

#SRSsuperheroes



Celebrating the people and projects
making the University of Edinburgh
– and the world –
more socially responsible and sustainable.



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH



Social Responsibility
and Sustainability

A celebration of you

Our staff and student community are passionate about making the University – and the world – a more sustainable place.

From individual actions to huge collaborative research and teaching projects, this exhibition highlights just a few of those people and stories.

They are all 'SRS' superheroes – and you can be too.

We encourage you to interact with the exhibition by adding in your own thoughts, stories and tips, either here or online.

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This exhibition was curated by students **Celia Du** and **Hannah Stewart** during a work-based placement as part of their MSc Science Communication & Public Engagement degree.



The Department for Social Responsibility & Sustainability would like to thank Celia and Hannah wholeheartedly for their enthusiasm and professionalism in gathering stories, and for the high-quality work they produced in designing this exhibition.

Local and global context

The University of Edinburgh is committed to making a significant, sustainable and socially responsible contribution to Scotland, the UK and the world.

We celebrate these contributions on campus with the Sustainability Awards, and report on progress both locally or globally using the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainability Awards

The Sustainability Awards offer an opportunity for staff and students to receive recognition for making a difference and contributing towards the University becoming more socially responsible and sustainable.

Look out for these icons which indicate past and present award winners, and the level of award they received.



The Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, the United Nations asked countries to adopt a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda covering the next 15 years.



In 2018 the University and Students' Association signed the UN's Sustainable Development Goals Accord, in recognition of the critical role that education has in delivering the 'SDGs', and the values it brings to governments, businesses and wider society. The University now annually reports on how it is fulfilling the goals.

Look out for these symbols that indicate projects which contribute to these goals.

Inspiration is everywhere

What sparked our SRS superheroes' interest in sustainability?

“I spent almost
my entire childhood
IN NATURE”



Mara Goetz
Careers Service



“Our desire to
SAVE THE WORLD
...even if it's just via
a **little office** in
our corner of the world.”



Stina Saunders
Centre for Dementia Prevention

“**PEOPLE** sparked my interest
in sustainability... the
demermination and passion
of those who want to contribute
positively towards society and
the environment is
inspiring.”



Matthew Lawson
Social Responsibility and Sustainability



Inspiration is everywhere

“We all need to prioritise the

WELLBEING

of the planet
and each other.”



Joshua Holton
Edinburgh Global
& Student Recruitment and Admissions



“for me,

SUSTANABILITY

is about

EQUALITY.”



Sarah Ford-Hutchinson
Social Responsibility and Sustainability

“The SRS Awards are a
MOTIVATING TOOL
and are a very
well-organised programme.”



Jess Barrows
Scottish Student Sport



Over to you

What inspires you to be sustainable?

Grab a pen and tell us why sustainability matters to you.

Meaningful action

What are the SRS superheroes doing to be more sustainable?

Staff clocked up over

8300 MILES

during the Make Your Move challenge, a potential carbon saving of **2.21 TONNES**



Gold Project
Centre for Sport & Exercise



“Sharing food brought people together and encouraged staff to take time away from their desks.”



Bring and Share lunch
Careers Service

SUSTAINABILITY
CHAMPION
of the week



Centre for Dementia Prevention



Meaningful action

We designed and manufactured
a version of **HYPERLOOP**,
proposing a route from
London to Edinburgh

IN 50 MINUTES



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SHRUB

Swap & Re-use Hub

“We have a *swapshop*,
a food sharing group
and run

**BIKE REPAIR
WORKSHOPS**.”



SHRUB

The Swap and Reuse Hub

“There is
no such thing as waste;
just
resources in the
wrong place.”



SHRUB

The Swap and Reuse Hub



Meaningful action

Tackling
global environmental
challenges
through
**TEACHING,
RESEARCH and OUTREACH**



Global Environment
and Society Academy



Exploring SRS issues
in **scientific, social,
economical,
political and artistic
ways**



Sustainability
& Social Responsibility
online course
School of Geosciences

“We are *inspired* by
amazing colleagues and
students

**CHAMPIONING
SUSTAINABILITY.”**



Dave Reay
School of Geosciences



Meaningful action

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PIECES OF FURNITURE

REUPHOLSTERED

“we saved resources, supported a local small business, and got

a new look for less.”



School of
Social and Political Science



We are committed to tackling **MODERN SLAVERY** in the University's supply chains



Procurement Office
& Department for Social
Responsibility and Sustainability

“We listed
unwanted items
on
Warp It”



School of Law



Over to you

What actions do you take to bring sustainability into your studies, work or life?

Use the space below to scribble your own SRS superhero actions.

Tips for success

What tips do the SRS superheroes have for anyone interested in improving the sustainability of their fellow students and staff?

“Find ways to **ENCOURAGE** people by focusing on the things they **CARE** about.”



Edinburgh Global & Student Recruitment and Admissions



“Make it **COMPETITIVE**, make it **INCLUSIVE**, and offer **INCENTIVES**.”



Lisa Adams
School of Law

“Incorporate **SUSTAINABILITY** into the team’s **IDENTITY** so everyone feels a level of **RESPONSIBILITY**.”



Centre for Dementia Prevention



Tips for success

“LEARNING
about saving energy &
ADOPTING
sustainable behaviours
are more fun when done
COLLABORATIVELY.”



Centre for Dementia Prevention



“Embedding sustainable practices
into your procedures is often

MORE EFFICIENT

and

**MAKES YOU
FEEL BETTER**

about what you’re doing.”



Megan Cruickshank
School of Social and Political Science

“Think about
the small changes
you can make in your life
to make your work or
home
more sustainable.”



Jess Barrows
Scottish Student Sport



Over to you

What tips do you have for others who want to be more sustainable?

Extra points for drawing them!

Thank you

The Department for Social Responsibility and Sustainability would like to thank everyone who contributed to this exhibition.

For every story featured there were many more to choose from, and we'd like to congratulate **everyone** who makes the University a more sustainable place to learn and work in.



For more information on any aspect of sustainability at the University of Edinburgh, or to find out how to get involved, visit www.sustainability.ed.ac.uk.

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