

SRS Programmes Q2 Highlights 2020/21

Catalysing action and collaboration. Embedding sustainability and social responsibility across the University



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
Social Responsibility & Sustainability

Sustainability Leadership and Innovation

Supporting delivery of zero carbon and zero waste targets and integration of sustainability across the university



290 Staff Champions



34 staff completed Carbon Literacy training (65 year to date YTD)



42 staff completed Be Sustainable Induction and 348 pledges made



225 computers reused in quarter saving c£22k and 1300kg waste

“a great course – really interesting, well-structured and well-paced. Thanks to you all!” – Carbon Literacy participant

Sustainable Business and SRS in Supply Chains

Leveraging influence and relationships for wider impact near and far



Finalised “Peas Please” Pledge



Completing Make ICT Fair project



Coordinating Fairtrade University Award review

“...through working with others including businesses that we purchase from and invest in we can have a much wider impact on sustainability near and far” - UoE staff member

SRS Communications Channels

12,553 Social Media followers
Content in c10 internal c15 external channels

2,464 (+1% since last quarter)

5,875 (+3%)

4,214 (+1%)

36,716 (-30%) website visits

6,993 newsletter subscribers



Student Leadership for Sustainability

Working with students to develop knowledge, skills and actions to address the climate crisis and the Sustainable Development Goals



249 Student Champions



31 students completed Carbon Literacy training (47 YTD)



16 students completed Be Sustainable Online induction



30 students in Pathways with Department working to complete their SRS Edinburgh Award

“... I always take something away from it.”
- Student Pathways Participant

Biodiversity

Protecting and enhancing conditions for biodiversity on our campuses



Hedgehog Friendly Campus: Silver award submitted



Curated and launched the Green Campus Tours



Joined RISE UP to protect our oceans

“I'm really excited to engage with sustainability in this way and hopefully have a positive impact and help the hedgehogs.” - New Hedgehog Champion

Community Engagement

Delivering impactful projects and engagement with local communities to contribute to improving lives

£9,779 invested in community projects through community grants in quarter (£39,650 YTD)

243 in the Edinburgh Community Engagement Forum sharing good practice and lessons learned

Employee volunteering support launched

One parent of a child who has acute asthma agreed to let her child resume attending after school play sessions because she felt it was now “safe for him to play outdoors” as a result of a project
- community grants recipients

Edinburgh Local Communications Channels

3,355 Social Media followers

1,167 (+11% since last quarter)

1,517 (+8%)

671 (+8%)

13,145 website visits

1,448 newsletter subscribers