

## Sustainability Strategy progress 2022

During this reporting period we were still faced with the impacts of the global pandemic and campus life.

Events and initiatives were held in 2022 both virtually and in person on Campus.

Action	Baseline (2019)	Target 2021	Achieved 2021	Target 2022	Achieved 2022
1 - Reporting on event type & number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6x Green Workshops</li> <li>6x Community Days</li> <li>12x Repair Cafes</li> <li>6 x Free Bike Servicing</li> <li>Go Green Week events</li> <li>4 x Guest lectures</li> <li>3 x Award finalists</li> </ul>	10% on baseline, improvement on number of events over the next 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 (-2)x Green Workshops</li> <li>3 (-3)x Community Days</li> <li>5 (-7)x Repair Cafes</li> <li>9 (+3)x Free Bike Servicing</li> <li>Go Green Week events online</li> <li>8 (+4)x Guest lectures</li> <li>3 (-)x Award finalists, 1 Winner and 1 Highly Commended</li> <li>Bronze Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award</li> </ul> <p>New</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+1) Submitted Silver Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award</li> <li>(+4) Hedgehog Friendly Working Group meetings</li> <li>(+1) Hedgehog talk</li> <li>(+6) Hedgehog surveys</li> <li>(+5) Hedgehog training sessions</li> <li>(+23 ) Litter Picks</li> <li>(+16) Students trained as Environmental Auditors for ISO 14001</li> <li>Litter Pick hub to the community supporting Keep Wales Tidy</li> <li>PI-ogging event with Keep Wales Tidy</li> <li>Green Gown Award judging – Climate Action and Campus of the Future categories</li> <li>(+5) student work placement groups Real World Projects</li> <li>Earth Hour participation</li> <li>(+3) Fairtrade Steering Group</li> <li>(+4) New Botanical Dye Garden working group</li> </ul>	10% on baseline, improvement on number of events over the next 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 (+1)x Green Workshops</li> <li>5 (-1)x Community Days</li> <li>15 (+3)x Repair Cafes</li> <li>15 (+9)x Free Bike Servicing</li> <li>Go Green Week events online</li> <li>8 (+4)x Guest lectures</li> <li>4 (+1)x Award SRA Award, Fairtrade Award, Hedgehog Silver Award and 1<sup>st</sup> in People and Planet Green League</li> <li>Silver Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award</li> </ul> <p>New</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(+13 ) Litter Picks</li> <li>(+18) Students trained as Environmental Auditors for ISO 14001</li> <li>Litter Pick hub to the community supporting Keep Wales Tidy</li> <li>(+5) student work placement groups Real World Projects participation</li> <li>(+3) Fairtrade Steering Group</li> </ul>

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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 / March 2021 with no non-conformities raised.	Achieve zero non-conformities	Successful external audit in January 2022 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 <sup>th</sup> (2019) to joint 5 <sup>th</sup> in the UK.	Achieve position in the top 10 in the next 3 years)	People and Planet League table published in December 2022. Cardiff Met achieved 1 <sup>st</sup> in the UK.

### 1 - Monthly reporting on events type, number.

Intermittent activity outside on Campus due to changes in attendance, some events continued online.

**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. Seven workshops were held in person in the Outdoor Learning Centre and on Llandaff Campus, Urban Wildlife Walks, how to keep bees, Fantastic Fermentation and Willow decorations.

**Community Days** – Five Community Days held, a local community partnerships with a Farmers Market – Cardiff Farmers Market, 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 fifteen occasions, 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 294 items brought in for repair.

**Free Bike Servicing** - a local Charity Cycle Training Wales provided Free Bike Service / MOT check, for over 200 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 Week during 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 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 – 5 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.

**Awards** – Submission of application for Silver Award for Hedgehog Friendly Campus in Dec 2021. Notification of successful Award received in Jan 2022.

Sustainable Restaurant (SRA) Award submitted in March 2022 and successful award of 3 gold stars 80% in June 2022.

**Fairtrade Steering Group** – Fairtrade Steering Group set-up for renewal and Fairtrade SMART Action Plan created. Completion of Action Plan and successfully achieved Fairtrade Award in July 2022.

**Hedgehog Friendly Campus** - Hedgehog Awareness Working Group - Launched the Hedgehog Friendly Campus initiative in January 2020 – achieved Bronze and Silver award.

**Litter Picks** - The implementation of regular litter picks from each campus bookable for staff, students and the local community

**Litter Pick Hub** - provision of Litter Pick hub for community loan of litter picking equipment for Keep Wales Tidy, data collection.

**2) Maintain continuous improvement with ISO 14001 and achieve zero non-conformities** – Successful external audit in January 2022 with no non-conformities raised.

**3) Improve on 5<sup>th</sup> from 2021 league Sustainability Engagement** – achieved 1<sup>st</sup> position in the league published Dec 2022.