

Students Sustainability Volunteers

Voluntary Role Descriptions

Your chance to make a difference & get great work experience here at Greenwich

The University of Greenwich's Sustainability Team are offering an opportunity for students to gain skills in project and people management, sustainable development, communications, events management and leadership by supporting the team to deliver a range of actions and projects here.

A range of volunteering roles exist for students to support and deliver exiting activities and projects that can make real and lasting sustainability changes. Volunteers will be provided training and support and through their volunteer roles they will learn and develop new skills and knowledge of importance and value to their studies and future careers. Roles include:

Sustainable Food Volunteer:

- To support the [Sustainable Food and Fairtrade](#) steering group members and be student representative to this group (meeting 4 times a year). Undertaking activities including, research and analysis, compilation of Fairtrade Foundation bi-annual submission, developing, promoting sustainable food events.

Edible Garden Student Volunteer:

- Create communications and recruitment channels and activities to encourage students to become engaged in supporting the [Community Edible Garden](#) (Southwood site).

Recycling and Waste Reduction Volunteer:

- To undertake research on how staff and students recycle (otherwise) and develop communications to [improve recycling](#) behaviour and reduce contamination.

Student Sustainability Communications Volunteer

- Develop and deliver overall strategy for engaging students in sustainability issues, including energy and water efficiency, waste and recycling, sustainable food, biodiversity, student halls projects etc.

Student Sustainable Curriculum Volunteer

- To work in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Unit to engage with students including programme representatives to help ensure sustainable development issues are included within the curriculum of subjects across the university.

Prior knowledge of sustainability and environmental issues isn't essential however an enthusiasm to learn and a commitment to making a positive impact will be a great asset.

Commitment:

- Approximately 2 hours a week equivalent over five months (November - May) to be agreed between volunteer and their allocated team to fit around work/study commitments.
- 2 hour training session in early December
- This is a voluntary post with great opportunities for professional and personal development through training and support.

To apply: To apply for this role please email a completed application form to sustainability@gre.ac.uk. You must be a current University of Greenwich undergraduate or postgraduate student to apply.

Deadline:

Noon 22 November 2017

Objective:

To undertake activities that improve the sustainability performances of the University of Greenwich by undertaking activities appropriate to the specific volunteering role.

Aims:

- To work with relevant staff and student groups to develop understanding and actions that can improve the sustainability performance of the university in that volunteer role area
- To provide experiences to volunteers to apply their knowledge and learn new skills
- To work in collaboration with the sustainability team and volunteers to create an effective team
- Equip student volunteers with skills and knowledge for future employability

What will it involve?

Learning and development:

- Attend an introductory training session outlining the environmental initiatives at the University of Greenwich and learn more about what sustainability means and how volunteers can help us achieve it.
- Learn about sustainability and issues relating to their role through on the job training, work shadowing and attendance of meetings and events as appropriate.

Key competencies required:

- An interest in environmental issues (a knowledge of this area is preferable but not essential)

- Enthusiasm and motivation to make a difference!
- Good organisational skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to use own initiative and be proactive
- Professional attitude

Key skills and experience gained:

- Practical application of sustainability in a large organisation
- Development and utilisation of skill sets including understanding behaviour change, research, analysis and communication.
- Experience of communicating using a variety of different means
- Ability to support and encourage others to perform
- Events management skills
- Leadership skills
- Time management
- Project management

For more information about sustainability at the University of Greenwich please review [our website](#):