

SOS-UK
Students' Union Support
2025-26



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Welcome to the launch of our activities and campaigns for 2025-26, designed to support and drive your Students' Union towards its sustainability objectives. We know our movement is facing an extremely challenging period, but we know our students expect sustainability and wellbeing to stay firmly on the agenda. We've designed our support in 2025-26 to add capacity and resource to you so that, in partnership, we can enhance positive sustainability behaviours, transform our curricula towards sustainability and climate justice, bring nature back to your campuses, and improve overall wellbeing.

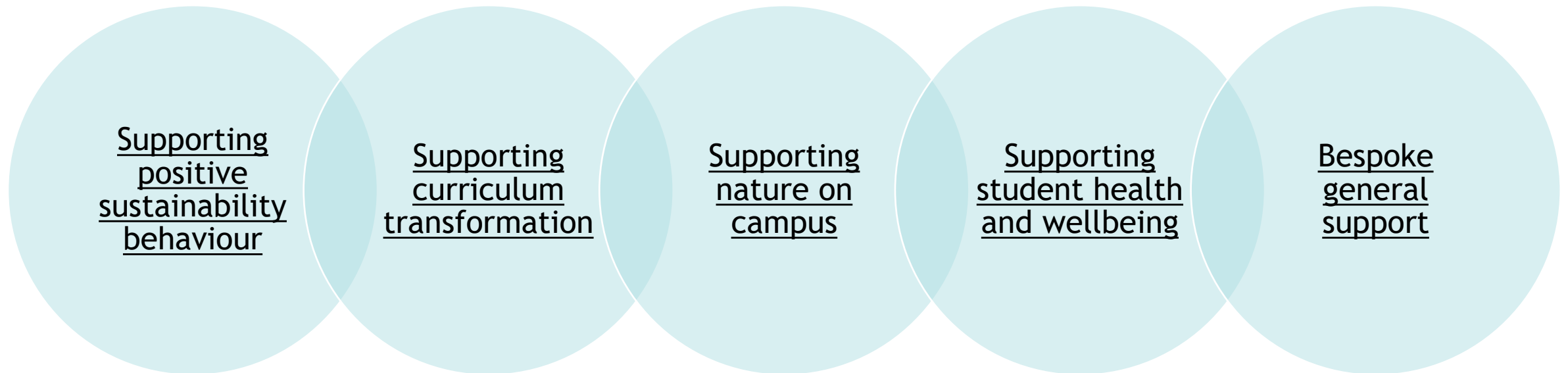
By working with SOS-UK, you're not just enhancing your own students' union's sustainability efforts. You're also contributing to our broader charitable objectives. Our impactful campaigns and initiatives are transforming the sector into a force for good, and your partnership makes it possible!



Amira Campbell, SOS-UK President

This document is arranged by five support areas

Want to focus on something specific? Click the links below. If you prefer to see it all, just keep reading!
When you are ready to sign-up to any of our programmes, you can do so [using our online sign-up form](#).



This document is for Students' Unions, but we also have a [dedicated support offer for institutions](#), and you can [contact us](#) if you are an off-campus organisation looking to partner with us!

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PROGRAMME	Page(s)	Student engagement	Staff engagement	Behaviour change	Carbon reduction	Wellbeing	Sustainable food	Education	Biodiversity
<u>Green Impact Students' Unions</u>	8-9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<u>Student Energy Action for Life (SEAL)</u>	10	✓				✓			
<u>Invest for Change</u>	11	✓	✓	✓					
<u>Responsible Futures</u>	13	✓	✓					✓	
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<u>Hedgehog Friendly Campus</u>	16	✓	✓						✓
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<u>Alcohol Impact</u>	19	✓	✓	✓		✓			
<u>Drug & Alcohol Impact</u>	20	✓	✓	✓		✓			
<u>Drink Rethink</u>	21	✓		✓		✓			
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<u>Learning academy</u>	24-25								
<u>Inclusion for climate justice</u>	26	✓	✓	✓	✓				
<u>Additional partnership programmes</u>	27	✓	✓	✓	✓				

SOS-UK is an educational charity focusing on sustainability

SOS-UK **engages, supports and empowers** students and wider society to learn, act and lead for sustainability. Ours is a long-term **investment in education for a better future.**

Our mission is getting more students **learning, acting and leading for sustainability**; embedding sustainability in education, **from early years to adult learning**; and making sustainability **more inclusive**, so it's for everyone.

We are proud that UNESCO recognise SOS-UK as one of the global leaders of education for sustainable development.

SOS-UK staff represent a range of academic and professional backgrounds from anthropology to biology, and with specialisms in communications and research.

This document outlines the support available for your students' union in 2025-26. Keep reading to find out how you can benefit!

Get in touch with hello@sos-uk.org if you have any questions.



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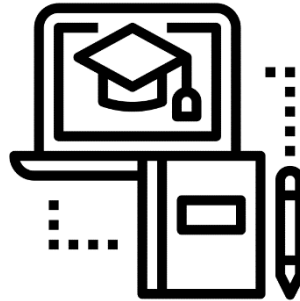


Our work is driven by student demand

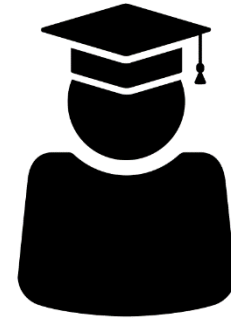
Embedding sustainability across campuses, curriculums and communities is fundamental to representing our students, and strengthening our students' unions. As a student-led charity, everything we do is not-for-profit and shaped by our [sector-leading research](#). We work in partnership up and down the country to drive meaningful change, ensuring students are at the heart of sustainability action.



88% say they agree their place of study should actively incorporate and promote sustainable development



81% would like to see sustainable development actively incorporated and promoted through *all* courses



65% say sustainable development is something they would like to learn more about

Source: [Sustainability Skills Survey 2023-24](#) | Base: c.11,400 respondents in higher education across the UK

Supporting positive sustainability behaviour

We all drive and influence norms that make up our collective culture on campuses and beyond. By developing shared understandings of sustainability and identifying what needs to change, we can empower students and staff to take positive sustainability action.

Green Impact Students' Unions

Green Impact Students' Unions (GISU) is our flagship sustainability support package and awards programme for SUs.

It's designed to help your SU run impactful projects and campaigns, using our power as the student movement to create lasting change.

- A **framework** for your SU staff, officers and students to collaboratively address key issues to lead on embedding sustainability and social justice across campus, the curriculum, and wider society. Ability to receive accreditation for your progress.
- **Support** for your SU to build impactful projects and campaigns around climate justice and equality, curriculum reform, health and wellbeing and much more.
- Being part our **network**. We provide opportunities to partner with other SUs, hold networking events, specialised webinars and share good practice through resources and case studies.

For further information, visit our [Green Impact Microsite](#). Programme fees and included content for 2025-26 are:

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Access to the toolkit only (no audit or accreditation)	£39 +VAT
Full programme participation and support with online audit	£585 +VAT for 1 year or £1,055 +VAT for 2 years
Full programme participation and support with in-person audit	£895 +VAT for 1 year or £1,615 +VAT for 2 years
1 x sustainable award trophy	£30 +VAT
Additional award support (online planning session, additional check-in call, and pre-audit check-in)	£295 +VAT



Students' Unions tell us that Green Impact provides structure for their sustainability work

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

Student Energy Action for Life (SEAL)

Many students live off campus, and [our research shows](#) that they are concerned about energy bills, and struggle with cold, damp homes, leading to poor wellbeing, and in worst cases impacting academic attainment.

Our brand new 5 year National Lottery Community Fund project aims to address the challenges faced by students in the UK as they navigate the complexities of the home energy system.

We have many opportunities for your campus and students to get involved in the project:

- Student auditor training - student are trained and paid to complete home energy audits of their own and peer's properties.
- Student campaigning - supporting students, Student Unions and university staff to raise awareness of home energy issues locally and nationally.
- Student resources - energy guides, newsletters, campus visits and activities delivered to students.



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Please let us know if you would like to be kept up to date with home energy efficiency opportunities for your campus

Invest For Change



Invest for Change is a campaign to **radically reform how universities invest their endowments**, unleashing their positive potential to create a more just and sustainable economy.

UK universities have over **£20 billion** of endowments invested in companies that frequently act against the interests of students and the world they will graduate into, including arms manufacturers, fossil fuel giants and other socially and environmentally harmful corporations.

We support student in calling their universities to:



Invest in environmental and social justice solutions that have measurable, real-world impact.



Engage with investments to spur bold wider corporate behaviour change.



Transform governance to adopt responsible investment policies that support a just and sustainable future.

Join our national campaign to transform university finances to work in the interest of students, not against them! If you're an officer or student campaigner, get in contact to discuss a campaign at your university. Book a free workshop with us to find out more or check out our [website](#) and [resources](#)!

Contact hello@sos-uk.org for more information!

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Supporting curriculum transformation

Changing formal education is fundamental to transforming society, which is why SOS-UK offers programmes that support students' unions to work with their institution to embed sustainability and climate justice into their teaching and learning.

Responsible Futures

Responsible Futures is our accreditation programme and supported change framework for embedding sustainability and climate justice through all aspects of learning in partnership with students. It promotes a **whole-institution approach** to embed sustainability in all student learning. To date, **over 50** universities and colleges and their students have participated, representing over **one million students** in the UK and globally.

You will receive 1) access to the online toolkit and framework, 2) annual bespoke support (which could include training, audit preparation, speaking at events, research), 3) membership to the national and global cohort network, national support afternoons (2-3 per year), 4) informal online cohort catch ups and webinars (2-3 per year) led by SOS-UK and nominated host partnerships, 5) access to the online resource bank, 6) two-day student-led audit, feedback report and 7) ad hoc remote support as required.

[Full programme information on our website.](#)

	First year of participation	Subsequent years of participation
Higher Education Institutions	£5,615 +VAT	£4,895 +VAT
Further Education Institutions	£4,920 +VAT	£4,280 +VAT



Responsible Futures

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Student-led sustainability curriculum mapping

A support package for mapping the UN Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs), sustainability competencies, and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and decolonising approaches across the formal curriculum through a **student-led audit**.

Universities, colleges, and students’ unions are increasingly examining how they might map their teaching and learning against the SDGs. In response to [institutional and student demand](#), in partnership with the University of Winchester, we developed a training and support package for mapping the curriculum to the SDGs and wider sustainability learning through a student-led audit. We offer three tiers of support for the mapping, outlined below or can create **bespoke packages** depending on your needs. Mapping can take place at the faculty-level or across the whole institution. [Full programme information on our website.](#)

[Learn more about Liverpool Guild's mapping project on our website.](#)

To date, we’ve worked with **over 500** students to: 1) establish a baseline for measuring progress, 2) uncover pockets of good practice around sustainability 3) facilitate dialogue between staff and students 4) create an evidence base for more work in sustainability 5) encourage and support student leadership of this work.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Module descriptor methodology	£2,815 +VAT	£3,715 +VAT	£4,665 +VAT
Student experience methodology	£3,400 +VAT	£4,515 +VAT	£5,465 +VAT



“Through curriculum mapping, I explored the bigger picture and purpose of my modules, and how they relate to sustainability.” *Student Auditor*

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Supporting nature on campus

We support students' unions to address the ecological crisis through running practical, solutions-focused biodiversity and nature programmes. The UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, and we need to act.

Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award

Hedgehogs are a beloved species now vulnerable to extinction in the UK. Hedgehog Friendly Campus is an awards programme with a custom toolkit and associated activities that offer your staff and students the opportunity to:

- Protect hedgehogs and other wildlife from hazards
- Create and enhance habitats
- Raise awareness and engage staff and students

How it works...

This popular programme is open to universities and colleges who work through Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards. We provide opportunities to track wildlife, create engaging awareness campaigns and support you to restore habitats. Awards are accredited by the [British Hedgehog Preservation Society](#).

[Full programme information](#).



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Biodiversity

Full University & College Support Package: £3565 +VAT. Includes toolkit access, planning and support calls with lead contact, student-led audit training, three additional supporting activities (one in person), audit and accreditation certificate, [student ambassador](#) and [auditor](#) digital skills badges, ad hoc support and access to The Hedge peer networking sessions. You will also be listed as a participating member on our

Basic University and College Support Package: £850 +VAT. Includes access to the toolkit, The Hedge peer networking sessions and allows you to maintain accreditation with an end of year audit (no supporting activities, planning or support calls are included).

Minimum Access Package: £50 +VAT. Includes access to the toolkit, The Hedge peer networking sessions and you will be listed as a participating member on our [website](#) (no accreditation, supporting activities or planning or support calls).

Free package: Includes toolkit access only (no accreditation, supporting activities, planning or support calls or access to The Hedge networking sessions).

Wilder Campuses Advisory Programme

Background

SOS-UK's brand-new Wilder Campuses Advisory Programme supports your campus to tackle the nature emergency with students at the forefront.

How it works

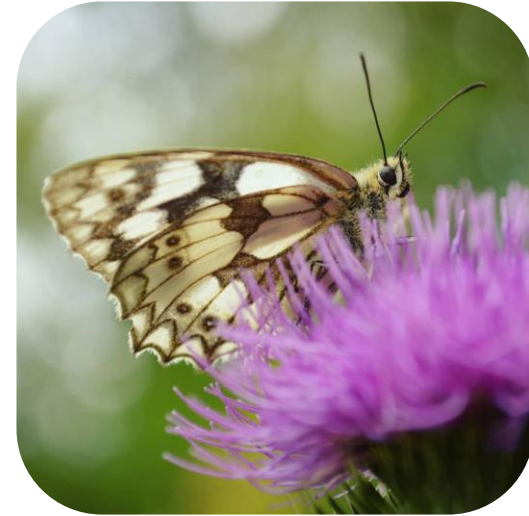
You'll receive an initial support call, a student nature consultation, a student habitat survey training course and a final report, allowing you to make informed, student-led decisions on what you can do for nature.

Wilder Campuses will be particularly useful if your university or college is yet to write a Biodiversity Action Plan, or your current plan is due to be reviewed.

[Full Programme Information on our website.](#)

Annual cost: £3,250 +VAT. We can be flexible on the elements of the programme based on need, please ask for more information when completing the sign up form.

Price includes: An initial support call with SOS-UK's Biodiversity team, an in-person student consultation capturing student opinions on your current or proposed Biodiversity Action Plan, an in-person student habitat training course and a final Wilder Campuses report. The report will include the results from the student consultation, helping you to plan your next steps for nature. It will also include results from the student habitat survey as well as a recommended supplier list from our network of partners.



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Supporting student health and wellbeing

We supports students' unions to take a holistic approach in creating healthy and inclusive cultures on campuses around drugs and alcohol.

Alcohol Impact

A whole-university programme and accreditation mark designed to foster responsible drinking cultures for your students. We adopt social change theory aiming to reduce harm and improve welfare, wellbeing and academic achievement - whilst creating more inclusive spaces and enhancing the student experience.

How it works

- You'll have access to our online toolkit that provides resources and highlights areas of good practice.
- Your students' union and university work together to improve their working practices and undertake several ambitious behaviour change interventions
- After 2 years, SOS-UK trains and supports your students to conduct an audit
- If criteria have been completed to a satisfactory level, the institution is awarded with our accreditation mark

You will receive a support package including regular 1-2-1s, local and national workshops and training events and numerous resources and project materials. [Full programme information on our website.](#)



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Working towards accreditation fee, supported for one year	Post accreditation membership for one year	Working towards accreditation fee, supported for two years (10% discount)	Post accreditation membership for two years (10% discount)
£6,110 +VAT	£4,950 +VAT	£10,998 +VAT	£8,910 +VAT

Please note: If signing up to a multi-year programme, you can either pay via one invoice or be invoiced in annual instalments.

Drug and Alcohol Impact

Drug and Alcohol Impact supports institutions in taking a holistic approach to drugs and alcohol. The programme not only supports institutions to embed social norms of responsible drinking on their campuses but also refocuses the conversation on drugs towards reducing harm and prioritising the health and wellbeing of students.

Drug and Alcohol Impact allows institutions to demonstrate compliance with the [Universities UK framework](#) into student drug use.

Participating institutions receive a support package including regular 1-2-1s, on-campus visits, national workshops and training events and numerous resources and project materials. [Full programme information on our website.](#)



Recognises and rewards institutions that demonstrate good practice in student drug and alcohol use and who make student wellbeing a university-wide priority



Be part of a supportive cohort of universities working towards a shared aim. You can exchange best practices, share experiences, and learn from one another's successes and challenges.



Gives you access to resources, best practice and support, whether you are at the start of your journey focusing on student drug and alcohol use or have already introduced a harm reduction policy on campus.

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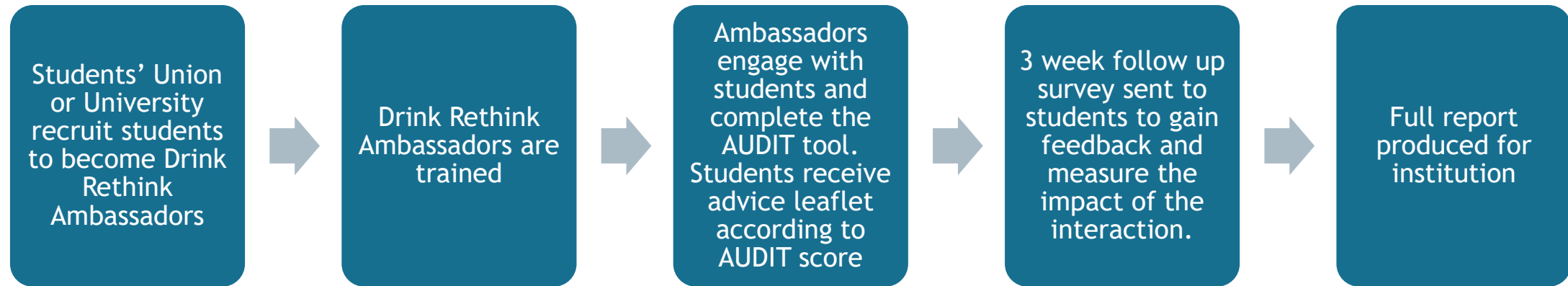
Working towards accreditation fee, supported for one year	Post accreditation membership for one year	Working towards accreditation fee, supported for two years (10% discount)	Post accreditation membership for two years (10% discount)
£7,500 +VAT	£6,460 +VAT	£13,500 +VAT	£11,628 +VAT

Please note: If signing up to a multi-year programme, you can either pay via one invoice or be invoiced in annual instalments.

Drink Rethink

Drink Rethink is a preventative approach helping your students to reflect on their drinking, considering the risks associated and the benefits of cutting down. The intervention is delivered by trained students ambassadors who use a nationally recognised evidence-based behaviour change tool.

[Full programme information on our website.](#)



Price: £2,820 + VAT

In 2024/25 we reached 7,300 students with this intervention. Of those who responded to follow-ups:

- 59% said they learned something new about their alcohol use
- 47% said it made them think about changing their drinking
- 35% actually reduced their drinking levels



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General Support

We offer a range of fully bespoke activities, training and support to help drive sustainability in a range of areas, delivered by our friendly expert team.

The Student Sustainability Summit

The Sustainability Summit is our flagship sustainability event for students, officers and staff from across the movement.

Date TBC, likely Spring 2026

The Sustainability Summit offers workshops, talks and panel discussions with some of the UK's top environmental and social justice activists and campaigners, from organisations such as Friends of the Earth and People and Planet, as well as the students and students' unions leading the youth climate movement.

The Summit provides you with the opportunity to **connect with others** involved with environmental and climate justice campaigning, and to **gain practical skills** in community organising, campaign planning, liberation and sustainability, and so much more.

The Summit is open to all students over the age of 16, as well as officers and staff from both the SU and institution.

[Sign up to our newsletter](#) to be the first to know when 2026 tickets are available.

If you have any queries, please contact hello@sos-uk.org

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Learning Academy: Training, Workshops And Events

We provide learning opportunities delivered in a variety of methods including face-to-face and online, and to a range of audiences such as students, student representatives, officers and SU staff.

Some training sessions are delivered centrally across the SU network, whereas others are available for individual SUs to book on demand.

We offer a range of workshops, which can be made bespoke upon request. Check out our most popular sessions for SUs below or find out more about bespoke sessions on our [Learning Academy webpage](#).



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- [Course reps & sustainability: an introduction to ESD](#): Introduce course reps to sustainability and how it links to the curriculum.
- [Sustainable students](#): 101 session on embedding sustainability in all aspects of student life
- [Decolonising and decarbonising education](#): Applying decolonising and decarbonising to education for climate justice.
- [Taking sustainability values into your career](#): Training for students and/or representatives from all programmes of study to explore sustainability values and ethics, and bringing this into future careers regardless of specialism.

Price: Centralised training starts at £110 per person + VAT and commissioning your own training starts from £370 + VAT. [Find out more on our Learning Academy pages here](#) or get in touch on LearningAcademy@sos-uk.org

Learning Academy: Carbon Literacy

Carbon Literacy is defined as: “An awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.”

Our training provides attendees (staff, officers, or students) with introductory science on the climate crisis to understand the social and environmental impacts of CO₂ emissions. Additionally, SOS-UK’s course has an increased focus on climate justice, and the inter-related nature of carbon emissions and wider environmental concerns.

During the training attendees will begin to develop their skills for acting on and communicating the climate crisis. The course lasts around 10 hours and includes online training elements and self-study.

This training is certified by The Carbon Literacy Project. Upon successful completion of the training, learners will be awarded a Carbon Literacy certificate and a digital badge.

Our Carbon Literacy course supports learners to identify and plan realistic and impactful actions to reduce their carbon footprint in the context of their workplace or place of study, contributing towards sustainability aims, and potentially reducing direct costs to the institution such as energy and travel.



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Price: From £2,510 + VAT for 20 spaces and includes certification for all attendees. [Find out more on our Learning Academy page](#) or get in touch on LearningAcademy@sos-uk.org

Inclusion For Climate Justice

Data from [2022 research by SOS-UK, UKRI and IEMA](#), and the latest findings from SOS-UK led [The RACE Report](#) highlights the lack of ethnically and racially minoritised staff in environment professions and the sector's career pipelines. The RACE Report found that only 7% of professionals in the sector are People of Colour. The average for the entire work population is double that (14%).

Lack of inclusion and diversity in the sector is preventing truly delivering on climate and environmental justice. The tertiary education sector has a critical role in addressing this. SOS-UK's Inclusion and climate justice team was set up to tackle this issue, working directly with students, employers, and colleges and universities.

6% to 14% of students taking higher education courses closely related to environment careers identify as Black, Asian, Mixed or other ethnicities in comparison with 26% across all higher education subjects.

[SOS-UK, UKRI, IEMA, 2022](#)

We offer tailored support for staff and students

- **Workshops, training and consultancy for academic staff (and students)** leading on and working on environment, climate, sustainability and conservation related modules and courses. This could include those working on (or studying) courses from geospatial mapping to sustainability in the built environment; to environmental science or political ecology. Workshops will focus on better inclusion onto courses, help with how the courses are structured, as well helping students have better access to academic and career development in the sector.
- **Training and consultancy for professional services staff** focused on careers, recruitment and HR teams with the aim of improving access for underrepresented students to the green and associated sector.
- We can provide **bespoke support and mentoring** for individual students or staff, teams and groups within your institution.

Price: Bespoke training starts from £450 + VAT. [Find out more on our Learning Academy pages](#) or get in touch at hello@sos-uk.org

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SUs partner with their institutions to run sustainability programmes

SOS-UK runs a number of other programmes which are ideal for SUs to work in partnership with their institution on meaningful sustainability change. More information can be found below for you to discuss with your institution.

- [Fairtrade University and College Award](#): From procuring more Fairtrade products to embedding trade justice principles in policies and campaigns, the Award seeks to impact students, staff and producers.
- [Green Campus Revolution](#) builds students' sustainability literacy, focusing on enhancing student experience and empowerment

**Green Campus
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No-cost resources and support

Stay connected to our work, even if you aren't taking part in one of our programmes or campaigns right now!

- [Look up your institution's carbon target](#)
- [Read about links between sustainability & intersectionality](#), or [start an intersectionality learning group](#)
- [Check out our sustainable food guide](#)
- [Share energy saving advice with your students](#)
- [Write to your MP/MSP to demand action on climate education](#)

Keep up to date with our latest opportunities:

- [Sign up to our main newsletter](#)
- [Sign up to our sustainable accommodation newsletter](#)
- [Sign up to our food and farming newsletter](#)
- [Join our Alcohol, drugs and student wellbeing network](#)
- Follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) or [check out our website](#)



[Access our 2025-26 sign up form](#)

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