

## Further Information about Green Impact

### How does it work?

The way the project works is fairly simple. It follows a cyclical process as follows:

1. We provide you with an online workbook containing a number of actions which aim to make your department more sustainable and environmentally friendly
2. Your team implement these actions and sign them off in the online workbook – all the actions are realistic and achievable and can be easily fitted into your day-to-day work
3. In spring term, you will have a student auditor come and take an audit of all the actions you have completed
4. At the end of the academic year, you will be presented with an award for how well you have done at our special awards lunch
5. As soon as the new workbooks are out in June/July, you can start again, improving on your previous year's achievements

### What can the team gain?

The members of the team learn valuable, transferrable skills in sustainability and enhance their team morale. You will have the satisfaction of contributing towards a greener campus and doing your bit for the environment. The department will receive an award at the end of the project which provides you with competitive advantage in a world where sustainability is becoming increasingly important for prospective staff and students.

### Benefits to the University

There are also huge economic benefits; we have already seen large savings by simply cutting the amount of energy we use and the amount of waste we are sending to landfill. The University itself will be closer to achieving sustainability goals, achieving ISO 14001 standard, and it will improve our rankings in sustainability league tables such as The People and Planet Green League (in which we ranked 109<sup>th</sup> in 2013).

### How would the team function?

Your team should ideally be a small group of people who meet periodically, but it is completely up to you. You can include any members of staff from any role and if only one person chooses to take on the project, that's fine as well! You can even get students involved to help implement the actions or fill in the workbook – this will help increase their employability and give them a more diverse experience at the University.

### Help offered by us

There is ongoing support throughout the year from NUS and the Energy & Environment Team in Estates Services, including team workshops, as well as our student Green Impact Project Assistants, who will be trained at the start of the autumn term to help you where needed. In addition, the Green Impact Interns (Max and Elisa) are around until the start of September to help get you on the right track, so if you are interested in starting a team or would just like some more information about how it fits in to your routine, get in touch at [greenimpact@york.ac.uk](mailto:greenimpact@york.ac.uk).