# **SUSTAINABILITY BOARD REPORT**

January 2019



#### STUDENTS' UNION ACTION PLAN

Please find attached The Students' Union Sustainability Action Plan for 2018-2019. The Students' Union invites the feedback and input from the Sustainability Board.

### NUS GREEN IMPACT ACCREDITATION

This academic year, NUS are trailing an approach to partner together Students' Unions within the scheme to enable ideas sharing and problem solving on a more practical level. The Students' Union at UWE have been partnered in a group of three with Falmouth & Exeter SU and Glasgow Caledonian SU. Glasgow Caledonian SU are new to Green Impact this year and Falmouth achieved Good last year.

### NUS RESPONSIBLE FUTURES ACCREDITATION

NUS are looking to introduce the concept of Host Partnerships' in the 2019/20 academic year. The concept is that 'Host Partnerships' would nominate themselves to be a learning space for others across the cohort during the academic year and would benefit from being recognised for their leadership across the sector. Our partnership is interested in exploring this idea and becoming a Host partnership.

Looking ahead, the partnership is focusing on gathering evidence for our submission in May 2019 and ensuring good participation in the NUS SDG Teach In (February) and with the Sustainability Teaching Award in the Student Experience Awards.

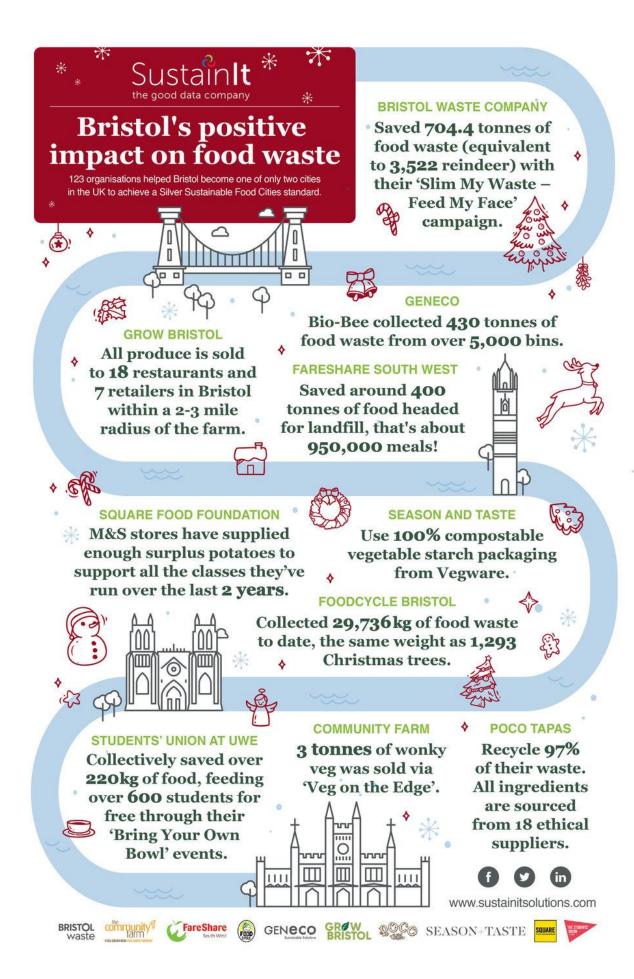
## STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Students' Union at UWE are delighted to welcome Lauren McLeron as our new Student Sustainability Engagement Coordinator, a new title for the 'Green Team Coordinator'. Lauren will be joining us after 3 years' experience of developing a STEM programme for young people, and previously as an Education Specialist at The Walt Disney Company, designing their Earth Day Event "Party for our Planet". Lauren's focal projects for the coming 5 months will be supporting the Sustainability Committee's campaign, facilitating areas of work for the Green Impact submission and coordinator further student feedback forums around The Students' Union's longer term sustainability strategy.

# **FOOD WASTE CELEBRATION**

The Students' Union at UWE were delighted to be approached by 'SustainIt' (<a href="http://www.sustainitsolutions.com/">http://www.sustainitsolutions.com/</a>) to be part of their Bristol electronic Christmas Card.

They designed and put together an Infographic showcasing all the amazing work local Bristol organisations have been doing to help reduce and reuse food waste, and Bring Your Own Bowl (BYOB) was featured! We look forward to the next food waste BYOB in February.



## STUDENT LEADER TRAINING

The Students' Union at UWE are running a new sustainability session for student leaders, society committee members and interested students, exploring sustainability and liberation groups. The 'Green Light to Liberation and Equality' workshop will run on Wednesday 23 January. We are excited to explore this area with our members and create action to ensure our engagement plan is inclusive and representative of our members.

## **AWARDS**

Following on from success at the Green Gown Awards, Bring Your Own Bowl has been selected as an entry into the Guardian Awards and the What Uni? Awards for 'Giving Back'.

Rachel Colley (The Students' Union Community Manager) has been nominated for the Community Leadership Award at <u>The Bristol Social Impact Awards</u> (The Voscurs). The winner of this award will be decided by public vote and voting closes at 5pm on Thursday 17 January 2019. Click here for a list of nominees and the voting form: <a href="https://www.voscur.org/content/community-leadership-award-nominations">https://www.voscur.org/content/community-leadership-award-nominations</a>.