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Clubs and Societies Awards

Make your student club or society more sustainable by following our Sustainability Awards Framework

Recognising sustainability in sports clubs and student societies

If you're a student involved in a **sports club** or **student society**, you can work with your student group to participate in the **Clubs & Societies Awards**. It's an opportunity for student groups to engage, create and act on developing a sustainable and ethical future through their activities no matter your background or area of study.

What is it

The Awards provide a framework of 30 actions to support students to make positive social change. From light-touch actions like using active travel or using reusable water bottles down to more hands-on actions such as hosting an event or volunteering in the community, there are many entry points to get involved. There is no deadline to register, but you must submit evidence no later than 22 April 2022. You can enter your sports club or student society for an Award, with the opportunity to work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Benefits of participating

Raise the profile of your student group by progressing work towards making the University and wider community a better place. You will work towards a bronze, silver or gold accreditation which you will be able to put against your student group's website and recruitment, showcasing your commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. You will also receive recognition on the Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability's Awards page. The Clubs and Societies Awards are an opportunity to make a difference within your areas of influence.

How it works

There are three themes - engage, create and act. These themes make up a total of 30 actions (x10 per theme). Flexibility and creativity are highly encouraged whilst participating in the awards. You will receive recognition after completing a set number of criteria:

- Bronze Award: x10 challenges/actions completed (regardless of theme)
- Silver Award: x18 challenges/actions completed (regardless of theme)
- Gold Award: x25 challenges/actions completed (regardless of theme)

Link to webpage and registration

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/sustainability/programmes-and-projects/sustainability-innovation-leadership/sustainable-leadership/sustainability-awards/clubs-societies-awards>

Social media accounts

Instagram [@uoe_sustainability](#) | Twitter [@edsust](#) | Facebook [edinburghsustainability](#) | LinkedIn [Social Responsibility & Sustainability](#)

Questions?

Email lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk or srs.department@ed.ac.uk

Challenge Theme: Engage

| Challenge number and description | How to evidence (deadline to submit is 22 April 2022) |
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| 1 - Register your student group as participants in the Clubs & Societies Awards, create a social media post sharing this with your peers. | Share on social media and don't forget to tag us in your post - screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 2 - Select a Sustainability Officer to represent your student group and be the lead contact (minimum 1 officer, preferred 2 officers) | Have the sustainability officer(s) email lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk and confirm their role |
| 3 - Follow SRS on our socials (through main group account) and sign up to our newsletter (5 or more members) | Screenshot this action and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 4 - Sign up to the Sustainability Champions network | Post in the Champions Yammer channel, sharing a few sentences about why your student group is taking part, screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 5 - Complete an online training offered by SRS, such as the Introduction to Sustainability training (3 or more members including on office bearer e.g. president, sustainability officer, secretary, etc.) | Screenshot the completed course confirmation and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 6 - Attend one of our exciting events or workshops (5 or more members, can be all at the same event / workshop, or could be split across different events / workshops) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form – don't forget to tag us in your post |
| 7 - Visit the Zero Waste Corner at 40 George Square or another ethical shop in Edinburgh, where you can purchase a range of sustainable snacks and essentials | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form – don't forget to tag us in your post |
| 8 - Join the Green Hub Teams channel and like a post in the general channel (5 or more members) | Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 9 – Identify your biggest impacts by asking members about the positive and negative impacts connected to the Social and Civic Responsibility Plan your student group has. Review the results and come up with at least 3 actions to improve sustainability and social responsibility within your group. | Create a short write-up (300 – 500 words) including your x3 actions and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 10 – Got a better idea? You can submit additional activities or initiatives that could sit within this category – the sky's the limit, we encourage creativity! | This could be submitted via Microsoft Form, as a blog post, in a social media campaign where we are tagged, emailed to lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk , etc. |

Challenge Theme: Create

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| 11 - Create 3 unique top tips for being sustainable and socially responsible on campus and around Edinburgh, and share on social media | Share on social media – don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 12 - Enjoy a plant-based meal with your student group and share the recipe or photos on social media | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 13 - Write a blog post for us with a sustainability theme relating to your student group | Request blog guidance and submit blog from lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk |
| 14 - Instead of replacing damaged kit, personal items, etc., get crafty and repair the item or safely DIY it into something entirely different. Check out SHRUB COOP for ideas and workshops | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 15 - Discover how you can reuse and create less waste by visiting one of the many charity shops located in Edinburgh | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 16 - Create a sustainability pledge that your student group will work towards, the pledge should be signed by the President and Sustainability Officer(s) on behalf of the group. | Share your pledge on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, email directly to lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk , or in a blog post – don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 17 - Create positive social impact by registering your interest to speak at an SRS event on a topic you are passionate about (1 member or more) – register your interest here . Alternatively, let us know via email about an external event you've spoken at. | Include the name of your student group in question 6 on the registration form or email lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk |
| 18 - Organise a creative walking activity which promotes local culture, art, history, landscape, etc. Ideas include an art crawl, music venue tour, photography tour, Edinburgh walking tour, etc. (4+ members) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 19 – Support exchange and reuse by organising a swap and share, donating unwanted items to charity, developing a lending library, etc. | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
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Challenge Theme: Act

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| 21 - Consistently use active/sustainable travel to get to meetings, sessions or socials (x5 members or more) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 22 - Partner with another student group to run a zero waste social or activity | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 23 - Host a meeting, session or social in a green or blue space such as a park, trail, the beach or waterway- check out our Green Campus Tour | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 24 - Volunteer with the local community, learn more about opportunities through the Students' Association (x4 members or more) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 25 - Get involved with the Student Council by attending a meeting, voting on issues, or submitting a motion that has to do with making student life more sustainable and ethical (x2 members or more) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 26 – Members should be consistently using reusable water bottles and eliminating single use items where possible | Share x3 top tips for reducing single use items and share on social media – don't forget to tag us. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 27 - Find out about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by taking a look at some of these resources . Identify 3 actions that your student group is currently doing to progress these actions. | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 28 – Watch a film or documentary series about sustainability, social responsibility or social justice (x5 or more members) | Share your experience on social media, the Green Hub, Sustainability Champions Yammer, or in a blog post– don't forget to tag us in your post. Screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
| 29 – Host an event that will teach peers about core aspects of social responsibility and sustainability like climate change, wellbeing, travel, etc. | Inform lauren.mcleron@ed.ac.uk of this event. Share your experience on social media, screenshot and submit via Microsoft Form |
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