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Fullwood House, The Park,
University of Gloucestershire**

Responsible Futures Accreditation Scheme

UNU RCE Severn presents Jamie Agombar, speaking on the pilot for the new Responsible Futures Accreditation scheme.

Responsible Futures is an externally-assessed certification of a whole institution approach to social responsibility and sustainability. This means the students' union and the institution work together through a set of criteria which act as a framework for action. The aim is to facilitate institutional change through partnership which results in improved student knowledge, understanding, skills, and attributes relating to social responsibility and sustainability, with a focus on both the formal and informal curriculum. The accreditation mark recognises and celebrates progress being made along a journey of change, rather than it being certification of an endpoint.

RCE Severn provides a platform for partners across the West Midlands and South West to work together to develop and implement innovative projects and programmes in sustainability education. RCE partners can learn from each other as they engage in sustainability education initiatives. Working together, they can achieve outcomes beyond what is possible to achieve by working in isolation.

Over Jamie's ten years at NUS, he has created a strong student voice on sustainability, and a compelling vision for the sector. He has grown NUS' sustainability function from a single role to 25 full-time dedicated sustainability staff, with NUS delivering successful individual and institutional sustainability change projects into 100 universities and colleges. NUS is regarded as a strong agent for change on sustainability, with Jamie sitting on many key UK higher education sector committees, including the Higher Education Funding Council for England Leadership, Governance and Management Strategic Advisory Committee, and the Higher Education Academy Education for Sustainable Development Advisory Group. In February 2014 Jamie won the Guardian University Award for Inspiring Leadership for work on sustainability.