



THE GREEN TEAM

THE STUDENTS'
UNION

GREENER FUTURES WORKBOOK

WELCOME TO GREENER FUTURES

What is Greener Futures?

Greener Futures is a sustainability competition for societies and sport clubs. It is a creative, fun and rewarding way for you to get inspiration and recognition for building sustainability into your community. The prize for winning is £200 in funding for your club or society. There is also a Sustainability Champion of the year award. This recognises an individual that has shown commitment and creativity in their approach to sustainability within their club or society.

This year, the programme has been updated to reflect the 'new normal' and world we find ourselves in. Wherever you are, there is opportunity to engage with sustainability and be part of the competition.

How does my club/society take part?

Email greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk to sign your club or society up. Then to get started join the [Greener Futures Facebook group](#). Every time you complete a challenge, found in this workbook, upload evidence to the group and your points will be added. At the end of the year, you could build up enough points to win the main prize! For each challenge you upload please tag the post with the number of the activity e.g. #greenerfutures1. Also make it clear which club or society you are part of so we can make sure you get the points.

Please note that photos you post in the group may be used on The Students' Union website, social media or marketing materials. If you would prefer us not to use your content please [get in touch](#).

All students taking part should also ensure they are compliant with the latest [Covid-19 government guidance](#).

What is sustainability?

The Students' Union uses the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework and guide for our work. The 17 goals show how sustainability encompasses a wide range of interconnected issues. The Green Team takes an intersectional approach to sustainability because the climate emergency is tightly intertwined with address social justice and inequalities of race, gender and socio-economics. Find out more about the Green Team in the short video below.



What are the Greener Futures challenges?

The challenges are split into five sections. Starting Sustainable, Get Involved, Take Action, Think Big Picture and Get Creative. So get stuck in and start creating sustainable change!



STARING SUSTAINABLE

Challenge	About	Evidencing	Points worth
#greenerfutures1	Elect a Sustainability Officer to represent your club or society. Sustainability will be included in your induction for more information.	Email greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk to elect.	5 points.
#greenerfutures2	10 sign ups to the Green Team newsletter .	Email greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk with the names of signups.	5 points.
#greenerfutures3	10 club or society members to follow the Green Team Instagram .	Email greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk with the usernames of followers.	5 points
#greenerfutures4	Respond to an SU Sustainability survey. When we have a live survey we will post the link into the Greener Futures Facebook group and on Green Team social media.	Email screenshots to greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk .	2 points per individual survey completion.
#greenerfutures5	Create, organize and implement a sustainability campaign.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience. Suggestion: run an online campaign on social media about an issue you care about. See the SU campaign guide here . Write an article about your campaign to complete #greenerfutures6	20 points.
#greenerfutures6	Produce a news article or blog post with a sustainability theme relating to your society or sports club.	Email article to greenerfutures@uwe.ac.uk and post link to Facebook Group once published. See criteria in the 'Get Involved' section for ideas of events you could write a blog post about.	10 points (plus 5 points each time this challenge is repeated).

GET INVOLVED

Challenge	About	Evidencing	Points worth
#greenerfutures7	5 or more members to attend a Green Team Event . This year, this will most likely be a virtual event.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	10 points (plus 5 points each time this challenge is repeated).
#greenerfutures8	5 or more members to attend a Celebrating Black Excellence campaign event.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	10 points (plus 5 points each time this challenge is repeated).
#greenerfutures9	Run a collaborative sustainability online event with another society/sports club or local organisation. The Green Team can promote this for you to help increase engagement.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience. - Suggestion: write an article about your campaign/event to complete challenge #greenerfutures6	20 points per event.
#greenerfutures10	5 or more members to attend a Liberation Campaign event (Black History Month, LGBT+ month, Disability Awareness Month, International Women's Week). Again, this will most likely be a virtual event.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience. Events could include attending a Decolonising the Curriculum panel discussion. For extra points submit a blog post reflecting on the event for #greenerfutures6	10 points (plus 5 points each time this challenge is repeated).

TAKE ACTION

Challenge	About	Evidencing	Points worth
#greenerfutures11	5 members of your club or society to go meat-free for lunch or dinner for one week. If you complete this challenge again in Veganuary you gain an extra 15 points!	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	15 points in total for all five members completing the challenge.
#greenerfutures12	2 club or society members to live 'plastic-free' for a day. For ideas about how to do this visit Plastic-Free July .	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	10 (plus 2 points each time this challenge is repeated).
#greenerfutures13	Visit a zero waste shop in Bristol. List of stores here . Did you know we also have a zero waste shop on Frenchay campus ?	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about where you went and what you got.	5 points per individual member that visits. An extra 2 points per individual who also makes a positive zero waste or ethical swap.
#greenerfutures14	Check out this Labour Behind the Label campaign . Reflect on making sustainable swaps in your wardrobe. This could be through visiting second-hand stores or upcycling something you already own!	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience, where you went, if you got anything. You could write a blog post about sustainability and fashion for #greenerfutures6	5 points per individual member who takes
#greenerfutures15	Donate a full bag of unwanted clothing to the charity bin located on Frenchay Campus or your local charity shop.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	1 bag = 5 points, 5 bags =10 points, 10+bags =15 points.

#greenerfutures16	Members consistently using re-usable water bottles.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	5 points.
#greenerfutures17	Use active travel to get to training sessions, matches or meetings. This includes walking, cycling or taking public transport. Please be considerate of social distancing and wearing face masks if you are using public transport, and be aware of government guidelines. Also only use public transport if you feel comfortable doing so.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	5 points (Plus 2 points each time the challenge is repeated).
#greenerfutures18	Club or society members consistently using a food waste bin in their residences.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	5 points.
#greenerfutures19	Recycling packaging for club or society items.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	5 points (Plus 2 points each time the challenge is repeated).

THINK BIG PICTURE

Challenge	About	Evidencing	Points worth
#greenerfutures20	Calculate your carbon footprint . Devise an action plan for how you can reduce your footprint. Some great ideas here and other resources from the Green Team .	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	10 points per individual member who completes this.
#greenerfutures21	Take this Modern Day Slavery quiz and see how you can reduce the slaves attached to you.	Post photos to Facebook with short captions reflecting on your findings. If you want to write a longer reflection, write a blog post for #greenerfutures6	2 per individual member who completes this.
#greenerfutures22	Get involved in Movember . Share your tips for looking after your mental health and wellbeing.	You could share this in a blog post for #greenerfutures6 or post them on Facebook.	2 points per individual member who shares tips.
#greenerfutures23	Club or society members spending time in nature. This can help improve your mental health and appreciation of the environment!	Post photos to Facebook with short captions about your experience.	5 points.
#greenerfutures24	Find out about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in this video . Create a short action plan about how your club or society can contribute to these. You may choose to focus on one or two relevant goals, but remember they are all interconnected.	Post your plan on Facebook.	20 points.

GET CREATIVE

We know this year is different so we encourage you to get creative with sustainable living. If you've done something you think was a great sustainability action, upload it to the Facebook group and we'll give you points!

Here's some ideas of what you could do:

- Try sustainable period products.
- Try a shampoo bar.
- Volunteer for a local organisation or charity.
- Give a [cycling route](#) in Bristol a go.
- Watch a film/documentary about sustainability or social justice. Some ideas can be found on this [SU Black Lives Matter page](#).

