The Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were decided by heads of state of the United Nations. The goals address significant global issues including ending poverty and ensuring quality education. Together, the 193 Member States ambitiously aim to make visionary achievements in all 17 areas by 2030.



However, the goals aren't just for governments to work towards

Businesses, institutions and individuals can all take steps towards achieving them. The main educational role of NTU falls within Goal 4 "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" but this is not where our responsibility ends.



NTU's Environment Team and Green Academy work with staff, students and partners to support many of these goals

Examples include:

NTU's dedication to recycling an average of 98% of waste addresses responsible consumption (Goal 12) and helps protect life on land (Goal 15).

Campus Travel Plans encourage sustainable transport use to all campuses and discourages individuals commuting by car.

The Carbon Woodland at Brackenhurst Campus helps to offset the university's carbon footprint (Goal 13) while adding valuable habitat to the farmland that can support a variety of wildlife (Goal 15).

The Foodshare allotment at Clifton donates produce to local charities to reduce hunger (Goal 2) while teaching students about sustainable food production (Goal 12).

Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015 ensures NTU minimises pollution (Goal 6) and negative impacts on biodiversity (Goal 15).

The Environment Team support staff to complete NUS Green Impact projects. For example the IDO team support an African orphanage and the SCCO team collect donations for local food banks (Goal 1 and 2).

New builds are held to high BREEAM standards to encourage sustainable use of energy (Goal 7) and minimal environmental impact on site (Goal 9).



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