



ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

Goal 3: Focuses on empowering and encouraging students to protect and support their wellbeing. Through our campaigns and partnerships, we provide vital information on how to maintain positive mental health and to seek help and recharge during stressful periods.



ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Goal 4: Set out to put the student voice at the centre of all decisions made around education both on a local and national level. USI are partners in the National Student Engagement Programme (NStEP), we host a plethora of training events to implement positive change in students' third-level education experience.



REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

Goal 10: Work to equip LGBT+ students to recognise and overturn discrimination through campaigns year-round. We host Pink Training, the largest LGBT+ training event of its kind in Europe, and training events for mature students and students with disabilities.



ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Goal 5: Provide students with workshops and training events such as 'Women in Leadership' to inspire women to take on leadership roles both within their institution and after college. The national student movement lobby has put forward policies to advance gender equality.



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What are the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals?

In September 2015, 193 countries met in New York and signed the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This Agenda has become the guide to the world's social, economic, and environmental actions to achieve a sustainable future by 2030.

The framework consists of 17 Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs). Each of these goals has a number of targets associated with it (169 in total). Indicators identify the data that will be used to measure progress towards these targets and to determine if it has been achieved successfully by 2030.

The global progress is monitored by the UN. Individual countries must provide voluntary national reviews including stakeholder involvement. In Ireland, the overall responsibility for implementing the UN SDGs lies with the Department of Communications, Climate Action, and Environment (DCCAE).

Inclusion is at the core of the UN SDGs, and as a result, governments, the corporate sector, and citizens are called upon to make the SDG agenda a reality.

 www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment

SDG Champions Programme

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Champions Programme is an initiative established by the SDG Unit in the Department of Communication, Climate Action, and Environment. The Minister and the Department believe that the SDG Champions Programme has the potential to achieve nationwide prominence and raise public awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The purpose of the SDG Champions Programme is primarily to raise public awareness of the SDGs, and secondarily to illustrate practical ways in which organisations and individuals can contribute to achieving the SDGs, using Champion organisations' practices as examples.

Each Champion organisation is focusing primarily on a select number of SDGs each. As individual Champions will promote specific SDGs, each of the twelve campaigns will be distinct in terms of the goals they are championing.

However, all twelve campaigns will be built around the core message that the Sustainable Development Goals are for everyone in society and that everyone can make a contribution, large or small, to their success.



The Union of Students in Ireland is the national representative body for over 374,000 students in third-level education across the island of Ireland.

The Union of Students in Ireland aims to create a sustainable environment for our current and future members, which is why we ensure that the Sustainable Development Goals are integrated throughout our policies, campaigns, and projects. Through our lobbying, campaigning, and events we promote sustainable communities, affordable energy, climate action, and responsible consumption and production. Goals 3, 4, 5, and 10 are a pivotal part of the work the national student movement carries out, we are continuously working with key stakeholders to lobby for more policies and initiatives which

will reduce inequalities, promote good health and well-being, provide quality education to our members, and promote a sustainable way of life.

In essence, USI focuses on empowering our students to confront the challenges they face, with an emphasis on peer-to-peer learning. Our activities equip students with the tools and knowledge to incorporate the SDGs into their everyday lives. Our energy-saving project, SAVES2, provides practical tips which allow students to save money, combat fuel poverty, and fight climate change. We provide support to students through our work and organise a plethora of events and training in the areas of equality, welfare, and education.