

GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS PROGRAMME OFFERING 2024-25

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ORGANISING FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
UNITED KINGDOM

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GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS IS...

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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.



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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.

A screenshot of the Green Impact website's login and registration interface. The page has a white header with the "green impact" logo on the left, a "Home" link, and a "LOGIN" button. The main content area has a dark green background with a large leaf image. On the left, a white box contains a "Welcome to Green Impact" message and instructions for new users. On the right, a dark blue box contains login and registration fields. The login fields include "Email" and "Password" input boxes, a "Forgot your password?" link, and a "LOG IN" button. Below these are links for "Not a member yet?" and a "Register" button.

green impact Home LOGIN

Welcome to Green Impact

Green Impact is a sustainability change and engagement program for people wanting to make a difference. It is a structured awards programme that helps teams understand sustainability and social responsibility, shows them what they can do to make a difference in their own area, and supports them in achieving these actions.

If this is the first time you've visited the Green Impact toolkit, you can register on the right hand side. You will then receive a verification email. After you have verified your email, you will have the option to join an existing team or create a new team. If you participated in a previous year, your team's name should already be available in the search list for you to join.

Email
[input field]

Password
[input field]

[Forgot your password?](#) **LOG IN**

[Not a member yet?](#) **Register**

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 [SOS-UK's Learning Academy offerings](#). 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:** 2nd October 2024, 3pm
- **Annual [sustainability skills survey](#):** 28th October - 17th 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 10th 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 in-depth 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 th December 2024. We are offering a £90 early bird price if you sign up before 3 rd September. |
| Additional award support | £290 | Includes planning session with a member of the SOS-UK team, additional check-in call, and pre-audit check-in |
| Bespoke training | From £395 | 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!

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