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Green Impact at Swansea University 2023-24 launch

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What is Green Impact



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Green Impact is a change and engagement programme

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- Green Impact offers teams a framework and support to tackle sustainability issues within their area of work and recognises them for making an impact.
- You implement a set of positive sustainability activities, using our **online toolkit** to guide you and track your progress.
- It takes a **holistic view** of sustainability and is based on the themes of continual improvement, collaboration, and meaningful change to establish new social norms and inspire people with the skills and passion needed to **make a difference!**
- Green Impact started with a **student idea** in 2006 and has since grown into a **UNESCO award winning** international programme, reaching tens of thousands of people each year.



Led by SOS-UK's expertise



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SOS-UK is an educational charity, focusing on sustainability. It was created by staff and students from the student movement in response to the climate and ecological emergency.

SOS-UK runs programmes to create positive change **here and now** through student and staff action for sustainability, as well as national systems-change campaigns to deliver **long-lasting shifts** across the education system.

SOS-UK works to:

- Getting more students **leading on**, and **learning about**, sustainability.
- Embedding sustainability in formal education, **from early years to adult learning**.
- Making sustainability **more inclusive**, for everyone.

The national impact in 2022

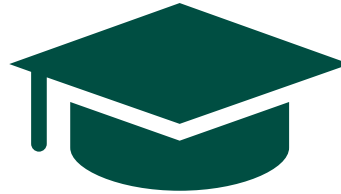
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Been used by **428** organisations ranging from students' unions to NHS Trusts



Been made up of **1,111** teams led by **4,382** people



Provided **880** students with training and development opportunities



Engaged **99,265** people in sustainability and social justice issues



Seen **28,679** actions and projects completed, **14,130** as a direct result of the programme

Why should you take part?

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- Make a tangible impact on the environment and society
- Supporting university's sustainability ambitions
- Staff professional development and workplace learning
- Get recognised with a Green Impact award
- Potential to save money and resources
- Share good practice and work with new people
- Responding to student demand



Supporting Swansea's Sustainability Strategy

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The Green Impact toolkit has been designed to align with all 4 themes of the University's [Sustainability & Climate Emergency Strategy](#).

This means you'll not only be contributing to increasing your team's impact and savings, but the University as a whole.

In the toolkit, you'll be able to see exactly which strategy commitment you're contributing to.



How it works



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The programme cycle



Deadline: 5th May 2024
Audits to follow, date TBC



Green Impact: an overview

There are different themes within the online toolkit that cover different areas of sustainability.

You can work through the actions in any order based on your sustainability priorities and the nature of your team.

The actions are designed to meaningfully support the sustainability of your team, the university, and the wider community .

Social

Environmental

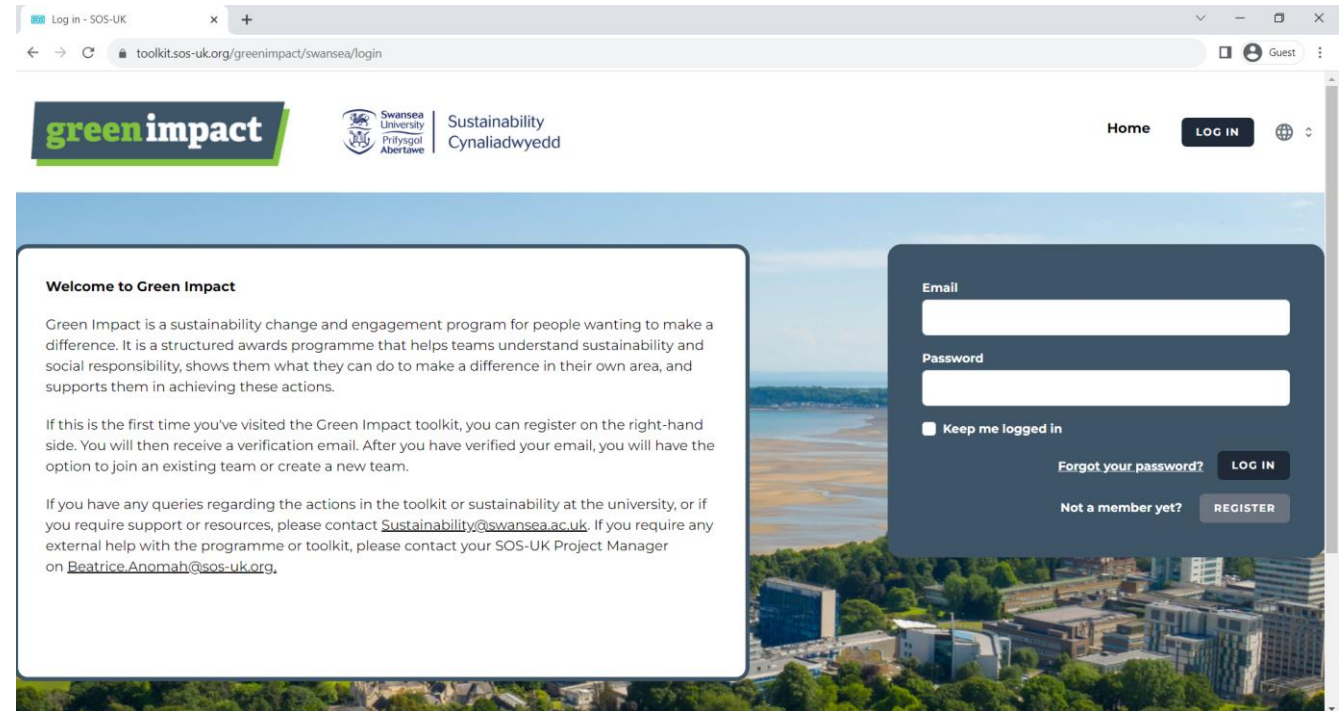
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The online toolkit



1. Click register and fill in your details.
2. Verify your email address by clicking on the link in the email that's sent to you.
3. Create or join a team.

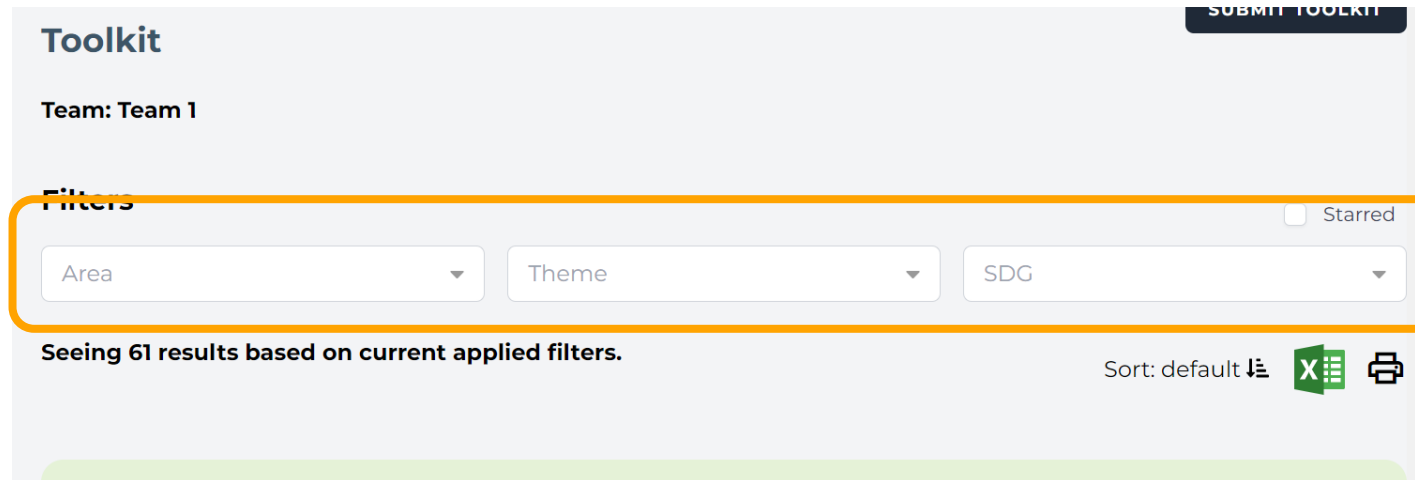


The online toolkit



Everyone who joins your team will view the same toolkit and be able to see your team's progress, meaning you can all collaborate and delegate the actions within the toolkit.

Find the actions most relevant to you using the filters at the top of the page.



Toolkit progress

☆ 0001 **Communications**

Criteria Further information How you will be audited **Comments & evidence**

Environmental issues, including Green Impact participation, are regularly raised at staff meetings.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Total Points: 1

N/A

NOT DONE

IN PROGRESS

DONE

Assigned to: Kate Winters

When you've completed an action:

- Write a comment to explain how you have done the action, and upload any relevant evidence such as a photo, email screenshot, meeting minutes, social media posts etc.
- Click the 'done' button
- Your changes automatically save

Toolkit progress

You can view progress on your dashboard, including actions which have been assigned to you, and your starred actions. You can click on the actions to take you straight there on the toolkit!

Starred Actions	Assigned Actions
★ O005 NO STATUS	☑ O001 DONE
★ O006 NO STATUS	☑ O002 NO STATUS
★ O007 DONE	☑ O009 NO STATUS

You will also be able to see how close you are to your next award level, and how other teams around you are doing!

Awards Progress	
View your team's progress towards completing this Toolkit's awards.	
☑ Bronze	DONE
▶ Complete 5 or more of All Actions	100%
○ Silver	IN PROGRESS
▶ Complete award: Bronze	100%
▶ Complete 10 or more of All Actions	60%

Getting your award

You can get a Bronze, Silver, Gold award, based on the impact and effort of your Green Impact activities.



- **Working towards:** start doing any of the criteria even if it's only a few;
- **Bronze:** complete enough activities to gain your team 70 points in the toolkit.
- **Silver:** complete enough activities to gain your team 140 points in the toolkit.
- **Gold:** complete enough activities to gain your team 210 points in the toolkit.

A collective impact

- You do not have to spend a certain number of hours each week/month - complete actions when you can
- Get others involved in your team
- Even if you don't get enough points for an award, you will still be recognised for starting the journey and making an impact
- The actions should be relevant for most teams, but you can leave those not relevant to you

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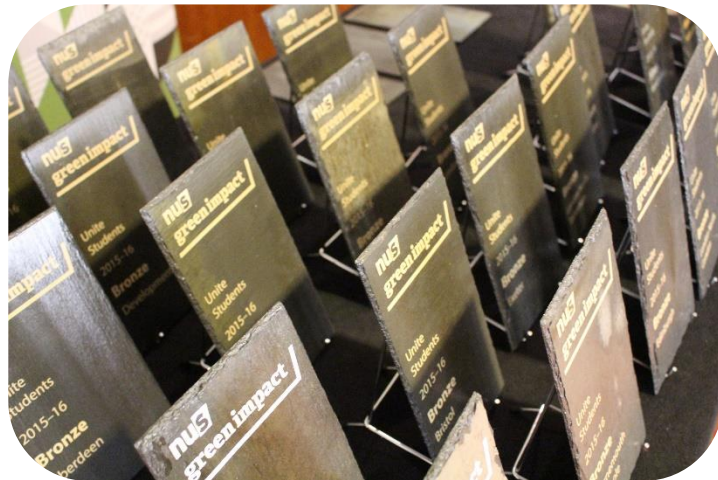


Participants are recognised through Green Impact

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

All award-winning Green Impact teams also receive a recycled slate award to display in their department or area of work.

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Special Awards

As well as your team's Green Impact award, you can nominate yourself, or someone else, for one of the prestigious **Special Awards** that will be awarded each year on top of the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Five categories, under the 'Special' theme:

- Sustainability Hero
- Innovation for Engagement
- Environmental Improvement
- Student Leadership
- Community Action

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Discussion

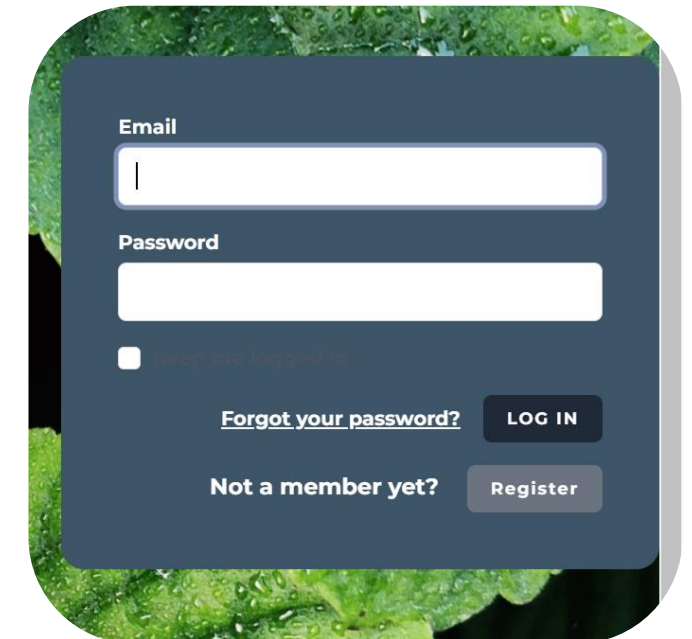
1. What do you see as your team's biggest negative impacts?
2. What barriers to you face when trying to create positive change?
3. How can we engage others in sustainability initiatives?

Next steps

How do I get started?

- Register your team on the Green Impact toolkit or you can join an existing team if one is already set up: greenimpact.uk/swansea
- Gather interest from your team - as many people as you like can register online and join your team to support you.
- We'll be in touch with support and guidance throughout the year - keep an eye out for communications from us!
- You'll have until **5th May 2024** to complete as many actions as you can, and we'll send reminders closer to the submission date with information on audits and awards.

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The image shows a registration form for the Green Impact toolkit. The form is set against a background of green foliage. It features two input fields: 'Email' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'LOG IN' and 'Register'. There are also two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Not a member yet?'.

Any questions?

Thank you and best of luck with your
Green Impact award!