## GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS PROGRAMME OFFERING 2024-25

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#### 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.





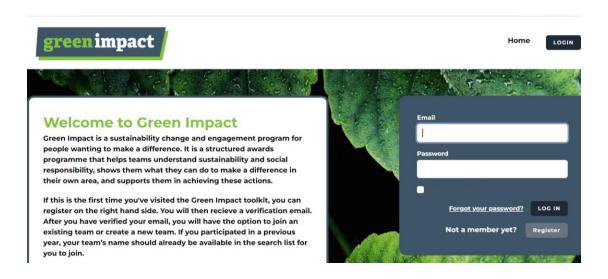


#### YOU WILL GAIN ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE TOOLKIT



The toolkit breaks down sustainability into areas of influence with direct and manageable actions, providing guidance and additional resources. 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.

This year, we are adding a low-cost option to access the GISU toolkit only (without an audit or award) so you can plan and track your sustainability action, and self-assess your progress.





#### INCLUDED SUPPORT



#### In the full supported programme, you will have access to the following support:

- **Resource bank** We have an online resource bank accessible to all GISU participants. This will house guidance documents, templates, case studies and webinar recordings. This is being refreshed each year.
- **Webinars** We deliver webinars to welcome & introduce you to the programme, to help keep you on track and we coordinate webinars on a range of themes to facilitate continued learning and inspire action.
- **Peer to Peer** We have a great network of sustainability contacts, and we support partnerships between SUs via online forum calls. There are various online platforms to join in discussions, share ideas or ask questions.
- Mid-way check-in calls Early in 2025 we will offer 30-minute calls for all participants to check-in with your progress, offer support and gather your feedback.



#### FURTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE



- Email we run a monthly SOS-UK newsletter, with updates for SUs, as well as other sustainability articles, sign up for our newsletter here. We will send specific updates on GISU to all contacts listed in the sign-up form.
- Ad hoc support if you have queries 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 by emailing us.
- Training and networking if you'd like more tailored on-site or remote training, you can request to purchase this when signing up for GISU or contact us at any point in the year. We will host a joint skills and networking day on 3rd December 2024 for our GISU contacts at an additional cost.
- Learning and development opportunities Participants in GISU will receive a 10% discount on some <u>SOS-UK's Learning Academy offerings</u>. Offerings particularly relevant for SUs include the Course reps & sustainability training and Campaign planning workshops.



#### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



All participants in GISU will be invited to a **series of webinars** over the year and have access to recordings of previous webinars.

For some webinars, we will be inviting students' unions to **showcase** what journey they have taken on a specific topic. This will be followed by a Q&A and discussion for other SUs to share best practice and learn more.

#### Last year's webinars included:

- An introduction to food justice and food sovereignty
- ESD: Education as a force for good
- Decolonisation, Democratisation, Decarbonisation and Demilitarisation
- Progress and action planning



#### **KEY DATES**



- Launch: 27th August 2024
- Intro to GISU welcome webinar: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, 3pm
- Annual <u>sustainability skills survey</u>: 28<sup>th</sup> October 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- GISU contacts virtual skills & networking day: 3rd December 2024, 10am-4pm
- Student Sustainability Summit: Date TBC
- Progress and action planning webinar: 5th February 2025, 11am
- Midway check-in calls: w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- National SDG teach in: March 2025
- Submission deadline: Friday 4th April 2025, 5pm
- Audits: April/May 2025
- Awards confirmed and presented: June 2025



## 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.



#### **COSTS**



### SOS-UK is a charity and all our fees are not-for-profit. We have amended our pricing structure for 2024-25 to offer a greater range of options for unions.

Participation level	2024-25 cost*	Information
Access to the toolkit only	£35	Access the GISU toolkit to structure your sustainability action, track your progress, and self-assess your impact. You will be listed as a participant, but you will not receive an audit or accreditation or access to the support listed on page 4.
Full programme participation and support with online audit, including high level auditor feedback	£495 for 1 year £890 for 2 years (10% discount)	Access the GISU toolkit as well as the support listed on page 4. You will receive an online 1-hour audit to verify your accreditation level. You will receive high-level feedback on where points have been gained or lost as well as digital assets to showcase your award.
Full programme participation and support with in-person audit and indepth feedback report	£750 for 1 year £1,350 for 2 years (10% discount)	As above, but a member of the SOS-UK team will visit your union for an in-person ½ day supportive audit, providing an in-depth feedback report from their visit with ideas for improvements and next steps.



#### COSTS - ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF SUPPORT



We offer some optional additional support to add value to your participation.

Support	2024-25 cost*	Information
Wooden award trophy	£30	Showcase your award with a sustainable wooden trophy.
Staff and officer networking day	£100	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024. We are offering a £90 early bird price if you <u>sign up</u> before 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.
Additional award support	£290	Includes planning session with a member of the SOS-UK team, additional check-in call, and preaudit check-in
Bespoke training		We can provide bespoke support or training. Please get in touch with your requirements for a detailed quote.

# Sign up today using our online form!

For any enquiries, email gisu@sos-uk.org

