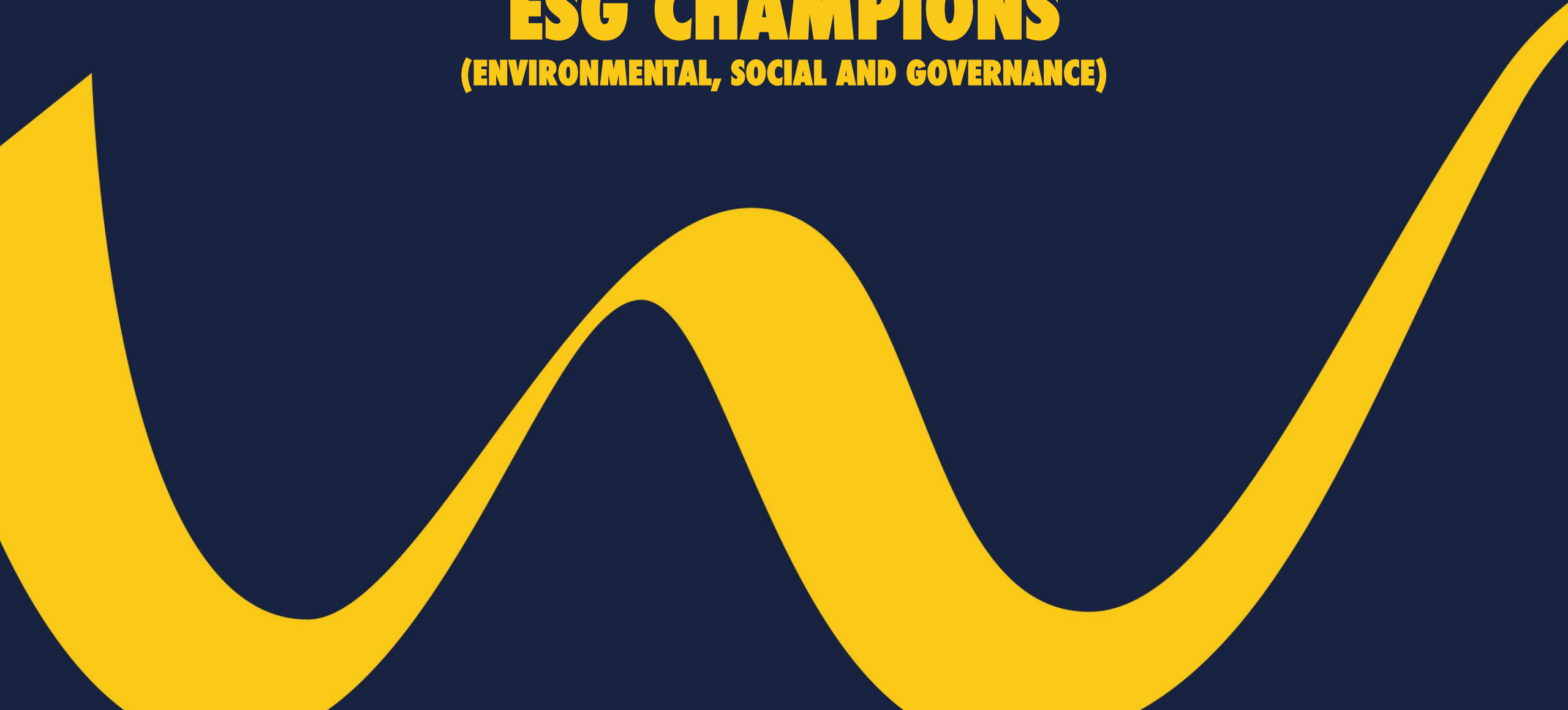


ESG CHAMPIONS

(ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE)



WHAT ARE ESG CHAMPIONS?

Are you looking to shape climate education, have sustainability ideas you would like to share or want to get involved in making your residence or campus more sustainable?

Whatever you are interested in, there are varied activities and opportunities to join!

ESG Champions are a network of volunteers who provide a local focus point for sustainability issues.

They encourage their peers to make small changes to everyday practices that collectively make a big difference across the University.

Sustainability Champions will be a key part of the ESG programme to progress University Targets.

Read more about the ESG Targets [Here!](#)

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Sustainability Strategy 2035



WHY DO WE NEED CHAMPIONS?

Like all organisations of this size and complexity, The University of Wolverhampton has a major impact on the environment and a moral obligation to ensure a just and sustainable future. Due to the diverse and intercate nature of the University of Wolverhampton, there is no one-size-fits-all approach so there needs to be a liaison between the sustainability team and department staff or students.

ESG Champions play a key role in providing this local focus, understanding the culture of their Faculty, School, Department and Campus. Champions are empowered to encourage others to drive change and take environmental aspects into consideration.

Throughout the year ESG champions deliver projects and complete actions mapped against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Be a part of an enthusiastic network of staff and students who are interested in ESG.
- Receive newsletters, e - learning training and participate in events to increase your knowledge of sustainability.
- Make your voice heard and find solutions to sustainability issues.
- Volunteering is a great way to develop your skills and can be a positive addition to your CV.
- It will take on average an hour a week to make a difference !





WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM CHAMPIONS?

1. Increase your own knowledge of sustainability by reading and sharing the Quarterly Sustainability dashboards.
2. Complete the quarterly goals in the dashboard.
3. You have the option to be featured in newsletters, annual reports and on the website if you wish to.
4. We host ESG societies meetings to progress initiatives and share successes that you can attend.
5. Collaborate with all champions to make Every Day an Earth Day.
6. Contribute towards the university ESG programme, supporting goals and reporting on targets.
7. A dedicated ESG Teams Channel will help you collaborate on projects, discuss ESG matters and get to know other ESG Champions!

GREEN COLLECTIVE

Students Union

- Engage with Students and community to contribute to sustainability
- Partake in wider community volunteering opportunities
- Promoting sustainable lifestyle

Wellbeing Alliance

- Advance Social Mobility, EDI, Health & Wellbeing programs
- Develop & review policies
- Renewal of Race to Equality Charter
- Renewal of Athena Swan Bronze
- Supporting biodiversity by increasing natural habitat
- Continue with the Living Wage Accreditation

Chaplaincy

- Continue to provide Global lunch for students
- Promote circularity by offering pre-loved items to students
- Provide an inclusive and safe space for students and staff to visit and reflect

WildWLV

- Enhance the Biodiversity of the various ecosystems across University Campuses
- Collaborate with University and local communities to spread awareness stakeholders

Sustainable Accommodations

- Encourage and facilitate sustainable lifestyle for Students
- Reduce waste generated
- Enhance Students mental wellbeing
- Engage with Students and community to contribute to sustainability

IMPACT ACADEMY

CDIT/ KE/ TNE

- Create Opportunities for customised sustainable development research
- Map Research & KE to UNSDGs
- Improve University Ranking and improve funding opportunities

ACADEMIA

- Include ESG principles in curriculum both nationally and with international partners
- Include sustainability in course re-validation
- Improve University Ranking and improve funding opportunities
- Ensure that events are run in a sustainable manner by facilitating hybrid attendance, reducing the use of paper and increasing recycling.
- Seek to integrate a consideration of environmental issues into all relevant aspects of the University's teaching and research activities.

WLV ZERO

Carbon Management

- Carbon Reduction Roadmap
- GHG inventory accounting
- Reduction of at least 1% of Green House Emissions per academic year
- Reduce water by 5%
- Assess sustainability Impact of University Decisions and improve the reputation
- Periodically update the Carbon Management Plan
- Optimise building temperature control to minimise carbon footprint

Sustainable Construction/ GIC

- Sustainable Construction Projects Delivery
- Considerate contractors for all new build Projects and 50% of refurbis
- Delivery of GIC
- Ensure all projects are designed to support net-zero operational emissions.
- Exceed current building regulation energy efficiency standards by 10% or more.
- Integration of on-site renewable energy generation in all new builds and major refurbishments to offset operational emissions, with at least 10% connected load produced by on-site renewables.
- Use contractors with Considerate Constructors accreditation

Ethical Investment and Procurement

- Procurement tenders to include ESG Scoring
- Promote selection of products with lower environmental impact during use such as energy-efficient electrical devices and at end-of-life disposal
- Aspire for all University contracts tendered via the Procurement team to have at least 5% scoring allocated to ESG from 2025 and 10% from 2027.
- Ensuring the data needed to effectively monitor and report on scope 3 emissions is available, accessible and accurate
- Prioritize products with environmental and ethical certification including Fairtrade, FSC, Rainforest Alliance, Carbon Trust, BCorp, EcoVadis, Green Mark, Planet Mark, GRI and other relevant criteria where appropriate.

Sustainable Catering

Increase Plant based meals offerings year on year
Annual reduction of disposable catering items
Strive to source sustainable and ethically produced food for its catering services and increase plant-based meals offerings.

Resource Management and Circularity

- Implementation of long-term waste management strategies to reduce overall waste production and increase the recycled component of the waste stream.
- Continuing to divert 100% of the University's waste from landfill.
- Increasing recycling year on year percentages.
- Educating the University community on responsible disposal.

Sustainable Transport

Encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport to, from and within the University.

Promote EV chargers

Increase when applicable the number of electric vehicles in the University fleet

Sustainable IT

Reduce power consumption from IT equipment

Managing power settings across campuses

Rationalise the purchasing frequency to minimise the environmental impact

Reduce waste produced and continue to recycle WEE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE .. REGISTER YOUR INTREST !

Sign up to the network
using the link below !

[ESG Champions](#)



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