

ENACTUS EAUC SUSTAINABILITY ADVISER

Connecting teams of socially responsible student leaders with sustainability staff expertise and campus initiatives to enable real community impact.

Enactus is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action. It connects students, academics and business leaders to create community development projects and social enterprises that put beneficiaries' ingenuity and talents at the centre of improving their own livelihoods.

The EAUC represents UK and Irish further and higher education institutions with over 2 million students and nearly 400,000 staff with a spending budget of over £25 billion. As an innovative alliance of staff, students, businesses and other stakeholders, it exists to lead and empower the post-16 education sector to make sustainability 'just good business'.

Enactus UK and EAUC have partnered together to connect EAUC members with Enactus campus teams to collaborate on finding solutions to societies biggest sustainability challenges. This partnership has seen the creation of a new institutional volunteering role, the **Enactus EAUC Sustainability Adviser (SA)**.

Every Enactus team is formed with an **Advisory Board** to support the development of the team and its projects. On this Board sit the **University Advisers (UAs)**, these are staff members from the university that volunteer to manage, coach and guide the Enactus team and students on their Enactus journey. The Sustainability Adviser is a new form of UA which exists to; 1) Connect student teams with existing sustainability initiatives on campus and 2) Provide sustainability insights and expert advice to existing Enactus projects ([find example project case studies here](#)).

Enactus EAUC Sustainability Adviser

Available to:

Any sustainability related employee of an EAUC member and Enactus partner University.
A list of participating Enactus institutions can be found [here](#) and a list of EAUC members [here](#)

Type of Position:

Voluntary, flexible commitment

Key Attributes:

- Affinity with Enactus and its core youth social action mission
- Interest in providing students with a hands-on sustainability learning experience
- Ability to coach and mentor students on sustainability issues

Key Responsibilities:

- 1) *Connect Enactus teams to existing institutional sustainability initiatives:* Sustainability is often high on the agenda at universities and there tends to be a great range of activities undertaken throughout the year from sustainability, estates and academic departments as well as Student Unions (as demonstrated with the EAUC Green Gown Award finalists). EAUC sustainability leaders and Enactus teams are always looking for students to engage and new potential project areas and there would seem to be a natural fit and value add for both sides. The Sustainability Adviser seeks to 'connect the dots' and bring both parties together to explore areas of collaboration and mutual support.

- 2) *Provide sustainability insights and expert advice to existing Enactus projects:* Sustainability (social, economic and environmental) is key part of the Enactus Criterion that serves as the basic framework for all Enactus projects. Having an appointed Sustainability Adviser as an avenue of support will enable the Enactus team to review and improve the sustainability of their project solutions and ultimately scale their community impact.

If you have any further questions about Enactus, Sustainability Adviser role or would like to express interest in the role please contact, Enactus UK's Rosie Connolly (rconnolly@enactus.org).

Enactus Green Gown Awards Finalists Case Studies

Enactus teams play an ever-increasing role in supporting Universities deliver exceptional student-led sustainability initiatives. This is evidenced by a great selection of institutions who have collaborated with their Enactus teams to enter the [Green Gown Awards](#) (finalist case studies below). The Sustainability Adviser collaboration provides another avenue for an institution to enter the awards with the support of their Enactus team.

2018 – Benefitting Society

University of Surrey, Source – providing alternative light sources to combat the overuse of Kerosene lamps in communities across the Philippines.

2018 - Enterprise

Kent Union, EcoFeast – connecting the elderly and younger generations through cookery utilising food waste.

University of Sussex, Project 36 – fighting iron deficiency amongst women in Nepalese communities.

University of Essex, SHE Inspires – empowering former sex-trafficked women through entrepreneurial ventures in Ghana.

2017 – Enterprise

University of Nottingham, Enactus Nottingham – creating businesses, transforming lives ([case study here](#)).

Imperial College London, Kenya Jiko Stove – working with Kenyan communities to develop energy efficient Jiko Stoves ([case study here](#)).

University of Cardiff, Realising Your Business Potential – facilitating the delivery of entrepreneurial techniques and learning to asylum seekers and refugees in the Cardiff area ([case study here](#)).

2017 - Student Sustainability Champion

University of Warwick, Indy Sira – Team Leader of Enactus Warwick, worked on reducing food waste and, helping refugees and asylum seekers to develop employability skills. ([case study here](#)).