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What makes us a
“Sustainable Union”?



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Have a look at
some of the things
we do to make us
a more
**SUSTAINABLE
UNION**



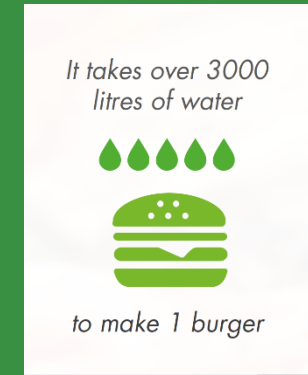
Union Venues

In our bars, Ember Lounge, and Verve we work hard to reduce the environmental footprint of what we do....



Meat free

Buying 5 veggie meals means you get your 6th for free, helping you reduce CO₂ from your diet



Disposables and Consumables

We avoid single use plastic – all venues serve drinks in glasses. For takeaway, you'll get compostable packaging and cutlery



Food waste

If there are any leftovers, we make sure to send them to a biogas plant not landfill – producing low-carbon electricity



- **Refurbishment**

When we upgrade our venues, we always make them use less energy. So far, we've saved the equivalent energy of 3 kettles boiling ALL DAY (that's a lot of brews)



Free range eggs

All venues use free range eggs to ensure good welfare for hens producing our food.



Local butchery

We source all our burgers from a Staffordshire butcher to ensure we reduce food miles and support local farms



Fairtrade

We only use Fairtrade tea, coffee and hot chocolate and shops sell Fairtrade products including chocolate and Fairtrade cotton hoodies to ensure better conditions for growers and farmers



Squeezebox

Squeeze doesn't just serve fantastic smoothies & the best coffee, **its super eco-friendly too!**

Fairtrade refreshments

No "vegan Tax" on plant-based milks

Bring Your Own Cup discount of 20p

Grab-and-Go food packaging is recyclable

PLA degradable straws and smoothie cups

Compostable coffee cups

LED lighting saving 800w

Food waste recycling

Say no to lids and straws

Great drinks **without the environmental guilt** - You don't get that anywhere else



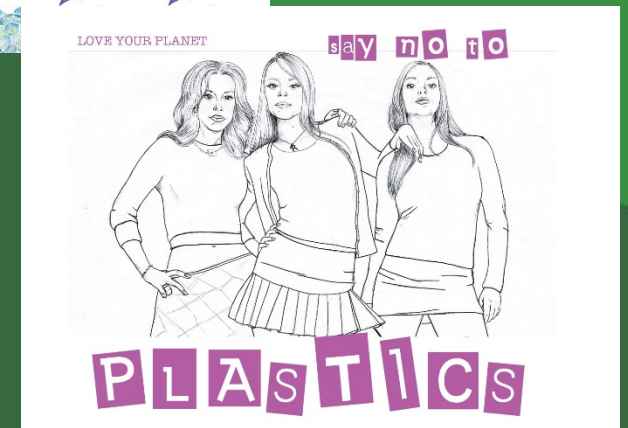
Plastic Carrier Bags

We sold over 20000 bags each year and decided to do something about it.

Now using biodegradable bags with the profits from the sale going towards funding our green work

We also sell organic canvas bag alternative designed by students ->->>

We managed to reduce bags to just 5% of shoppers



Refill Shop

Our low waste shop is a great way to buy just the right amount of supplies

And it comes with no plastic wrapping and you can bring your own reusable containers to use



Student Events

Our students are always thinking of things to help students help the planet.

The Great Donate – send unwanted stuff to charity

Litter picks – reducing pollution on campus

Staffs TV does Top Gear – promoting low carbon transport



“Green” Student Groups

And some of our clubs and societies are eco too...

Growing Concern

Biology Society

Vegan & vegetarian

Project Earth



Green Working Group

All our staff are responsible for the sustainable changes we make

This means we can make lots of small changes to reduce our impact and improve the environment across everything we do



The screenshot shows a PDF document with the following content:

THE STUDENTS' UNION
Staffordshire University Students' Union

Sustainability, Environment and Ethics Policy

Compliance Guidance for Staff

The union continues to support the use of Fairtrade options in our operations

All refreshments provided by the Union for complimentary use will be Fairtrade (tea, coffee, hot chocolate etc.). All tea, coffee & hot chocolate sold in the Union venues will be Fairtrade also.

Retail outlets must stock more than 50% Fairtrade tea, coffee & hot chocolate within the product ranges. From implementation of this policy, the clothing offer in the retail outlets will consist of at least 50% Fairtrade products, aiming to increase this to 100% by 2020.

The Union will continue to expand the range of Fairtrade products for sale in shops and venues and will look to ensure that Fairtrade alternatives are available across as many ranges as possible.

The Union will only use free range eggs in its food from venues and will only stock free range eggs (or those of higher standards) in the retail outlets and will continually look to find higher welfare options when sourcing animal products. The union will explore the use of local food sources as a priority when considering food suppliers.

Continue to reduce office use paper. All purchased paper will be FSC certified or better, as will all copier paper sold in the Union shops.

The union will encourage the use of refillable water bottles at our water fountains.

The Union venues will continue to use reusable glassware or plasticware in favour of disposable plastic cups and shops will stock compostable or paper alternatives where possible instead of plastic cups, plates or cutlery.

Venues will continue to use compostable, cardboard or natural alternatives when providing take away boxes and cutlery instead of polystyrene or plastic.

Squeeze box will continue to use plastic alternatives for its smoothie range, take away boxes and cutlery and will continue to pressure and incentivise customers to use reusable cups for their drinks.

Shops will continue to use biodegradable carrier bags and will match or exceed the national carrier bag levy rate regardless of legislation. Profits from the sale of carrier bags will continue to be used to help provide environmental benefits.

All buildings will have instructions for staff on the shutdown of buildings including actions that help reduce energy and water consumption.

We work with the Uni and local Council

Promoting recycling and helping students' access to bins

<3 Shelton supporting community work on fly tipping

And lots more including...

Dr Bike, Student Switch Off, Wildflowers & Flower beds, Halls recycling, and Hedgehog Friendly Campus



But WHY bother?

Our students demanded a 'greener' Students' Union

Not only does our work benefit the planet – we want to help educate and empower you to make sustainable choices too

Being 'Green' is the right thing to do, by doing our bit to help tackle climate change and sustainability issues.

