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University of  
Salford  
MANCHESTER

# GREEN IMPACT INFO SHEET 2023

## Timeline

December 2022

Green Impact relaunch.

September 2023

Toolkit submission and training  
for student auditors.

October 2023

Audits.

November/December 2023

Awards ceremony.

Exact dates to be confirmed.


## Contact us

If you have any questions or  
would like to get involved,  
contact Marta at  
m.a.strzelecka1@salford.ac.uk

## Green Impact Teams group

We also have a dedicated  
Teams group. To join the group,  
follow this link: [bit.ly/2WNY9G2](https://bit.ly/2WNY9G2).  
If prompted, use this code:  
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## What is Green Impact?

Green Impact is a sustainability accreditation scheme with a competitive stream, run internationally by SOS-UK (formerly a part of the NUS). It's a simple, fun and flexible way for departments and teams to improve their environmental performance and promote sustainability at the University.

## How does Green Impact work?

Staff form teams across the University and work through an online toolkit of actions together. A team can be any size and cover an office, department, building, or even a whole School or Division.

For most teams, the office toolkit will be the most relevant. It contains actions within different sustainability themes:

- Energy & Water
- Waste & Recycling
- Travel
- Communications
- Procurement
- Health & Wellbeing
- Charity & Volunteering



Each action is allocated either 5, 10 or 15 points, and the team decides which actions to complete. The total number of points a team achieves will determine whether they receive a “working towards Bronze” accreditation, or an award: Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum.

We also have specialist toolkits for teams who are based in labs and catering outlets. These toolkits provide more appropriate sustainability actions for these departments. If you decide to complete more than one toolkit, you will need to set-up a separate profile for each toolkit. Contact Marta for more information on how to manage this.

We have a “Getting Started” section which contains actions to help improve your Green Impact experience and get started with the programme. If you are new to Green Impact, this is a good place to start, but established teams can also complete these actions and will find them just as useful.

As well as completing actions, teams have the option to implement their own projects, and they can receive up to 50 points for each project. To do this, teams will need to read the Briefing Document, submit a Project Plan for approval, undertake their project, and complete a Project Case Study.

Once they have submitted their toolkits, teams are audited by trained students to ensure their submissions are accurate and to provide them with extra support. All participating teams will be invited to an award ceremony, where we will also present five Special Awards.

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## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



1. Start up a Green Impact team in your department, floor or building, or join an existing one.
2. All team members need to register by visiting <https://toolkit.sos-uk.org/greenimpact/salford/register>.
3. Meet with your team, review the toolkit and make an action plan.
4. Complete the “Getting Started” actions.
5. Start completing actions in your relevant toolkit, and/or projects if you wish.
6. Keep in touch!

## Why get involved?

- Taking part is free and fun.
- It's really sociable and a great way to get to know colleagues better, developing teamwork within your area.
- Opportunity to showcase your department across campus.
- Professional development for staff Green Impact team leaders.
- Help reduce the negative impacts the University has on the environment, and increase the positives.
- Opportunity to save carbon, natural resources and money (at work or at home!).
- Recognition for environmental actions you already completed.
- It gives you a framework for encouraging your colleagues to think about sustainability.
- You get to be part of an international UNESCO award-winning scheme that strengthens relationships between students and staff.
- Providing student opportunities: students can volunteer as Green Impact Auditors are able to develop important employability skills and gain work experience.
- Green Impact makes the University more integrated and encourages departments to get out of their silos and share ideas and knowledge.

### Support

You will be supported by Marta, our Sustainability Engagement Officer, who you can contact if you have any questions or issues. Marta will send out newsletters, provide you with useful resources and can come and meet with your teams.


There is a video, help page and user guide to assist you with using the toolkit. SOS-UK also have an online resource bank. We have a Microsoft Teams group where participants can ask questions and share resources, ideas and events.

## How much of my time will Green Impact take?

The toolkit is really flexible so it's up to you how much time you put into it. You could do just a few actions and receive a “working towards Bronze” accreditation, or you might like to concentrate on your own projects and build up points this way. We have made the toolkit really flexible so that all staff at the University can engage within the programme.



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