



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE

HIGHLIGHTS 2018/19

Annual Sustainability Report



Foreward by the Director

As the world responds to a global pandemic, we cannot forget the climate crisis facing us. Both require urgent action and a truly global response. Now more than ever is the time to collectively shape a sustainable, inclusive and resilient pathway to recovery for the world.

We are keen to play an active part and are working with the LSE community shaping a new Sustainability Strategic Plan for the School.



Minouche Shafik

Director, LSE

Awards 2018/19





Leadership and Governance

Sustainability is a key commitment of LSE's 2030 Strategy and Ethics Code. Our dedicated **Sustainability Team** coordinates efforts across the School to improve LSE's environmental performance in close collaboration with the LSE community.

Delivery of our sustainability objectives is supported by our **Environmental and Energy Management Systems** which strategically manages, monitors, and improves our environmental and energy impacts. This year we have maintained these systems externally certified to the internationally recognised ISO 14001 and 50001 standards.



Our process for decision-making on sustainability issues provides opportunities for all to get involved including students, faculty, professional services staff.

Our approach contributes to the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** in different ways, as highlighted in this document and our full report.

Our sustainability ranking in the Higher Education sector

People and Planet's "Green" University League is an independent ranking of UK universities' environmental and ethical performance.





Education and Research

We equip LSE graduates with the understanding and critical thinking skills needed to address the future challenges of our global society. In 2018-19 some key initiatives included:

LSE Change Makers by the Eden Centre. A collaborative programme that gives students the chance to make meaningful change at LSE.

Work It Out by LSE LIFE and LSE Careers to help LSE students explore what “meaningful work” means to them.

Circle of Intrapreneurs event by LSE Careers, the Department of Geography and Environment, and the Students Union.

Explore London Lunchtime Walk by LSE Human Resources with a focus on air quality and wellbeing themes.

Marshall Building air quality project, a collaboration between the Sustainable Futures Society, Emissions Solutions Limited, the Department of Geography and Environment.

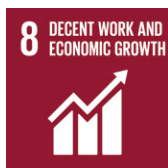
Sustainable Projects Fund new Academic Stream pilot scheme.

LSE's research contribution to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

2062



699



535



452



1134



Number of LSE publications for our most popular addressed SDGs





Partnerships and Engagement

Our LSE staff and students get involved in a range of initiatives, some highlights this year were:

Series of sustainability events as part **LSE's Student Union Green Week** in February 2019.

20 teams of staff and students delivered **16 projects** relating to single-use plastics as part of our Green Impact workplace engagement scheme.

71 Sustainability Ambassadors encouraged targeted actions in hall of residence to reduce energy use and increase recycling.

Sustainable Projects Fund provided funding and support for student projects, including a LSESU Marine Society working with Sail Britain to investigate Plastic Pollution.

We also work with our local community and beyond through LSE **Generate Entrepreneurs**, **LSE Volunteer Centre**, the **London Northbank Business Improvement District** and more.

And celebrating it's 10 years, **LSE's Grantham Research Institute** held a series of public events and publications.





Operation and Estate

We work to improve our performance across our impacts, be it Carbon, Energy, Built environment, Waste and resources, Procurement, Water, Travel, Pollution and Air Quality, Biodiversity and Green Spaces, and Investment. Find out more [here](#).



100%

electricity sourced
from renewables



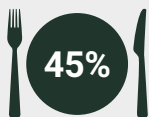
38%

carbon reductions since
2005 scope 1/2



49%

waste reused, recycled
or composted



of dishes sold were
plant-based in 2019



Two

vegan cafés



drinks sales in
reusable cups

25

Green Impact teams /
16 projects
#PlasticFreeLSE



135

Sustainability Ambassadors
(Reduce the Juice)



One

public water
fountain installed

#OneLess

Carbon

LSE has set a commitment to become a net-zero carbon emissions organisation no later than 2050; and by 2030 for its scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Energy

Our £4.5million investment in energy efficiency projects since 2015 has improved our energy efficiency. Achieving energy usage per m2 of 169.6 kWh/m2, a 29 per cent reduction since 2005/06.

