

Results of the Students' Union Sustainability Survey

Earlier this year, we asked students to take part in a short survey about sustainability, to help us as a Union identify areas that need improvement and gauge the success of our sustainability campaigns and initiatives so far.

202 students completed the survey and of those, 46.31% were from the School of Life Sciences. The lowest participation was in the North Wales Business School with just 20 students, or 9.85%. However, we do think that this is a representative sample of our students at Wrexham Glyndwr University.



When asked whether they felt that sustainability was important, 98.03% of the students said yes, with just 1.97% stating that they did not think it was important. The fact that this is important to such a huge portion of our students reinforces why we work so hard on it.

Only 33.99% of the students were aware of any of the sustainability initiatives on campus, which suggests that we need to work harder to promote these, however, of the ones

that students did know about, our Green Week was on the radar of 57.14% of the students, and the Sustainability Society was known by 44.29% which is great. The Book Share project in K Block was known of by 40% of the students and Incredible Edible by 32.86% so it seems that there is still a little way to go in terms of awareness, but that we have good groundwork thus far.

50% of the students opted in to be made aware of initiatives that they could be involved in, which is really promising and hopefully, going forward these students can help champion our various projects and campaigns.

Finally, the students were asked about what improvements to the sustainability of the campus they would like to see, and some themes appeared multiple times. For example, a lot of students were unhappy with the amount of paper hand-outs and submissions and felt that things should be done via Moodle where possible. There was a call for a move towards reusable energy such as solar panelled lights, and many students were concerned about the temperature of rooms where the heating was on, but was too hot and so the windows were opened too. Overall, students wanted more awareness and a better focus on renewable resources and sustainability, feeling that education about the impact of everyday action on the environment would encourage more students to make greener choices.

It is clear that our students care about the environment and that sustainability is something important to them, and so the Students' Union will continue our work on this in the coming years.