

# GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS' UNIONS PROGRAMME OFFERING 2023-24

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SUSTAINABILITY  
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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.

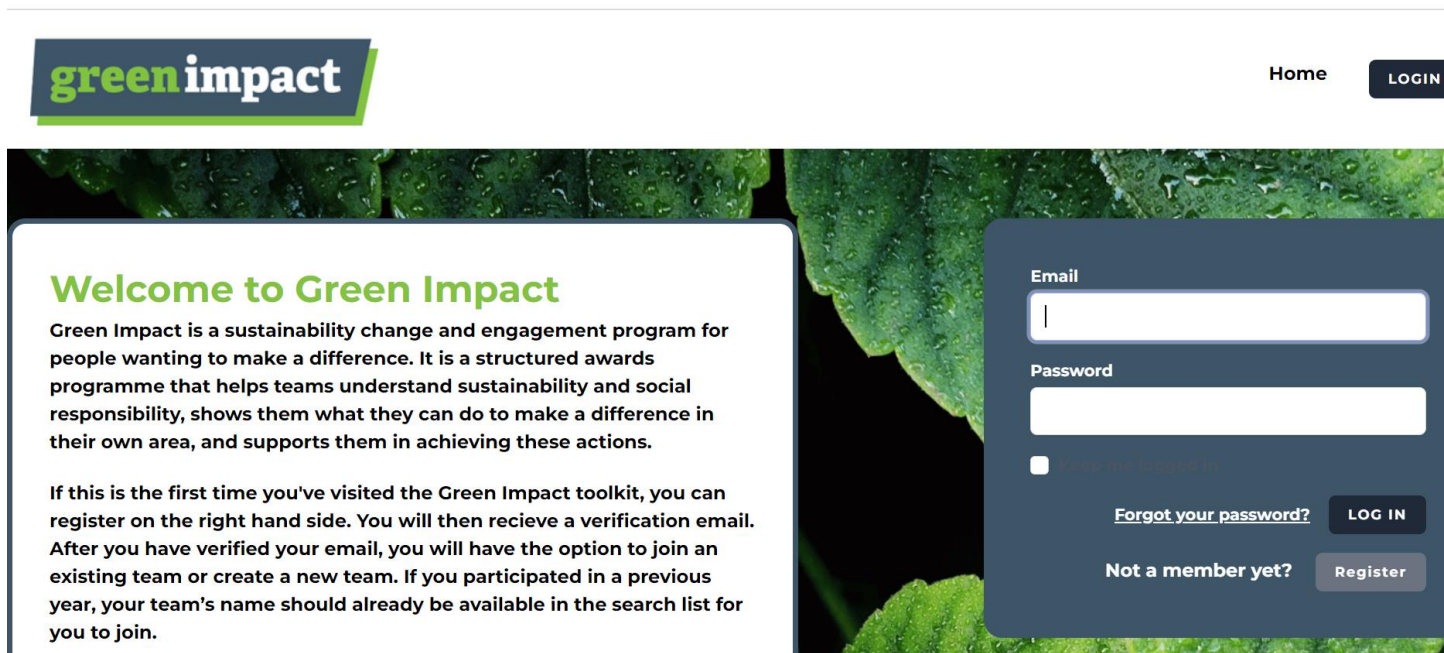
You're joining our **network**. We provide opportunities to partner with other unions, hold networking events and share good practice through resources and case studies.



# STUDENTS' UNIONS GAIN ACCESS TO OUR ONLINE TOOLKIT

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In 2023-24 we launch our brand-new 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.



The screenshot shows the Green Impact website interface. At the top left is the 'green impact' logo. At the top right are links for 'Home' and a 'LOGIN' button. The main content area has a background image of green leaves. On the left, a white box contains the text: '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.', and '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.' On the right, a dark blue login/register form contains fields for 'Email' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a 'Forgot your password?' link, a 'LOG IN' button, a 'Not a member yet?' link, and a 'Register' button.

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Home LOGIN

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- **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 idea sharing and inspire action. [More info on page 6.](#)
- **Peer to Peer** - We have a great network of sustainability contacts, help partner SUs and support or facilitate online forum calls. There are various online platforms to join in discussions, share ideas or ask questions.
- **Phone calls, mid-way** - Early in 2024 we will offer calls for all participating SUs to check-in with your progress, offer support and gather your feedback.

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- **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 SU 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](#). We often share examples of best practice with SUs when they get in contact with questions.
- **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 get in contact with us. We will host a joint skills and networking day on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for our GISU contacts at an additional cost.
- **Learning and development opportunities** - SUs participating in GISU will receive a 10% reduction in price to some [SOS-UK's Learning Academy offerings](#). Offerings particularly relevant for SUs include the Course reps & sustainability training and Campaign planning workshops.

# SUs ARE INVITED TO UNION-LED WEBINARS



All participating unions 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 others SUs to share best practice and learn more.

Last year's webinars included:

- Decolonising for change and climate justice
- Sustainable procurement at students' unions
- Fossil free careers
- Progress and action planning

GISU participants are also invited to our [national GI webinar series](#).

# KEY DATES



- **Launch:** 28th August 2023
- **Intro to GISU welcome webinar:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, 3pm
- **Student Sustainability Summit:** October/November 2023
- **Annual sustainability survey:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- **GISU contacts virtual skills & networking day:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 10am-4pm
- **GISU midway ‘check-in’ calls:** w/c 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- **National SDG teach in:** March 2024
- **Progress and action planning webinar:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 11am
- **Submission deadline:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024, 5pm
- **Audits:** June 2024
- **Awards confirmed:** July 2024

# 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.



# COST

## GISU GENERAL SIGN UP:

1 year - £450

2 years - £795

## OPTIONAL PROGRAMME ELEMENTS:

GISU staff and officer training and networking day, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - £100 per person (£90 early-bird, before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept)

Additional year-round support and guidance (including planning sessions, phone calls & resources) - £280

Bespoke training for your SU - from £395

GISU slate award - £30

\*Costs displayed exclude VAT which will be added on

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online form!

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