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Investing in LiFE



Learning in Future
Environments (LiFE) is a
comprehensive
performance improvement
and benchmarking system
developed specifically to
help colleges and universities to manage, measure,
improve and promote their
social responsibility and
sustainability performance.

LiFE has been developed with generous support from our funding partners Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW), Scottish Funding Council (SFC) and the Department for Employement and Learning in Northern Ireland (DELNI), as well as direct input from people across the sector.

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Social responsibility and sustainability isn't just about doing what is right. Efficient and sustainable institutions make significant financial savings on an annual basis.

In the current economic climate, it is vital that colleges and universities are operating as efficiently as possible.

LiFE has been designed to help you directly save money by becoming a more sustainable and efficient institution.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Investing in LiFE will bring direct and significant savings to every institution, as well as provide new opportunities for income streams through innovation and partnerships.

There is also a direct operational efficiency every department can more effectively manage and share their activities,

We took a look some of the savings one institution experienced by directly engaging in the social responsibility and sustainability agendas:

Example Savings from ONE institution:

- Reduction in overall college operating costs of over £400,000, equating to 10%
- Centralisation of stationery and ICT accessories = 25% reduction in paper usage and a reduction of over £100,000 in materials expenditure
- Successful 'switch it off' programme monitored by energy wardens recruited from the cleaning staff team, resulting in energy savings of 60% (£6,000) in one quarter on energy bills at main campus
- Sustainable refreshments project removed use of bottled water, use of office kettles and coffee machines. Savings of £1,200 per year are predicted on the removal of water coolers alone.
- Green button pilots where the button puts the PC in a lowenergy state – have saved nearly 50kgs of carbon and reduced energy costs of computers. Savings will be £9,000 a year on a £1,000 investment
- That's a savings of over £500,000 compared to an investment of £3600!

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THE INVESTMENT

We have been careful to ensure that we kept LiFE affordable for all institutions and we are confident that the savings and efficiencies that participating institutions will achieve will be significantly higher than their investment.

The LiFE Index online software system is charged at a low monthly fee and is based on the number of users you have within your institution

Number of Users	EAUC Member Institution	Non-EAUC Member Institution
1-10	£200 + VAT/ PCM	£250 + VAT/ PCM
11-20	£300 + VAT/ PCM	£350 + VAT/ PCM
20+	£400 + VAT/ PCM	£450 + VAT/ PCM

LIFE ACCREDITATION

LiFE Performance Accreditation is an annual independent review, assessment and accreditation process that will help your organisation gain the most value from the LiFE Index.

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SUSTAINABLE PRICING

As a non-profit organisation, we take our responsibility to the sector seriously. We always strive to create the best value for money in all of our initiatives.

As we have developed LiFE, we have been focussed on providing the best system at the best price, and we are committed to continuing to develop and enhance the system as we engage with the wider sector.

In order for LiFE to succeed, it has to be able to stand on it's own without continuous funding from funding councils and government partners.

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An Introduction to LiFE Priority Areas & Frameworks Benefiting Your Institution Intergrating with your Institution Promoting Your Efforts

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