



Sustainability Framework

Leeds Arts University is committed to establishing the highest possible standards of sustainability across all its core activities. To support this goal, a Sustainability Framework was launched in 2015, to identify and guide how the University community should engage with and advance its sustainability practices.

The University became a signatory of the SDG Accord in 2019 with a commitment to report annually on the progress made in contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). The annual report highlights key areas of positive activity against selected goals and identifies areas for continued focus and development throughout the following year.

We recognise the role of education in enabling students to develop the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours needed for sustainable development, ensuring they are equipped to meet the rapidly changing demands of the world.

The Sustainability Committee promotes, co-ordinates and monitors the development and implementation of sustainability initiatives across all areas of the University. Each Academic and Business Support area annually evaluates and reports on the progress made in embedding the SDG's within their practices.

The Sustainability Framework operates within three top level headings of People, Place and Process which naturally interlink and overlap, and which are graphically represented below. The relevant policies and procedures relating to the operation of this framework can be found on Portal.

Our Sustainability Goals outline our aspirations for the forthcoming year informed by the findings within the SDG Accord Report.

Education for sustainable development is the process of equipping students with the knowledge and understanding, skills and attributes needed to work and live in a way that safeguards environmental, social and economic well-being, both in the present and for future generations.

[HEA, Education for Sustainable Development: Guidance for HE Providers](#)

Our framework explained

