

Staff and Student Engagement Strategy

The University is committed to student and staff engagement for sustainability. We measure and review targets to allow for continual improvement in this area through our Service key performance indicators.

We will become a university where sustainability is truly embedded through knowledge, engagement, collaboration, and innovation. Each and every one of our staff and students will understand the principles of sustainability – it will be an integral part of our operations and will bring about positive, sustainable change for the future. To do this we have made four clear commitments under the Embedding Sustainability Through Collaboration strategic theme:

1. We will embed sustainability across the whole University.
2. We will create and support proactive collaborative networks.
3. We will develop robust management systems.
4. We will establish governance and accountability structures that drive sustainability and place it at the heart of our institution.

The Sustainability Strategy is just one-step towards embedding sustainability across the whole University. We have come a long way already, but to make sure it remains relevant and ambitious, we continually assess our progress towards achieving our goals through the Sustainability Steering Group, with students and staff as regular attendees.

In addition to tracking progress, the Sustainability Steering Group discusses changes to policies and targets, and agrees future programmes of work. This includes the review of Carbon Management Plan, waste practices, and ethical commitments.

The University of Leeds has a clear responsibility to have a positive impact on society, something we take very seriously. It is important that all staff are made aware of the University's Sustainability Strategy and how they can contribute to the sustainability of the University. Engagement opportunities for sustainability are a component of student induction processes. Further details can be found at: <http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/induction/>

SusItOut! is a week developed to give students, staff and local communities the opportunity to try out some of the great volunteering projects we have on offer whilst contributing to Sustainability at Leeds. For details visit: <http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/sus-it-out/>

The University also runs sustainability campaigns that reach all students and staff, such as the [#2023PlasticFree](#) and [Blueprint](#) campaigns.

The University also brings together students, colleagues and partners from research, teaching and operational teams to co-produce innovative and transformational solutions to real-world sustainability challenges, using the campus as a test-bed. Projects that require seed funding to get off the ground, or match funding as part of a collaborative partnership are welcome to apply for the Leeds Living Lab. Find out more at: <http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/the-living-lab/>

Find out more about how we embed sustainability through collaboration at:
<http://sustainability.leeds.ac.uk/embedding-sustainability-through-collaboration/>