GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS PROGRAMME OFFERING 2020-21



GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS IS...



A **framework** for union staff, officers and students to collaboratively address key issues to lead on **embedding sustainability and social justice** across campus, the curriculum, and wider society.

This supports SUs to build impactful projects and campaigns around climate justice and equality, curriculum reform, health and wellbeing and much more.

You're joining our **network**. We provide opportunities to partner with other unions, hold networking events and share good practice through resources and case studies.

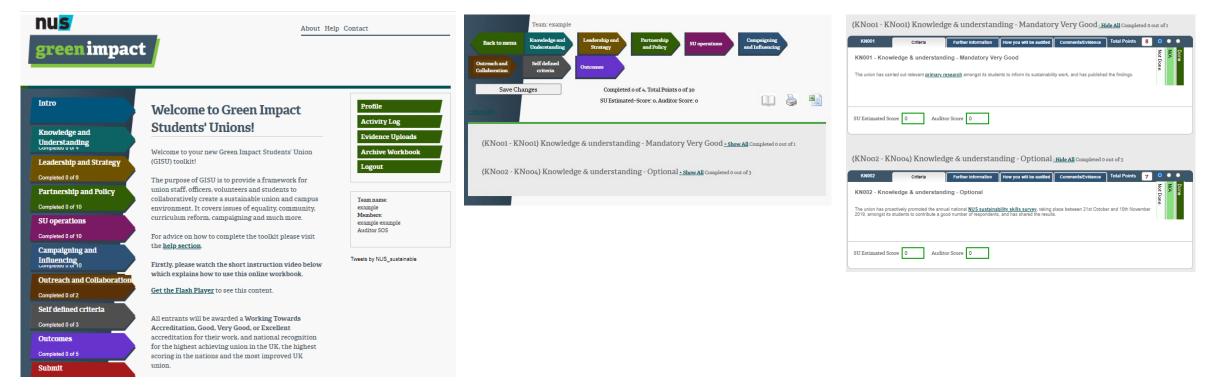




STUDENTS' UNIONS GAIN ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE TOOLKIT



Our online toolkit software breaks down sustainability into areas of influence with direct and manageable actions, providing guidance and additional resources for actions. Unions can use it to plan their projects and campaigns, record their progress and upload evidence - developing awareness of their own potential to drive further change.





UNIONS RECEIVE A RANGE OF SUPPORT



- Resource bank we have an online <u>resource bank</u> accessible to all GISU participants, this
 will house guidance documents, templates, case studies and webinar recordings. This is
 being refreshed for 2020-21.
- Peer to Peer We have a great network of SU sustainability contacts through our 'NUS Sustainability, Ethics & Climate Action' Facebook Workplace page. This is a great place to join in discussions, share ideas or ask questions.
- Email we run a monthly SOS-UK newsletter, housing updates for SUs, as well as other sustainability articles, sign up for this here. We will send specific updates on GISU to all SU contacts listed in the sign-up form.
- Phone call mid-way Early 2021, we will offer calls for all participating SUs to check-in with your progress, offer support and to gather your feedback.



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- Ad hoc support if you need to talk through something at any point throughout the year, or would like to suggest an idea for a future webinar, case study or news piece, please get in touch <u>by emailing us</u>.
- Training and networking if you'd like more tailored on-site or remote training for your staff, officers or students, you can request to purchase this when signing up for GISU or get in contact with us. We will host a joint skills and networking day in December 2020 for our GISU contacts at an additional cost.
- Learning and development opportunities Students' unions participating in GISU will receive a 10% reduction in price to <u>SOS-UK's Learning Academy offerings</u>. Offerings particularly relevant for SUs include the Officer Sustainability Bootcamp, Course reps & sustainability, campaign planning and carbon literacy training.



"Green Impact is an enabler for success which is in our strategy developed from student feedback."



SUS ARE INVITED TO UNION-LED WEBINARS



All participating unions in Green Impact will be invited to a series of webinars over the year.

For each webinar we will be inviting 2-3 students' unions to **showcase** what journey they have taken on a specific topic. This will be followed by a Q&A and discussion for others SUs to share best practice and learn more. Our first webinar (open to all) was hosted in July 2020 on 'Student reps and curriculum change'.

- 20th October 2020: Food growing on campus
- February: Societies and Student Groups (tentative as we respond to SU requests)
- March/April: TBC (shaped by SU requests)



KEY DATES



- Launch: 31st August 2020
- Annual sustainability survey: 26th October 15th November 2020
- Student Sustainability Summit: w/c 2nd November 2020
- GISU contacts virtual skills & networking day: December 2020
- GISU midway 'check-in' calls: W/C 1st February 2021
- National SDG teach in: 22nd 28th February 2021
- Submission deadline: 3rd May 2021
- Audits: June 2021
- Awards confirmed: July 2021



STUDENTS' UNIONS TELL US THAT GREEN IMPACT PROVIDES STRUCTURE FOR THEIR SUSTAINABILITY WORK



- The framework helps to embed sustainability into strategic plans and other annual plans.
- Helps to demonstrate, monitor and evaluate success and sustainability progress.
- Provides an opportunity to self-reflect and review.
- Encourages collaboration with other SUs.
- Showcases what the SU is doing and gain accreditation & recognition.
- Useful way to communicate to students what the SU is doing.
- National benchmark other SUs are taking part.
- To hold the SU accountable for actions of day-to-day activities.
- Helps those involved realise what they can do to improve sustainability in their SU.



COST

GISU GENERAL SIGN UP:

1 year - £245

2 years - £475

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME ELEMENTS:

GISU staff and officer training and networking day, 4TH Dec - £100 per person (£90 early-bird)

Additional year-round support and guidance - £150

Training for your SU - £500 (half day)

GISU slate award - £25



Sign-up now for Green Impact Students' Unions 2020-21.

Find out more on our website or email gisu@sos-uk.org

