

UWS Students' Union Sustainability Statement

At UWS Students' Union, we believe sustainability is about more than protecting the environment. It is about fairness, wellbeing, and the kind of future we are building together.

We represent a diverse student community, many of whom are already navigating inequality, financial pressure, and uncertainty about the future. For us, sustainability means tackling those challenges alongside the climate crisis. It means making choices that support people as well as the planet.

We are guided by the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#), using them as a framework to shape our priorities and hold ourselves accountable. In particular, we focus on:

- Reducing inequalities and widening access to opportunity
- Promoting good health and wellbeing
- Supporting responsible consumption and sustainable campus life
- Taking action on climate change in ways that are practical and inclusive

What this means in practice

We are committed to:

- **Embedding sustainability in how we work**
We will consider environmental and social impact in our decisions, from governance and budgeting to events and services.
- **Taking practical action on campus**
We will focus on changes that make a real difference to students' daily lives. This includes reducing waste, improving access to affordable food and facilities, and supporting initiatives that cut costs as well as carbon.
- **Supporting student-led change**
Students are at the heart of this work. We will create opportunities for students to lead projects, shape campaigns, and build skills that support their future.

➤ **Working in partnership**

We will work with the University, communities, and organisations such as SOS-UK to strengthen our impact and contribute to wider change.

➤ **Being open and accountable**

We will report on our progress, learn from what works, and be honest about where we need to do better.

A shared responsibility

Sustainability is not something that sits with one team or one project. It belongs to all of us.

Whether you are a student, staff member, volunteer or officer, there are ways to get involved. Small actions matter, but so does collective effort. The changes we make here don't stop at our campuses. They shape the communities we are part of, the decisions we influence, and the kind of society we want to live in.

Together, we can help build a future that is fairer, greener, and more equal - not just within the Students' Union, but across the wider world.