

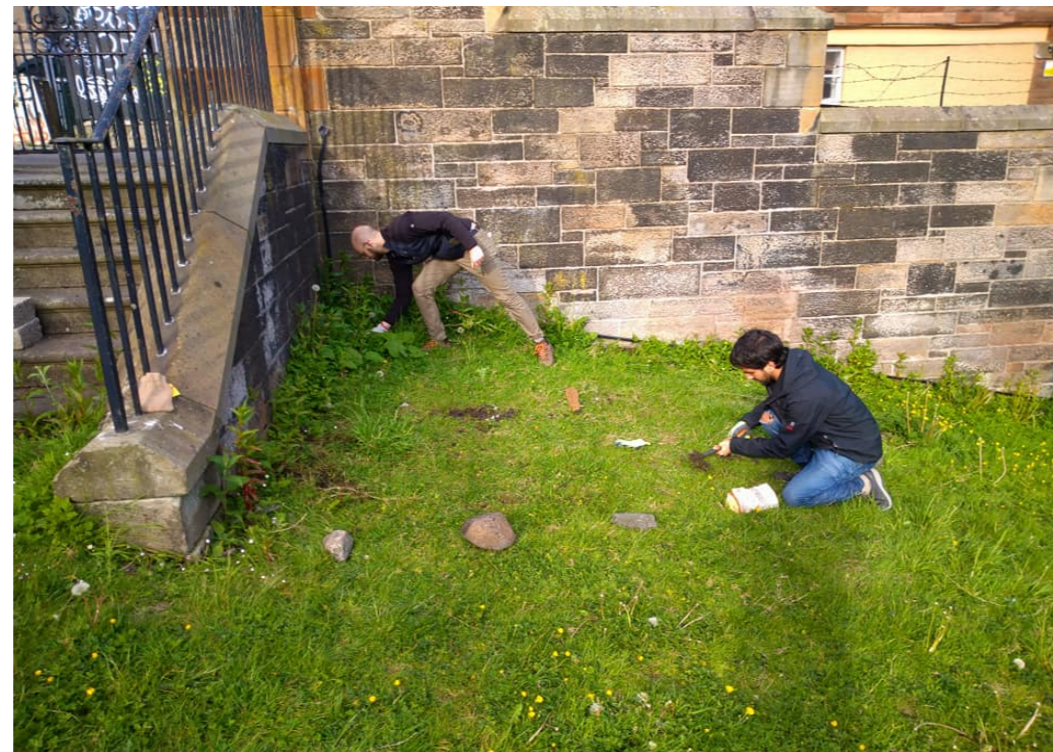


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Planted wildflowers and 'bee bombs' on grass lawns (urban 'rewilding')

Why I became a Sustainability Champion

I heard about the network through the School of Geosciences adverts and attended the initial launch event last semester. I am a passionate environmentalist and wanted to learn about affecting change on a small scale and how best to impact/influence others (both colleagues and tutees). I enjoyed the events put on by the network, especially the 'communicating sustainability' workshop and was involved with the student-led audit of the University of Edinburgh's SRS initiatives. It has been nice to be part of a network of like minded staff and students and I have enjoyed the opportunity to hear differing perspectives on sustainability issues.



My sustainable project or actions

- We planted bee-bombs, sunflowers and wildflowers to contribute to more biodiverse green areas around the Geography building on Drummond street. This brought people together to take small-scale local action in planning and planting. The numbers involved had to be limited and we ensured we socially distanced during the planting and watering.
- Feedback was gathered from those taking part and how people responded in group/committee meetings. The PGR community at Drummond street showed great enthusiasm and willingness to get involved with the project, giving us lots of ideas and differing perspectives.
- When social distancing ends, we hope to have regular group gardening sessions, leading to learning and socialising about urban biodiversity and gardening. We hope this can have an impact in creating a greater sense of community.



Note: Prior approval from Estates is required or projects can be removed if deemed to be causing an operational issue.

