

Ideas for Making your Group more Sustainable

Sustainability isn't just about recycling. It's about making the world a happy and healthy place for everyone, now and in the future.

We all play a vital role in this.

The decisions we make everyday, at university and at home, have an impact on people and the planet.

This is why sustainability is one of Bristol SU's core values. As an organisation, we are committed to reducing our social, economic and environmental impact both locally and globally.

For every project we set a sustainability target that challenges us to think about the wider impact of our actions.

As a student group, you should know your targets, and know the best ways to meet them.

If you are struggling with setting your sustainability targets, take a look at the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) below. These were set by the UN in 2015 to be achieved globally by 2030.

Think about what impact your group will have on one or more of these, locally and globally. What changes could you make to reduce that impact?



Examples and Ideas

Here are just some of the ideas we have come up with... and we know there are LOADS more!

- Use reusable crockery and glasses rather than disposable for events
- Encourage sustainable transport methods to events
- Choose only, or mostly, vegetarian catering (did you know the meat industry produces more CO2 than any other?)
- Run charity fundraising events
- Collaborate with other student groups on events- saves on energy and creates partnerships!
- Support local businesses by purchasing from local suppliers
- Buy Fairtrade to support farmers around the world
- Play an active role in your community and in society
- Ensure you have a robust strategic plan for the year ahead
- Ensure an event breaks even by charging a small, affordable entrance fee

If you have any questions about sustainability in your group, or you are interested to learn more, you can contact us at bristolsu-development@bristol.ac.uk, or visit the [Sustainability page](#) on the Bristol SU website.