

# Supporting sustainability in the tertiary education sector

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The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) is a not-for-profit charity with a membership of over 200 universities and colleges, supporting sustainability within the tertiary education sector.

University College Dublin is a member!

# Who we are

- Two membership types
  - **200+** Educational Members
  - **40+** Company Members
- **100+** Strategic Partners
- **Over 4,000** active sustainability professionals
- Average of **20** individuals per institution
- Strong **national** coverage across all member types and **international** members
- **Job types** range from teaching and research, estates, sustainability professionals, senior management, ICT managers, procurement and more



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# How we can support you

- A network of over 4,000 peers
- One cohesive voice – stronger presence
- Representation via consultations, policy and lobbying
- Regular and relevant sector news brought directly to you
- Networking – Communities of Practice, regional/branch groups and online networks
- Annual Conference, face to face and online professional development events (webinars)
- Resources! Sustainability Exchange
- One to one service

# EAUC Groups



Regions and Branches

## **Ireland Branch**

Ireland Branch Convenor:

Damian Dalton

University College Dublin

[www.eauc.org.uk/ireland](http://www.eauc.org.uk/ireland)

# EAUC Groups continued...

## Communities of Practice

- Energy & Water
- Fair Trade
- Transport Planning
- Green ICT
- Biodiversity
- Embedding Positive Attitudes and Behaviours
- Sustainability in Higher Education (SHED)



# Events, webinars and training

One of the most important ways the EAUC supports our members and the wider UK tertiary education sector is by providing a comprehensive events and training programme and an Annual Conference.

# Sustainability e-learning module



EAUC Introduction To Sustainability

Section 1: Welcome

The sustainability agenda

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Menu

- 1. Section 1: Welcome
- 2. The sustainability agenda
- 3. Section 2: Thought-starters
  - 4. Small changes: big difference
  - 5. A storm in a coffee cup?
  - 6. Dave's dilemma
  - 7. Transport: what's worst?
  - 8. Water, water everywhere
  - 9. The BIGGER picture
- 10. Section 3: Where to turn for support
  - 11. Changing behaviour
- 12. Section 4: Conclusion

EAUC Introduction To Sustainability

The BIGGER picture

What you buy - Overview

Sustainable Procurement is one of the key drivers of change in any institution, and is increasingly becoming a key mechanism for policy delivery and cost reduction. Universities and colleges in the UK spend millions of pounds each year undertaking capital projects and buying goods and services. Increasingly, institutions are making their spending decisions in a sustainable way and many are adopting sustainable and socially responsible procurement policies.

What you buy - Overview

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Free to EAUC Members – worth up to £7,500

How we support the sector's  
achievements



# Green Gown Awards

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- The Green Gown Awards ceremony brings together the leaders, drivers and thinkers of sustainability initiatives within the tertiary education sector
- This year awards ceremony takes place on 26 November at Brunel's Old Station, Bristol
- Read the winners' and finalists' brochures
- All dissemination of the winning and highly commended projects will be made available on the Sustainability Exchange
- Think you have what it takes? Apply for next year!

**South West College are one of the finalists!**





[www.greengownawards.org.uk](http://www.greengownawards.org.uk)



How we support sustainability  
knowledge exchange



# sustainability exchange

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# Sustainability Exchange



The UK's first centralised information portal for the sector, sharing a wealth of information, experience and resources that are available to everyone.

[www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk](http://www.sustainabilityexchange.ac.uk)



# Sustainability Exchange

- Intelligent search bar
- Over 1000 active and useful resources
- 320+ innovative Green Gown Award projects from 2011-2014
- Resources are searchable and tagged by region, provider, resource type and LiFE Framework
- Free for everyone



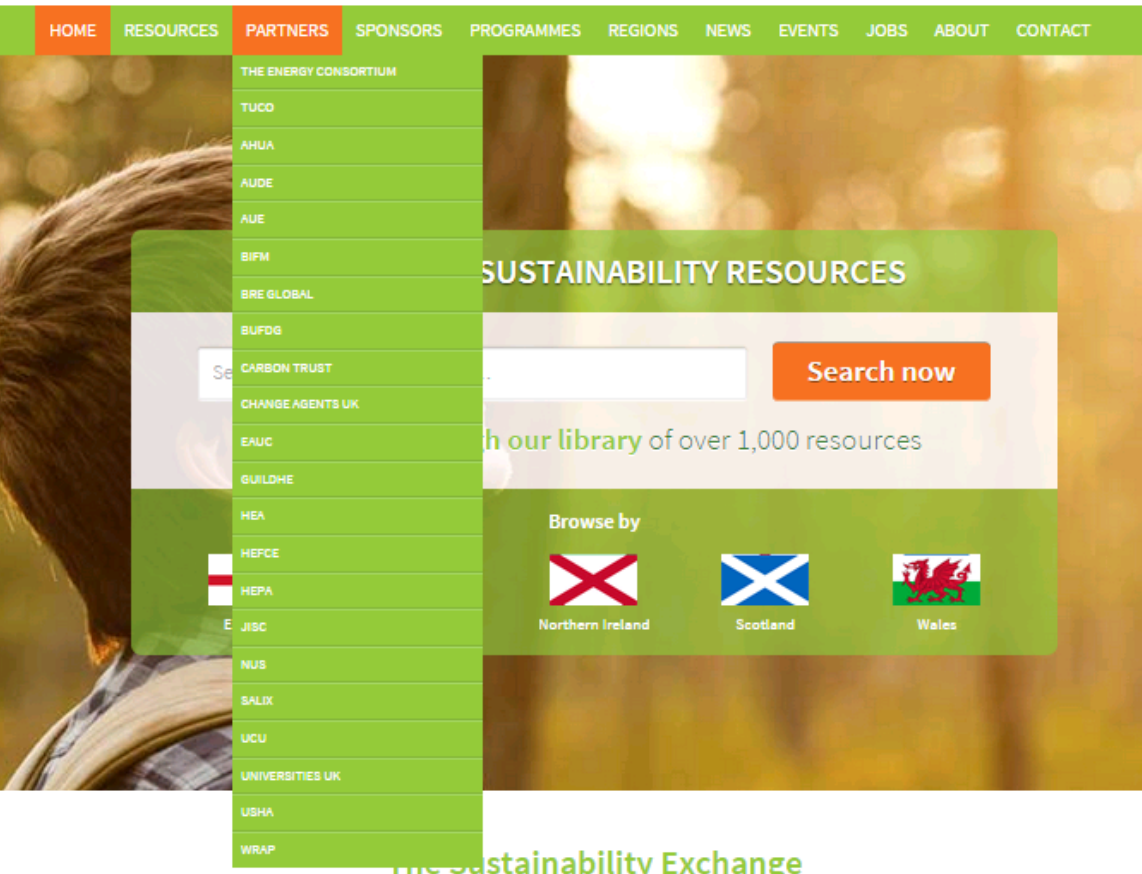
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Partners have a key role on the Sustainability Exchange by providing specific insight and resources and disseminating good practice to the sector.



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# Let's talk about LiFE



## What is LiFE?

LiFE is a **planning and self-assessment tool** specifically for colleges and universities to improve social responsibility and environmental performance through a whole institution approach.

Measure your LiFE progress

(Use this simple way to use Dashboard to have an overview of your institution's progress. The results of each Framework are automatically entered into the Dashboard.)

Starting Date	Current Date (if assessment)	Current Date	Current Date (if assessment)	Target Date (if not target date)
<b>Priority Area</b>				
<b>Scores</b>				
<b>Frameworks</b>				
Leadership and Governance	Priority Area Total Score			
	No Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
Culture and Operations	Priority Area Total Score			
	No Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
Partnership and Engagement	Priority Area Total Score			
	No Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
	Not Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
Learning, Teaching and Assessment	Priority Area Total Score			
	No Award	Starting	Not Award	Starting
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# Self-Assessment

🚧 At the centre of LiFE is the **planning and self-assessment tool**

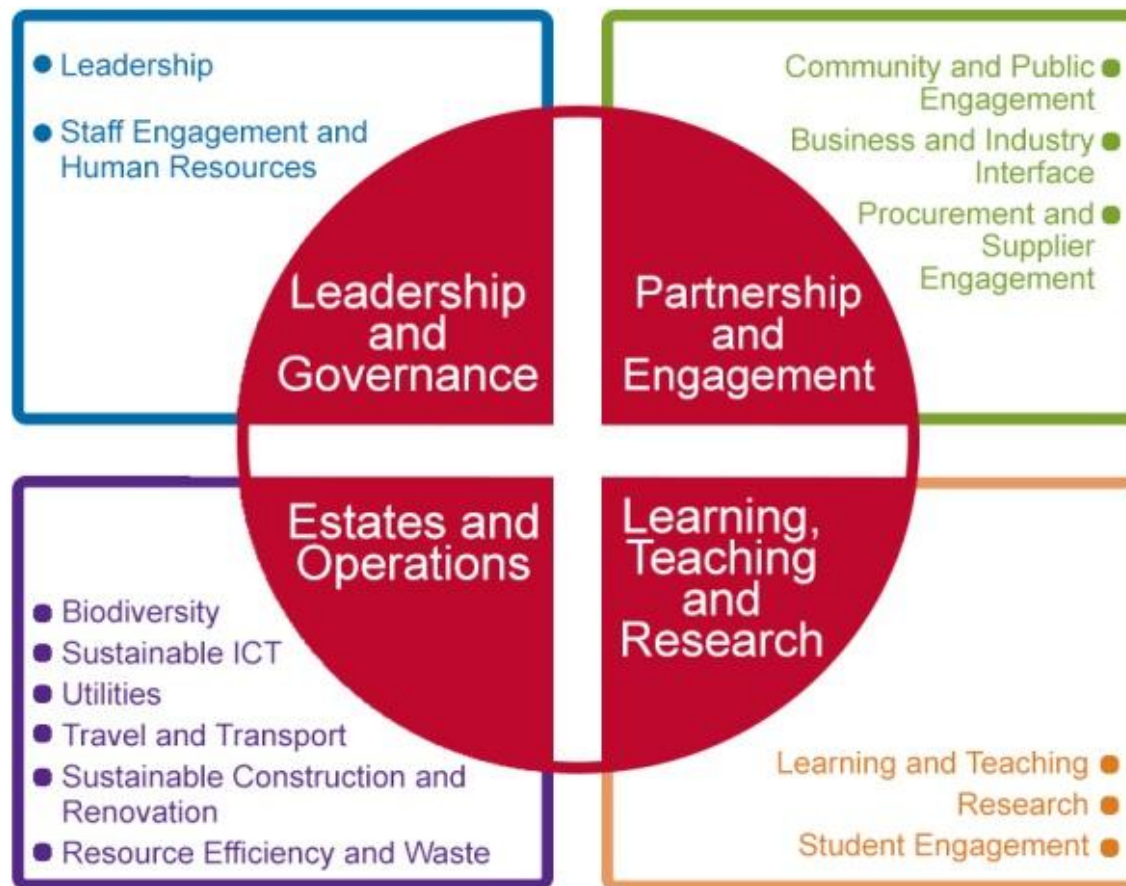


🚧 This guides you through the **Priority Areas, Frameworks and Activity Areas** to measure your progress in every aspect of your environmental and social responsibility activities.

[www.eauc.org.uk/life](http://www.eauc.org.uk/life)



# Priority Areas and Frameworks



# Activity Areas

Policy and Strategy	Action Planning	Stakeholder Engagement	Measurement
Commitments are in place to sustainability in this area of activity	Action plans are in place (SMART) and commitments made	Relevant stakeholders are involved in the activity.	Institutions are looking at measuring the impact and benefit of the activity not just the activity itself
Communication	Training and Support	Implementation	Links to the Curriculum
Activity is being communicated and there is clear support	People are being trained and supported	Embedded into the way things are done, systems and processes. Good practice examples	Links between campus, curriculum and community

# Learning in Future Environments (LiFE)



- Holistic tool that can be contributed to by different staff and departments across your institution
- One tool to collate all the already implemented projects and achievements and to make obvious the areas that need prioritising or improving
- Not a league table, no information or results are shared
- Accreditation is available from early-2016
- Guides, videos and more help can be found at **[www.eauc.org.uk/life](http://www.eauc.org.uk/life)**



LEARNING IN FUTURE  
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# Any questions?



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