GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS’ UNIONS
PROGRAMME OFFERING 2023-24
GREEN IMPACT STUDENTS’ UNIONS IS...

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

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.
UNIONS RECEIVE A RANGE OF 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 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 6th 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.

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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 other 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: 3rd October 2023, 3pm
• Annual sustainability survey: 23rd October - 12th November 2023
• GISU contacts virtual skills & networking day: 6th December 2023, 10am-4pm
• Student Sustainability Summit: February 2024
• GISU midway ‘check-in’ calls: w/c 12th February 2024
• National SDG teach in: March 2024
• Progress and action planning webinar: 13th March 2024, 11am
• Submission deadline: Friday 3rd 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.

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COST

GISU GENERAL SIGN UP:
1 year - £450
2 years - £795

OPTIONAL PROGRAMME ELEMENTS:
GISU staff and officer training and networking day, 6th Dec - £100 per person (£90 early-bird, before 3rd 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
Sign up today using our online form!

For any enquiries, email gisu@sos-uk.org