

Dear Professor Chapman,

NUS run various programmes to help universities and colleges embed sustainability within their campus, curriculum and community – providing students with excellent opportunities, unions with strategic support and developing new partnerships at the same time (see www.nus.org.uk/greener). On behalf of the NUS sustainability team I would like to thank Cardiff Metropolitan University for the integral part it has played in promoting this agenda over the last 12 months.

In particular I would like to bring to your attention the university's key achievements which have come to fruition through a combination of effective leadership, collaborative working with the institution, and the enthusiastic dedication of your students and staff:

- 8 teams took part reaching 315 staff, audited by 4 trained students, helping to save an estimated 48,467kg of CO₂ and £7583
- 10% reduction in electricity usage in halls of residence, over 15 tonnes of CO₂ and nearly £2,511 saved via the Student Switch Off campaign in conjunction with infrastructural changes made on campus

This impressive progress demonstrates just how significant an impact individual actions can have when carried out collectively, and staff and students at Cardiff Metropolitan University should be commended for their efforts to promote more efficient and more sustainable energy, waste, transport and food behaviours on campus. On a national scale the benefits of collaboration around sustainability initiatives are even more evident as the headline successes of our programmes this year attest.

- **Student Switch Off** ran energy-saving competitions at 54 institutions across the UK reaching over 150,000 students in halls of residence. The campaign achieved an average reduction in electricity usage of 6%, keeping over 1,600 tonnes of CO₂ out of the atmosphere and saving the University sector over £260,000 in electricity expenditure.
- **Green Impact** has had its most successful year yet with 110 students' unions, 62 universities and colleges, and 115 off-campus organisations taking part in the program. Across these, there were 1595 teams or departments taking part, reaching 80,128 staff, of which 11,191 sat on local Green Impact teams. In total they completed 63,831 actions, of which 38,221 were as a direct result of the scheme.
- £5.5m has been distributed to twenty five students' unions across England through the **Students' Green Fund**, creating transformational change for sustainability on campus. We're now looking at ways to continue to fund this past 2015.
- **Student Eats**, our on campus food growing programme, continues to expand with 23 universities and colleges now having supported growing spaces. The Student Eats garden won a silver-gilt medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.
- In total, over 1500 student volunteers have been trained in environmental auditing, social marketing and campaigning techniques providing them with experiential learning and skills development opportunities, as well as work experience.

We're delighted to be running another year of the program with the university in 2014/15 during which we hope to encourage and inspire more students and staff to get involved. This will contribute to making an even greater positive impact through engaging with people at all levels and actively sharing good practice both locally and nationally. We therefore very much appreciate your on-going support in promoting these programmes and look forward to hearing about the sustainability successes that ensue at Cardiff Metropolitan University over the coming months.

Yours Sincerely,

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