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**Good Practice  
through the years**

# Themes

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4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
5. Travel
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# Energy

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# Turn off and Bake off - Ulster

Computer switch off campaign - Staff submitted entries and the head of department picked the winner. Prize was some home baked goodies.



# Power Down at Queen University

For the Christmas holiday Queens run their 'Lo Lo Lo' competition where staff are encouraged to turn off appliances. The two departments who save the most energy receive £250



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## Green George – Anglia Ruskin

Green George – team lead at Anglia Ruskin University who helped promote different environmental actions in a fun and friendly way. He even has a facebook page!

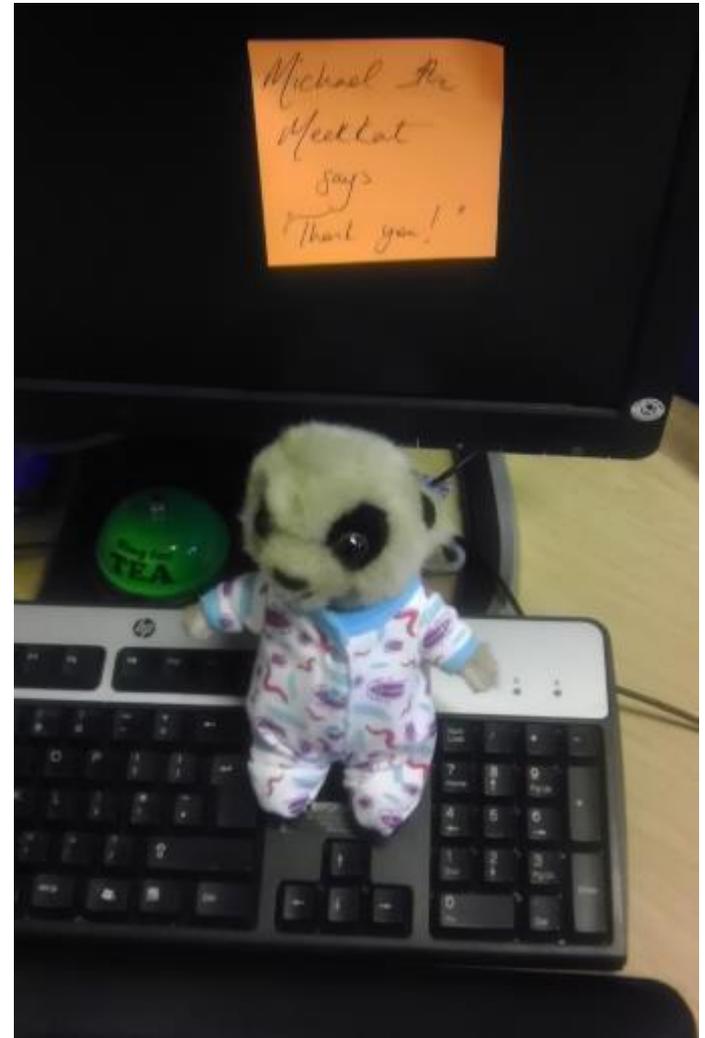


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# University of Cumbria – Powerdown mascot

Michael the Meerkat goes round various desks to say thank you to team members for turning off their computers at the end of the day.



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# University of Huddersfield Students' Union – Snap it Off!

Clubs and Societies were encouraged to get involved in the Snap It Off Campaign by recruiting their team members to go round campus looking for and turning off lights which didn't need to be on.



Huddersfield SU @HuddersfieldSU · Mar 3

#SnapItOff and win £50 for your @hudunisport club or @HudSUSocieties today! [bit.ly/1Rs2wXv](https://bit.ly/1Rs2wXv)



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# University of Leicester Students' Union – Snap It Off!

Students used union branded signs to show their university who was behind the campaign – 50 photos were uploaded on one day of action!

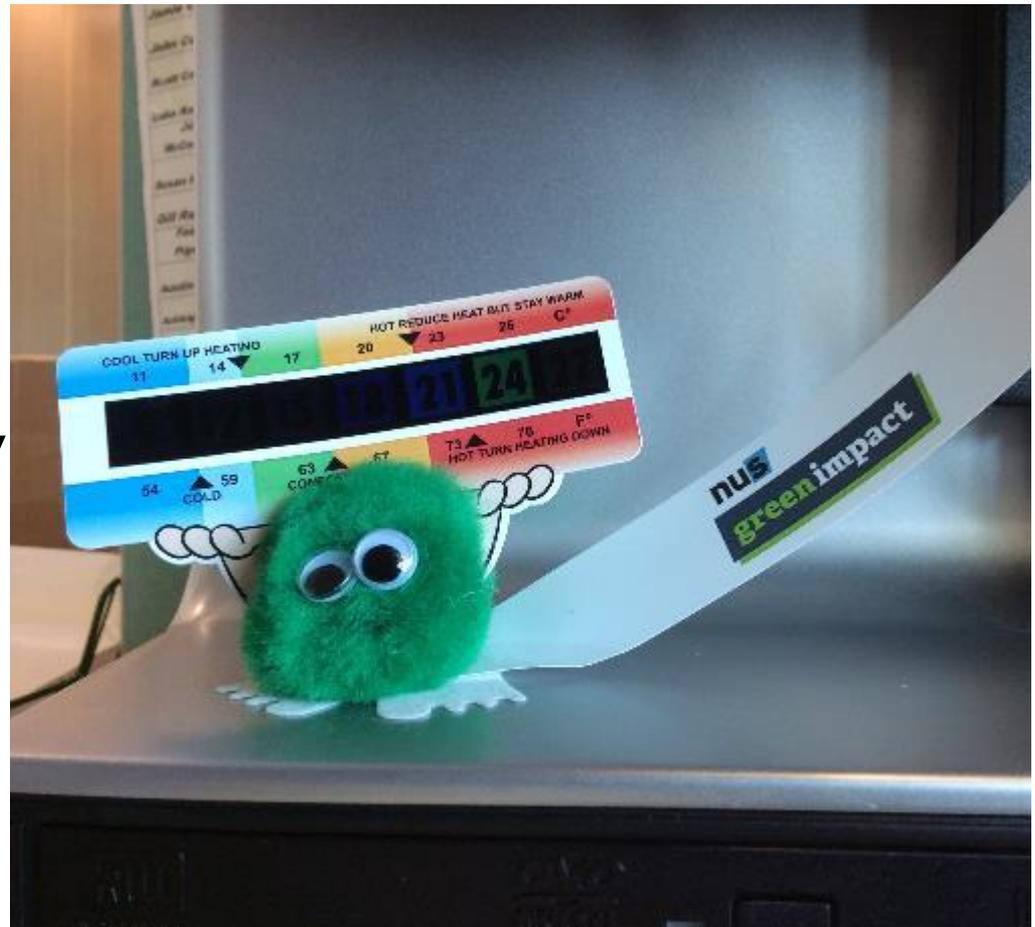


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# University of Hertfordshire – Friendly thermometers

At The University of Hertfordshire little thermometer bugs were given out to teams at events and workshops so they could check the temperature of their offices, complete criteria and get excited about Green Impact.



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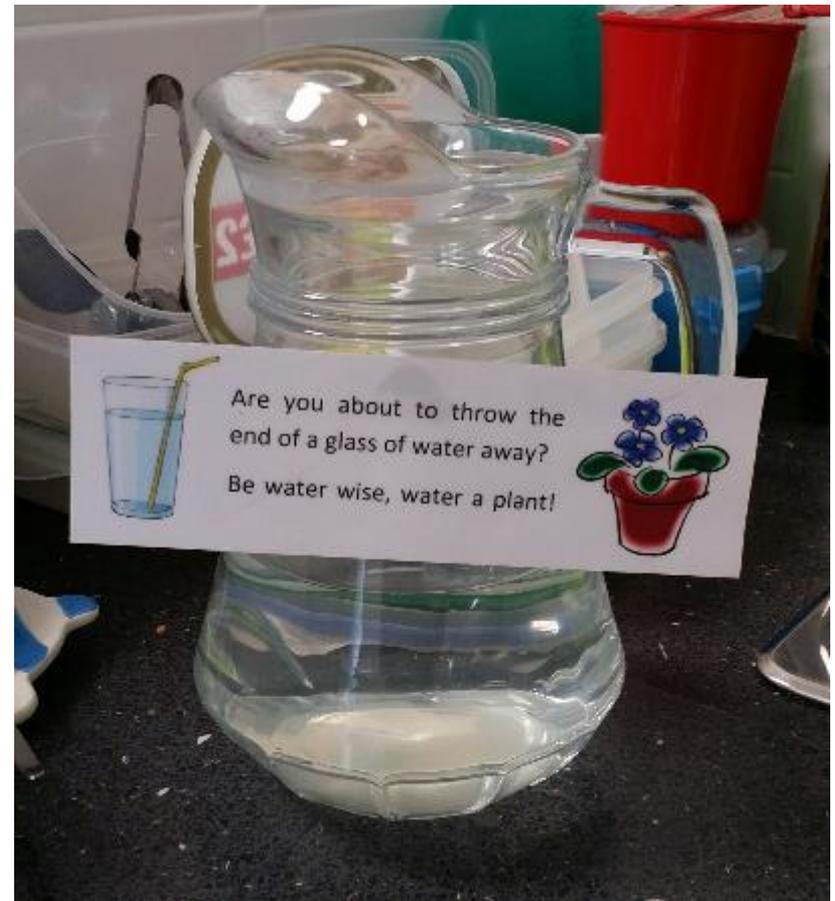
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## University of Exeter – Water saving

One team at the University of Exeter get people to put leftover water from their glasses at the end of the day in to a jug which can then be used for watering plants.



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# Saving water in Labs at the Natural History Museum

One team within the laboratories saw how much water was being wasted when once a week estates flushed out the taps to prevent bacteria build up. The team identified taps which weren't used regularly and worked with estates to stop flushing these sinks every week, saving water.



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# ESD

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# Students Union @ Bournemouth University – Green Toolbox Talk

Students wanted to take an active lead in educating staff about environmental issues so led one of SUBU's 'Toolbox Talks'. The talks educate staff on a range of issues and topics affecting their daily working lives.



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## Reduce food waste = free eggs!

Exeter's Strategic Planning and Change Team have a "Hen Pot" in their office fridge for all the leftover foods that gets taken home every few days to feed one colleagues' hens. Fresh eggs are then given to the team and shared!



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## Portsmouth gets creative

The Dental academy held a 'upcycling' event before Christmas, inviting the owner of a local 'pre-loved' shop as the host, where staff took old bottles and jars and decorated them into lovely decorations and gifts



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# Queens Bin Tidies increased recycling

Queens Research Policy office decided to 'ban the bin' but with a twist. They created small bin tidies which encouraged staff to use the paper recycling bin and food waste caddy.



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## Rabbits and waste paper at Ulster

A team member at the University of Ulster has been taking their shredded waste paper home to line her rabbits hutch!



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# University of Leicester Students' Union – pallet reuse

Simple, visible upcycling using an old pallet for signage



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## Book swap at Ulster

The Library hosted a book swap where other Green Impact teams also donated books which both staff and students could take for free.



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## University of Sheffield – engaging with suppliers

Sending polystyrene chips back to the suppliers for re-use in the Chemistry department at the University of Sheffield.



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## University of Bristol – wormeries!

An office wormery to recycle paper towels, tea bags and food waste at the University of Bristol.



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# Creative way to recycle food a London Fire Brigade

Teams at London Fire Brigade took photos of themselves recycling food waste to encourage everyone to get involved



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# London School of Economics – Reuse awards

At LSE clocks were made out of recycled signage from around campus to give to the Green Impact winners.

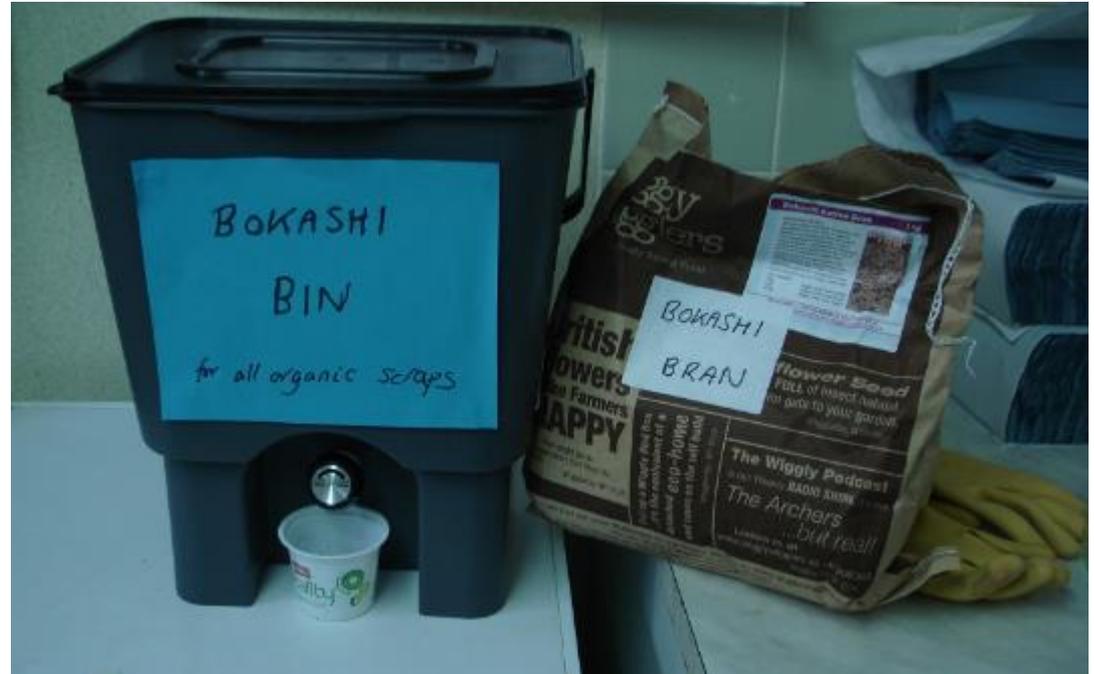


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# University of Worcester – Reducing food waste

A Bokashi Bin at the University of Worcester – it does the same as a wormery but without the worms!

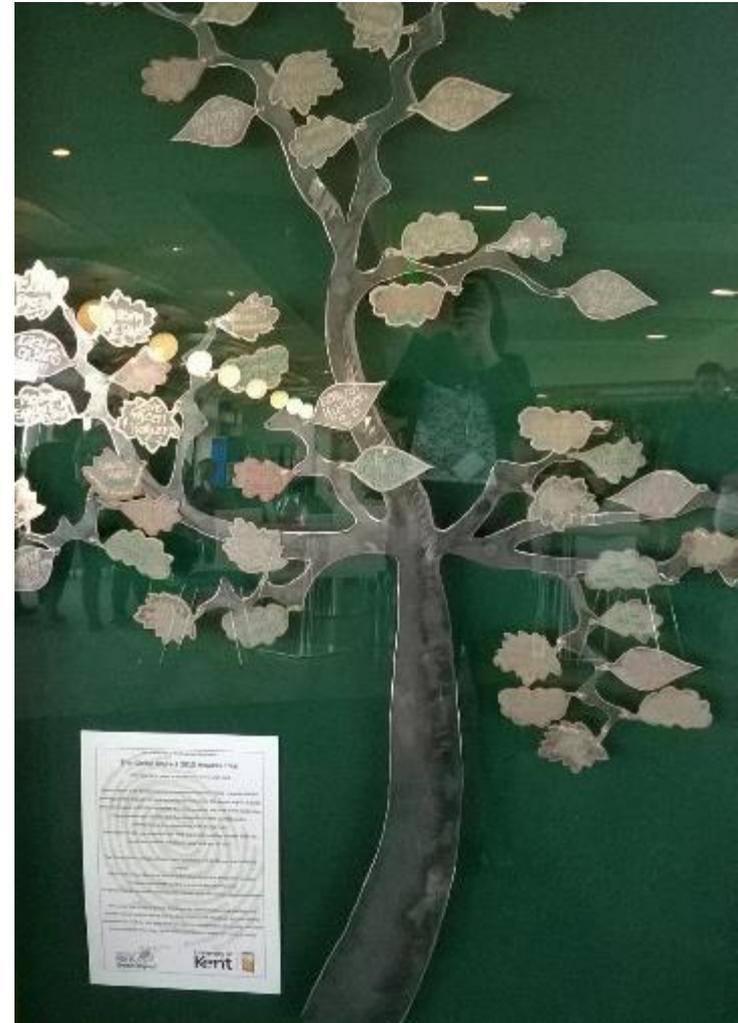


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## University of Kent – Celebrating teams

University of Kent have made a tree out of reclaimed metal shelving – they wrote each team's name on a leaf. The tree is proudly displayed on campus.



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# University of Kent – Donating unwanted goods

One team created Sebastian and Molly, reminders to donate unwanted goods to the British Heart Foundation.



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## Recycling at Hertfordshire is helping the monkeys at the local zoo

A team at the University of Hertfordshire had cricket nets which needed to be replaced, so rather than throwing them away, they offered the nets to their local zoo.

The monkeys now have a new climbing frame!



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# Travel

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# University of Sheffield – Scooting about

One team has invested in a team scooter for getting about.



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# University of Bristol - travel

Re-using chip fat to fuel Estates vans at the University of Bristol.



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# University of Leicester Students' Union – cycle safety promotion

A campaign designed at short notice following feedback that lots of students, especially international students, were cycling at night without lights. A Dr Bike session, bike tagging and free lights were distributed and very well received.



**Cycle Safe Campaign** LEICESTER STUDENTS' **union**  
**23rd - 27th November**

Get your **FREE** bike lights  
from the Point, Student Hub,  
or campaigners.

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Plus **FREE** bike servicing on  
campus outside Attenborough  
1-3pm Monday to Tuesday

The poster features a green background with a black silhouette of a bicycle. A red sun with rays is positioned above the bicycle's handlebars. A white wrench is located to the right of the bicycle's frame, and a white light bulb is positioned below the front wheel. The Leicester Students' Union logo is in the top right corner.

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# University of Sheffield SU – cyclists' breakfast



Organised and promoted a cyclists breakfast – over 200 people attended!

**FREE BREAKFAST**  
Do you walk, cycle or use public transport to get to uni?  
**THURS 6th MARCH**  
8am-10am

Grab your free breakfast on the concourse, courtesy of Green Impact Student Homes

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# University of West Scotland – pedometer challenge

Teams competed to see who could walk the most steps – challenging them to walk between their campuses, which is 360,000 steps!

Winning team walked 10 1/2 times around the campuses! Winning a golden boot and a certificate



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# Communications

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# Interactive Newsletters at Southampton Solent

A305 Green team at Southampton Solent University created an interactive newsletter using Adobe Slate

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/azvSo/>

## Green Impact Newsletter

A305 Green Team



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## Oxford University – poster alternative

Rather than putting a poster on the notice board to advertise the staff travel roadshow, they brought in a bike – which increased engagement and saw 20 bike registration packs being taken in 1 day!



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# Central Manchester NHS

Central Manchester NHS' Microbiology team hosted a Green Impact awareness day and charity quiz to coincide with NHS Sustainability Day. They had a green buffet, wore green clothes and hosted a green themed charity quiz with funds going to a local charity. They offered prizes for taking part.

## Microbiology awareness day 2015



Making it easier to help make it greener



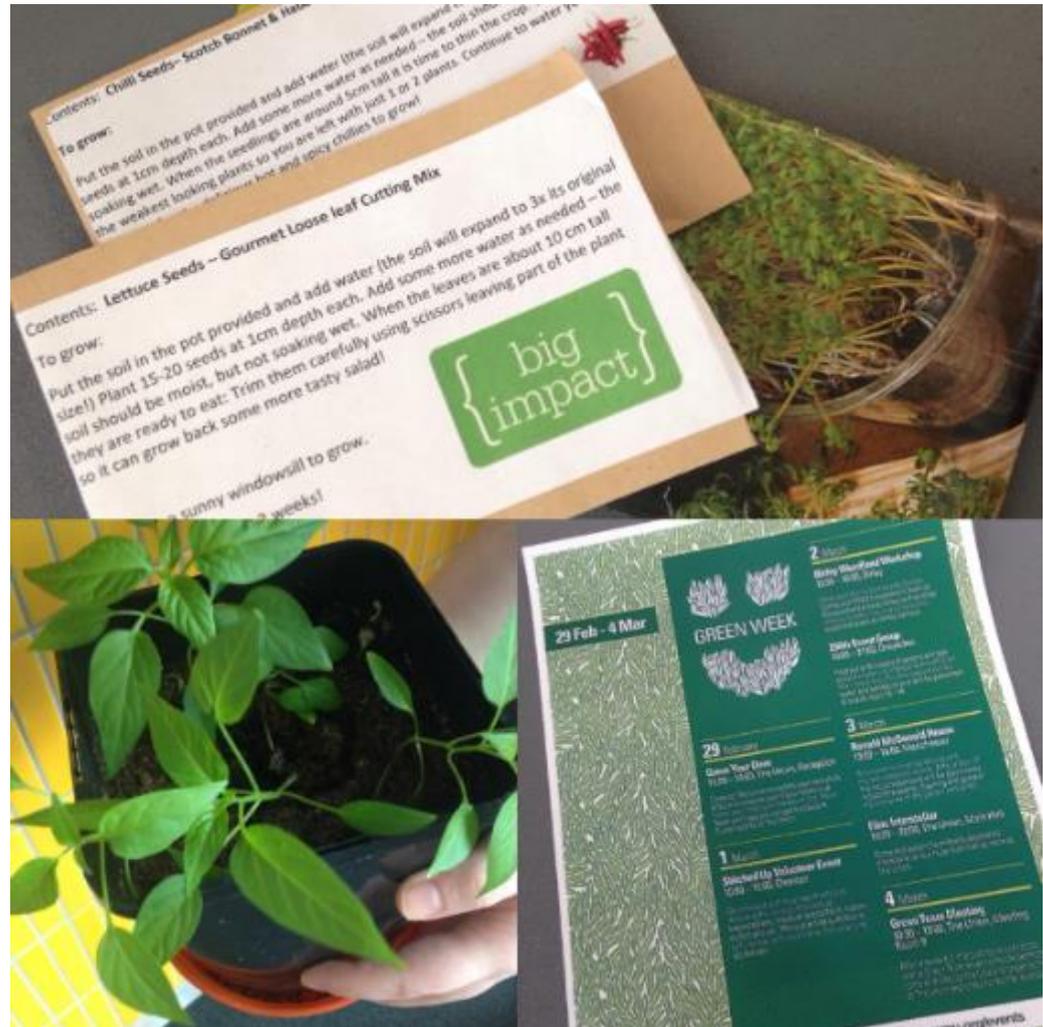






# The Union, Manchester Metropolitan University – Green Week

Across their campuses, the union organised a series of events to engage with a wide range of students. The event schedule and many of the events themselves, were led by students. This made the week's activities much more embedded across the university and less of an add-on to the calendar organised by staff. There was a focus on food and growing.



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# The Union, Manchester Metropolitan University – Ready Steady Cook

Cooking workshops showed students how to produce healthy and tasty recipes as part of the union's Green Week – ratatouille and granola bars were on the menu.



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# Biodiversity

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# Green Fingers at Liverpool Hope

The Finance team had a shared interest in gardening and started up their own community garden!



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## UCLAN – Growing vegetables

One team at UCLAN keen growers. They have been growing vegetables in the office for their two allotment plots. They have grown: iceberg lettuce, sprouts, carrots from seed. We have recently planted in the allotments onions, potatoes, pumpkins, tulips and sunflowers.



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# University of East London – Celebrating biodiversity

At UEL's award ceremony there tubes containing bugs (provided by the Invertebrate Zoology department) on each table to showcase the biodiversity on campus and raise awareness of the importance of increasing this biodiversity.



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## University of East London – Biodiversity in action

UEL also had a wildflower planting session as part of their awards ceremony.



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# The Union, Manchester Metropolitan University – #HowRadIsYourRadish?

The hashtags  
#HowRadIsYourRadish  
and  
#HowCoolIsYourCucumber were used to engage students in various food growing activities across Green Week



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# Blackpool and Flyde College creating a home for bugs

One team built a bug home to increase biodiversity on campus and had fun doing it!



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# Ethical Purchasing

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# Fairtrade Wine Tasting at Westminster

The University of Westminster held a Fairtrade wine tasting and chocolate event for all Green Impact teams to attend.

Which was obviously very popular!



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## The Union, Manchester Metropolitan University – Fairtrade Football Match: Students vs staff

Staff and students competed in a football match using a Fairtrade certified football to raise awareness of ethical purchasing. The winning team won a gorgeous Fairtrade hamper.



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# UCL Staff lending scheme

At **UCL** to stop staff buying things they don't need, they have allowed them to borrow departmental property on the weekends. E.g. they're holding a big party and need extra wine glasses, they can borrow departmental ones. There is a sign in/sign out register and agreed T&C's.



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# Health and Wellbeing

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## Liverpool Hope – Team spirit

Liverpool Hope teams uses a Christmas jumper day to get everyone involved.



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# University of Manchester – Meat free

Although initially a ban on meat on Monday's was trialled, this proved unpopular. Replaced by half price veggie options it became a great success.



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# University of Huddersfield Students' Union – Kick the Butts campaign

The union advertised this as a opportunity on their volunteering portal so that students could help keep the campus a clean and tidy environment.

It was great to see people turn out to help clean up the cigarette butts from campus (especially since it was raining on the day!)



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# University of Bristol – Awards event

A combined awards ceremony with University Hospitals Bristol, with a strawberries and cream reception and free goody bags in a beautiful location.



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# Swansea University – Awards event

Swansea's award ceremony was hosted at a botanical garden that sits within the University grounds. As well as teams receiving their slate awards they also got 'KeepCups' and a BBQ for lunch.



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# MacEwan University – Awards event

MacEwan University have for two years now hosted a eco craft/upcycling activity as part of an otherwise standard event format. The first year they made green cleaning products, the second time mini white boards out of old t-shirts and photo frames.



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