Results of the Students' Union Sustainability Survey 2018

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.

211 students completed the survey and of those, the highest turnout was 46.31% from the School of Life Sciences. However, we do think that this is a representative sample of our students at Wrexham Glyndwr University and this is an increase since last year. When asked whether they felt that sustainability was important, 99.0% of the students said yes, with just 1.00% 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 last year, which suggested that we needed to work harder to promote these. This year, 63% said that they were aware of WGSU initiatives which is a positive increase. The Sustainability Society was known by 61% which is great and an increase on the previous year. The Book Share project was known of by 40% of the students last year but now is known by 60% because we also added another book share in the students' lounge with more of a footfall.



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 also a call for a move towards reusable energy such as solar panelled lights. These are near enough the exact same improvements that students said they wanted last year. These results will now be taken to the University's Sustainability Action Working Group for discussion. 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. Education for sustainable development is now a priority for the University and something they are making a priority for 2018/19.

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.