

Final Report on National Union of Students Living Greener Project

Green Impact

Headline achievements

- 134 staff and student teams taking part across 6 institutions, engaging 861 people directly in Green Impact teams
- 81 teams completing the programme and gaining awards
- 45 student auditors received IEMA approved training and audited staff departments
- 5 GI project Assistants were trained and supported at Swansea University for the first time this year
- 2481 actions were taken across the programme, 1619 of these as a direct result of Green Impact
- An estimated potential 367,265kg of CO₂ saved through Bronze greening actions on waste and energy⁴
- An estimated potential £69,782 of savings across Bronze greening actions on waste and water.

Student Switch Off

Headline achievements

- 5.11% reduction in electricity usage across 5 of the Universities⁶
- 476,459 kWh of electricity saved compared to the equivalent months of the baseline year after factoring in temperature variations
- 230 tonnes of CO₂ saved
- £38,116 saved over the academic year at 5 Universities⁷ (projected from 89 days of calculated savings – see next page)
- 898 students active across Facebook groups
- 291 photos uploaded to Facebook groups
- 113 students trained as SSO Ambassadors

- 2,114 students participating in an online Climate Change Quiz
- Total of 472 hours of student time volunteered (ambassador training and participation in online quizzes)

Blackout

Headline achievements

- 119 students recruited and trained as auditors
- 63 staff members engaged as auditors and coordinators
- 182 buildings audited across all 6 institution's campuses
- -Cumulative total estimated annual saving across the organisations over £17,50010
- Bangor engaged 45 Students in their blackout saving of £180 over that one weekend, resulting in an estimated annual saving of £9388.07
- Aberystwyth and TSD both recruited 12 students to join staff on their Blackout events, auditing a small sample of their buildings in this first year
- Swansea and Cardiff Met have calculated weekend energy reductions of 1219 and 1448 Kwh respectively
- National NUS coverage of the event: www.nus.org.uk/en/news/blackout-tackling-energy-wastage-on-campuses/

Snap it off

Headline achievements

- Launched on 15th January 2014 with a Twitter and Facebook campaign
- 11 individual students uploaded 51 pictures across the 6 institutions
- 12 ³/₄ hours of student participation time through photo uploads
- Cardiff was the UK top photo uploading organisation in the national competition www.cardiffstudents.com/news/article/6013/We-won-Snap-it-Off/
- Arriva Trains Wales support and ongoing partnership formed

Time Banking

Headline achievements

Through all of our projects we were able to engage a large number of staff and students as voluntary participants. From Green Impact auditors and SSO ambassadors, to Blackout coordinators and Snap it Off contributors, we reached an estimated 3290 volunteers, giving over 5600 hours of their time. Rewards were given to students across 4 participating institutions, and Swansea University won the overall institution prize for the most hours logged across the projects, gaining national NUS coverage. Having a centralised banking and rewards system was of great interest to all of the institutions involved and has led to us developing a much more comprehensive system for all UK Students' Unions launching in September 2014.