

Sustainability Strategy progress 2021

During this reporting period we were faced with a global pandemic. The University campuses were first closed in March 2020, with all staff working from home with immediate effect, and all classroom-based and face-to-face teaching ceased with all teaching moving on-line. All events and initiatives were held virtually from this time, in between restrictions some events were held outside on Campus.

Action	Baseline (2019)	Target 2021	Achieved
1 - Reporting on event type & number	6x Green Workshops 6x Community Days 12x Repair Cafes 6 x Free Bike Servicing Go Green Week events 4 x Guest lectures 3 x Award finalists	10% on baseline, improvement on number of events over the next 3 years	4 (-2)x Green Workshops 3 (-3)x Community Days 5 (-7)x Repair Cafes 9 (+3)x Free Bike Servicing Go Green Week events online 8 (+4)x Guest lectures 3 (-)x Award finalists, 1 Winner and 1 Highly Commended Bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award New (+1) Submitted Silver Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award (+4) Hedgehog Friendly Working Group meetings (+1) Hedgehog talk (+6) Hedgehog surveys (+5) Hedgehog training sessions (+23) Litter Picks (+16) Students trained as Environmental Auditors for ISO 14001 Litter Pick hub to the community supporting Keep Wales Tidy Pi-ogging event with Keep Wales Tidy Green Gown Award judging – Climate Action and Campus of the Future categories (+5) student work placement groups Real World Projects Earth Hour participation (+3) Fairtrade Steering Group (+4) New Botanical Dye Garden working group
2- Maintain continuous improvement with ISO 14001 and achieve zero non-conformities	2 minor non-conformities raised	Achieve zero non-conformities	Successful external audit in January 2021 with no non-conformities raised.
3 - Improve on 68th from 2019 People and Planet Green league	2019 league position 68th	Achieve position in the top 10 in the next 3 years)	People and Planet League table published in December 2020. Cardiff Met had climbed from 68 th (2019) to joint 5 th in the UK.

1 - Monthly reporting on events type, number.

Intermittent activity outside on Campus due to changes in lockdown rules and attendance on Campus.

Green Workshops- Attendance at Free Green Workshops provided by a local social enterprise creating opportunities for greener living, a chance for staff and students to learn new tips and ideas and share experiences. Workshops held switched to on-line for most of the year, with the final event in November 2022 held in person in the Outdoor Learning Centre – willow wreath making.

Community Days – Three Community Days held, a local community partnerships with a Farmers Market - Riverside Real Food, supported by guests joining them each month, Student Entrepreneurs, Cardiff Council Waste Management, Environmental Champions, Fairtrade, re-use and recycling of books and stationery and promotion of Free Green Workshops provided by a social enterprise creating opportunities for greener living.

Repair Cafes – continuation of Cardiff Met’s Repair Cafes with five events delivered, supported initially in 2019 by a Community Interest Company that facilitates pop-up events, offering training and advice to encourage communities that want to work towards a more Circular Economy, creating a culture of repair and re-use, directly addressing the ever growing emergency of unsustainable growth in landfill and waste. An opportunity to invite our community and city on to Campus. Repair Cafes ran on five occasions with lockdown restrictions, enabling staff/ students and community to bring broken items for our repairer volunteers to look at, saving items from landfill, providing advice and expertise. Staff/ students and community volunteered their repair skills at the Repair Cafes on campus with 55 items brought in for repair, with 50 repaired.

Free Bike Servicing - a local Charity Cycle Training Wales provided Free Bike Service / MOT check, 22 bikes were serviced for free bike for staff, students and local community during Repair Cafes and Go Green Week.

Go Green Week - an annual national week of action on climate change in schools, colleges and universities. The University celebrated Go Green W/c 15th February 2021, with a range of Green events held on-line signposting to all Green Initiatives e.g. Smalls For All – Recycling initiative, Book swap, Fairtrade, Cardiff Digs and Environmental Champions, YMCA Clothes Collection, Waste Management on Campus and Recycling unwanted Christmas gifts.

Seminars / Lectures - Guest lectures provided for Vision in Sustainability, Sustainable Tourism and Environmental Health courses on the Introduction of the Environmental Management System (EMS) within Cardiff Met. Real World Project – 6 x Student work placements tasked with key deliverables for Sustainability at Cardiff Met, e.g Feasibility study for the implementation of a water source heat pump; Carbon Accountancy for University Travel; Communication Plan for Sustainability Engagement; Reducing Energy Consumption and Feasibility study for supporting Electric Vehicles on Campus. Sustainable Food Lecture, - Guest lectures provided on the Introduction of the Environmental Management System (EMS) within Cardiff Met and Single Use Coffee Cups, the highs the lows and the future.

Awards – Submission of Green Gown Applications and Shortlisted finalist for three Green Gown Award 2021 submissions – Next Generation Learning and Skills for Outdoor Learning teaching, achieving Highly Commended in Benefitting Society – Cardiff Met Enactus student Society – Hero’s Haven Project and Winner in Build Back Better for Down to Zero – Cynon Taff Community Housing Decarbonisation Project. Submission of application for Silver Award for Hedgehog Friendly Campus in Dec 2021.

Fairtrade Steering Group – Fairtrade Steering Group set-up for renewal and Fairtrade SMART Action Plan created.

Hedgehog Friendly Campus - Hedgehog Awareness Working Group - Launched the Hedgehog Friendly Campus initiative in January 2020 – completed Bronze and completed Silver this year. Completion of Hedgehog Survey training and completion of Hedgehog Surveys on Campus.

Litter Picks - The implementation of regular litter picks from each campus bookable for staff, students and the local community and provision of Litter Pick hub for community loan for Keep Wales Tidy.

2) Maintain continuous improvement with ISO 14001 and achieve zero non-conformities – Successful external audit in January and March 2021 with no non-conformities raised.

3) Improve on 68th from 2019 league Sustainability Engagement – achieved joint 5th position in the league published Dec 2021.

Impact Area	Objective	Target	Indicators / Measures	April 2021	August 2021	Jan 2022	Responsibility
Environmental Awareness	Increase awareness activities, Campus and within Community	To raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues amongst Cardiff Met staff, students, stakeholders and local community with events and communication. Maintain ISO 14001: 2015. Improve standing in P&P Green League table.	1) Monthly reporting on events type, number and impact. 2) Maintain continuous improvement with ISO 14001 and achieve zero non-conformities. 3) Improve on 68 th from 2019 league.	A number of events have taken place online, 2x Green Workshops. Five student group work placements with CSM 2nd years, looking at carbon net zero projects 6 week placements. Events on Campus due to commence in April - Free Bike Servicing Litter picks, Online – Hedgehog Friendly Campus, and Free Green Workshop – Eco-branding and greenwashing. Ideas for First Campus sustainability boxes. Go Green Week – Feb 2021. Guest lectures x 5. Green Gown Awards. Awarded Bronze level for Hedgehog Friendly Campus – proceeding on with Silver.	During April – July the following events took place – Hedgehog Friendly Working Group x3, Llandaff Bike Servicing x3, Llandaff Litter Pick x4, Cyncoed Bike Servicing x1, Cyncoed Litter Pick x4, Plas Gwyn Litter Pick x1, Green Workshop eco-marketing, Hedgehog talk, Hedgehog friendly Campus Survey training, Hedgehog Ecology and land management course, Sustainability talk to People Services staff, ENRaW Action Group meeting, Pl-ogging event with Keep Wales Tidy	Hedgehog Friendly Working Group x3, Hedgehog friendly Campus Survey on each Campus August and Sept 2021; Hedgehog Friendly Campus Silver Award submission; Llandaff Repair Café & Free Bike Servicing x3; Llandaff Litter Picks x4, Cyncoed Repair Café & Free Bike Servicing x3; Community Litter Pick hub re-opened with loan of equipment to 8 groups; Cyncoed Litter Pick x5, Plas Gwyn Litter Pick x5, Green Workshop – Xmas wreath making; Guest Lecture – Sustainable Tourism group; Fairtrade meeting x3; Green Gown Awards – November 2021 – Winner and highly commended result.	Sustainability Engagement Manager