

Support Sustainability at your University and gain employability skills as a Goals Ambassador!

The University of Kent Sustainability Team are offering an opportunity for students to gain skills in sustainability culture change, communications, and leadership by volunteering as a Goals Ambassador, as part of an exciting project based around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Role type: Voluntary

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The SDGs or the Global Goals are 17 goals that outline the vision for a sustainable world by 2030. The 17 goals and underlying targets were created and signed by 193 countries at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in 2015. The goals seek to finish the job that was started by the Millennium Goals which ran from 2000 to 2015 and brought 850,000,000 people out of extreme poverty and yet saw carbon emissions increase by 9,850,000 kilotons.

Objectives of the role:

- Promote the SDGs to fellow students and staff
- Encourage, motivate and support the Staff Sustainability Champions network at your local campus
- Increase the ease of reporting on sustainability achievements within the University
- Increase the individual support to Sustainability Champions, by providing creative input, leading where necessary and taking on specific tasks
- Increase student staff collaboration
- Equip students with useful skills for future employability

In the role you will:

- Attend the relevant training and induction session to ensure full understanding of the role
- Keep in regular contact with Sustainability Champions at an assigned campus through emails, phone calls and face to face meetings.
- Support them in their sustainability actions according to their requirements and the agreed goals
- Communicate with other student goals ambassadors to support each other
- Promote the goals through creative campaigning and marketing

Successful applicant will have (desirable):

- An interest in environmental issues (a knowledge of this area is preferable but not essential)
- Good organisational skills
- Excellent written and verbal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to use own initiative
- A commitment to the SDGs and their aims

Key skills, knowledge and experience gained from this role:

- Experience of communicating using a variety of different means
- Leadership & Teamwork
- Insight into effective behaviour change methods

- Knowledge of environmental management of offices and academic institutions.
- Experience of working on a large project

How to apply:

Please send a short email (no more than 300 words) stating why you would like to be a Goals Ambassador to sustainability@kent.ac.uk by the 15th November.