were made by the children at Bright Beginnings, the nursery on campus (we couldn't have done a better job ourselves).



THE SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY SIR ALAN LANGLANDS, THESE CELEBRATED SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS OVER THIS PAST YEAR.



The first award was Embedding Sustainability through Collaboration – this is about working together, for example buying collectively and embedding these best practices in procedures and management systems. This award goes to an individual who has demonstrated this collaborative and active spirit. The winner was Weetwood Grounds Team and LUU Conservation Volunteers for their collaborative work on the University biodiversity agenda through initiatives including hedgerow planting. The runner up as highly commended was Joanne Jorden for her work sourcing new ethical and sustainable uniforms.

Award number two, Building knowledge and Capacity – this is about sharing ideas, research and knowledge about sustainability to staff and students, as well as creating an engaging and innovative campus. The winner was Enactus for their project, Women in Social Engagement (aka WISE). This helps socially excluded women re-integrate into their communities. Highly commended went to Ian Addy for his support on the 'living lab' project, assisting with UTravelActive events and catering for the EAUC conference.

The next award, Being a Positive Partner in Society, is about creating a welcoming and opening campus to all and being active, and responsible members of the city. The winner was Star Bikes for the student lead and run project that takes unwanted bikes destined for landfill and fixes them up for Asylum seekers and refugees in Leeds. The runner up was Sports and Physical Activity for their work over the past 12 months organising and delivering projects to the community, including schools swimming lessons and Quicksticks Hockey Tournament.

Award number four, Making the most of Resources is all about efficiency, reducing, reusing and recycling. This can be in relation to resources, travel, energy, and disposal. The winner, The Love Leeds Charity Shop, provided space to engage students with sustainable living, reselling donations often diverted from landfill. The termly Free Shops aimed at international students are an effective waste management initiative by reducing the production and transport of new resources. The runner up was Bob Douglass for his work in achieving £25,000 cost savings and significant energy savings. He is also an active member of the Commercial Services Steering Group by producing reports, and a regular participant at S-Lab meetings.

The final award, the 'Architect of Possibility' is a new award for an overall 'sustainability hero' that has gone above and beyond to improve sustainability on campus. This award went to Donella Fernyhough for her work with the ducks at the Roger Stevens pond. It only seemed right to give her a duck-related award!



AFTER THE MEAL, JAMES DIXON-GOUGH AND CLAIRE BASTIN FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY SERVICE GAVE OUT THE GREEN IMPACT AWARDS. HERE ARE ALL THE DIFFERENT TEAMS AND THEIR VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS.

Green Impact Projects:

1. **11th Floor EC Stoner Working Group** (Alumni and Development, HR, Marketing, Secretariat, Strategy and Planning) – A collaborative project as a bake off in order to raise money for charity.
2. **Clean Green Team** – The Gumdrops project was rolled out across campus, which introduces facilities which recycle chewing gum and turns them into plastic products.
3. **Estates** – To formulate a blueprint for green moves for the University, via a pilot move for the FD, making sure the building, furniture and equipment is as sustainable as possible as well as embedding sustainable work practice.
4. **FD HR and Sustainability** – To set up 'climate hubs' in order to reduce carbon emission and increase consumption awareness by creating University wide engagement from both staff and students.
5. **Lifelong Learning Centre** – To implement a building-wide initiative where on one day each month staff, students and visitors to the Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Building are encouraged, where possible, to use the stairs instead of the lifts.
6. **Student Operations** – To encourage lunchtime activities out of the office and improve awareness of campus heritage.





Team	Award
Alumni and Development	Bronze Workbook and Silver Project
Clean Green Team	Bronze Workbook and Silver Project
Deuchars Lab	Gold Lab
Eco Food Fighters	Platinum Workbook
Education Engagement	Bronze Workbook
Green Energy	Silver Workbook and Gold Lab
Estates	Bronze Workbook and Gold Project
FD HR and Sustainability	Bronze Workbook and Gold Project
Facilities Support Office	Gold Workbook
Green Earth	Silver Workbook
HR	Bronze Workbook and Silver Project
International Student Office	Bronze Workbook
Lifelong Learning Centre	Bronze Workbook and Gold Project
LUBS Faculty	Bronze Workbook
Marketing	Bronze Workbook and Silver Project
M&S Company Archive	Bronze Workbook
Politics and International Studies	Silver Workbook
Purchasing	Bronze Workbook
Residential Services	Platinum Workbook
Secretariat	Bronze Workbook and Silver Project
SEE Met Instrument Lab	Silver Lab
Sports and Physical Activities	Platinum Workbook
SDDU	Silver Workbook
Strategy and Planning	Silver Workbook and Silver Project
Student Operations	Bronze Workbook and Gold Project
Student Opportunities and Enhancement	Working towards Bronze
Thin Section Workshop	Silver Lab
Library	Bronze Workbook
SEE Teaching and Preparation Lab	Gold Lab
Wellbeing, Safety and Health	Silver Workbook
VCEG	Bronze Workbook

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT HAS TAKEN PART IN YET ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF GREEN IMPACT! TO FIND OUT ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S GREEN IMPACT, PLEASE CONTACT

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