

## University of the West of Scotland Students' Association wins award for sustainability action



Student's Association of the University of the West of Scotland (SAUWS) has won an NUS Green Impact Gold award, which reflects staff and student dedication to positive environmental action over the last year.

Last year, SAUWS was awarded the NUS Green Impact Bronze award. Due to hard work and dedication, the Students' Association has outperformed expectations and achieved Gold in 2015. Projects that helped achieve this award included the development of the UWS Community Gardens, the SAUWS Free Shop and waste awareness campaigns.

Jack Douglas the President of SAUWS said "I'm incredibly proud that Students' Association has been able to rise all the way to the NUS Green Impact Gold award in such a short space of time. This wouldn't have been possible without our staff in the sustainability team and for the many students that took up the opportunity to get involved in our activities. UWS students have a strong belief that we should be working towards a sustainable future and we are seeing an increasing amount of students that want to get involved and make a difference. At SAUWS, we look forward to building on this year's work as we start to prepare for the next academic year".

Over 100 students' unions across the UK took part in the competition this year, NUS Vice President (Society and Citizenship) Piers Telemacque commented: "At NUS, we get sustainability across campuses, curriculums and communities, and Green Impact really is at the heart of these efforts".

"It is more than just making sure students' unions building cut down on waste and save energy. It's about embedding habits in students which last for a lifetime, and making a positive impact in their communities"

"It's so inspiring to see thousands of students using Green Impact to shape the sustainable future they want to see, and Student's Association of the University of the West of Scotland has been a massive part of that. They should be so proud."

**For more information about Green Impact or any of the other environmental initiative run by SAUWS and UWS, please contact Naomi Arnold [naomi.arnold@uws.ac.uk](mailto:naomi.arnold@uws.ac.uk), or the SAUWS Environment and Sustainability Team on [sustainability@sauws.org.uk](mailto:sustainability@sauws.org.uk).**

### **About NUS**

National Union of Students (NUS) has 600 students' unions from across further and higher education in its membership, representing 7 million students across the UK. NUS shapes education to create a fairer and more prosperous society, while promoting, defending and extending the rights of students.

### **About Green Impact**

Green Impact is a behaviour change programme developed by NUS, encouraging positive student-led environmental action through a bespoke workbook of actions. Over 100 students' unions take part each year, as well as an increasing number of universities and colleges, as well as off-campus locations ranging from NHS Trusts to local authorities. [www.nus.org.uk/greenimpact](http://www.nus.org.uk/greenimpact)