

Sustainability Survey

Findings from the sustainability survey - March 2023.



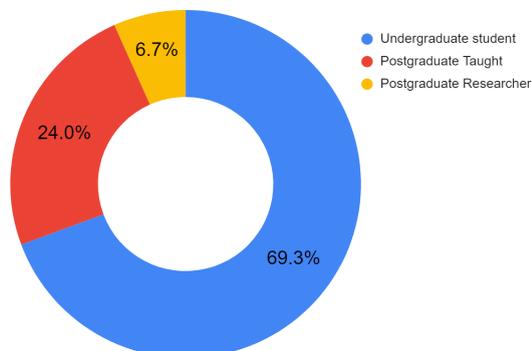
Summary

- [LUU sustainable opportunities:](#)
 - Over half of the respondents agreed that LUU provides opportunities for them to live and work more sustainably.
- [Future LUU sustainability opportunities:](#)
 - These could include: sustainability-related education; more segregated waste bins; talks, events & workshops; more water taps to reduce student use of SUPs.
- [Feeling informed about LUU sustainability initiatives:](#)
 - Many students agreed that they felt informed about LUU's sustainability initiatives and how they can get involved, however, ¼ disagreed with this.
- [Future information about sustainability initiatives:](#)
 - Students said they would most like to be informed about sustainability initiatives at LUU via email and social media, as well as pop-up stalls.
- [Suggestions to improve sustainability at LUU:](#)
 - These included: using less SUPs, specifically in food packaging; reducing the use of paper cups; having less physical flyers.

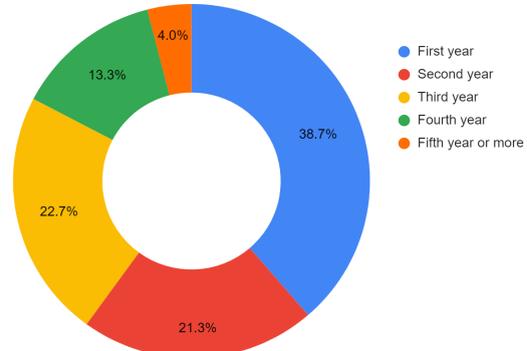
Participants

- A total of **75** students answered the survey questions on sustainability

Degree Level



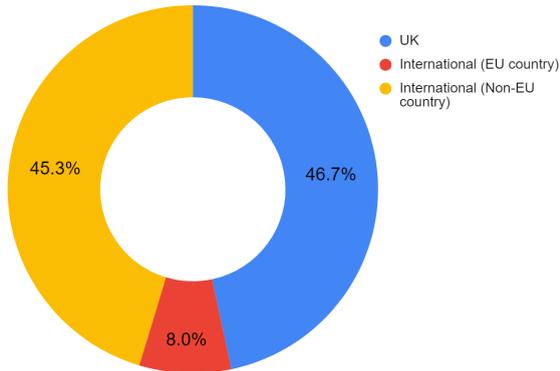
Year of Study



- 69% of respondents were undergraduate students, 24% were taught postgraduates, and 7% were research postgraduate students.

- In terms of year of study, 39% were in their first year, 21% in second year, 23% in third year, 13% in fourth year and 4% in their fifth year or more.

Home Residency



- There was almost an even split of UK students and non-EU International students: 47% UK, 45% non-EU International. The remaining 8% were EU International students.

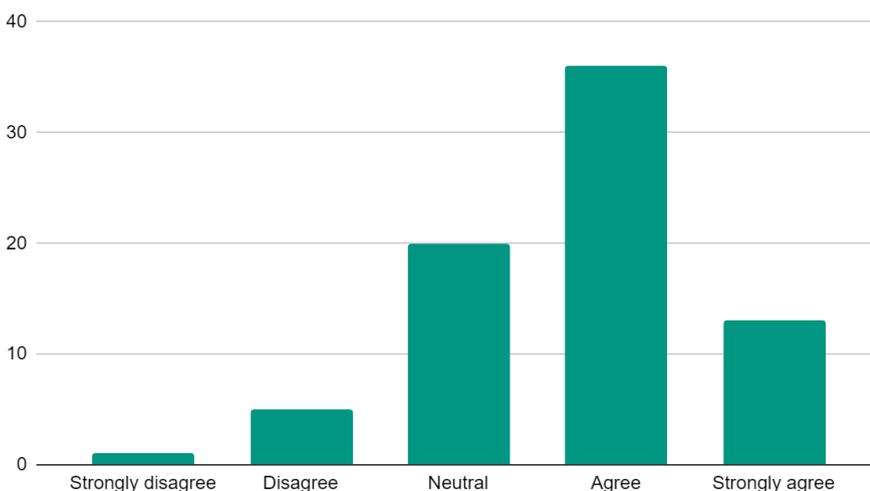
Faculty

- One third of students who answered the survey were from the faculty of *Arts, Humanities & Culture*. 20% were from the faculty of *Business*, and 13% from the faculty of *Engineering & Physical Sciences*. Remaining students were from the following faculties: *Medicine & Health* (12%), *Social Sciences* (11%), *Biological Sciences* (5%), *Lifelong Learning Centre* (1%), *Language Centre* (1%).

Findings

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- Almost half respondents (47%) said they agreed that LUU provides opportunities for them to live and work more sustainably. A further 17% strongly agreed with this.
- Only 8% said they either disagreed or strongly disagreed (with only one student saying they strongly disagreed with this).

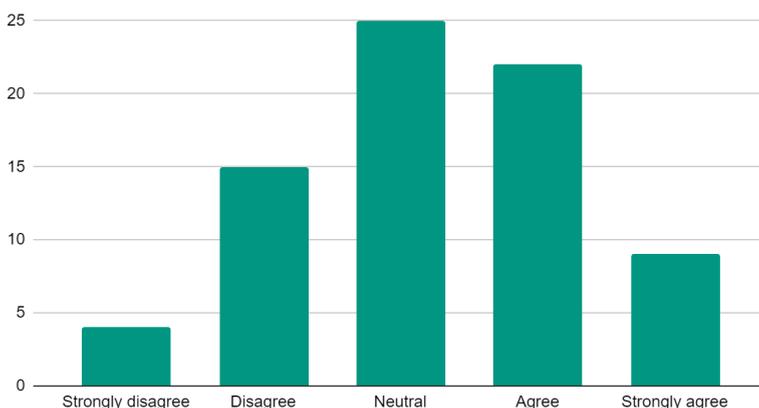
- However, just over one quarter of respondents gave a neutral answer, implying they either did not agree nor disagree, or were unsure.

What opportunities could LUU provide to improve the score you've given?

- 57 responses in total
- Nine respondents said they would like **more information around sustainability**-related content, including:
 - *"more information about sustainability"*
 - *"More information about the sustainable shop in the union"*
 - *"More information across the union on LUU sustainability and how students can be more sustainable"*
 - *"Better recycling education"*
- Eight students mentioned LUU should provide **more segregated waste bins**, particularly recycling bins and compost bins.
- Seven students showed interest in **talks, events, workshops** or sustainability-related programmes.
 - *"I would like to see more fairs on campus from sustainable local businesses."*
 - *"Better sustainability programmes for students"*
- Five students mentioned LUU should provide **more water taps**: water fountains (3) and hot water dispensers (2).
- Four students mentioned LUU could implement several **sustainable schemes**, such as:
 - Bicycle schemes
 - Providing free menstrual cups
 - Return your cup scheme (like in Germany) between the coffee shops on campus
 - Too Good To Go
- Two students mentioned that LUU food outlets could use **better food packaging**, i.e., reduced plastic packaging
- Two felt there could be more sustainability-related **job opportunities**, and one mentioned **volunteering opportunities**
- One student said they were not aware of anything that LUU does for sustainability
- However, six felt LUU couldn't do anything more to enable them to live more sustainably

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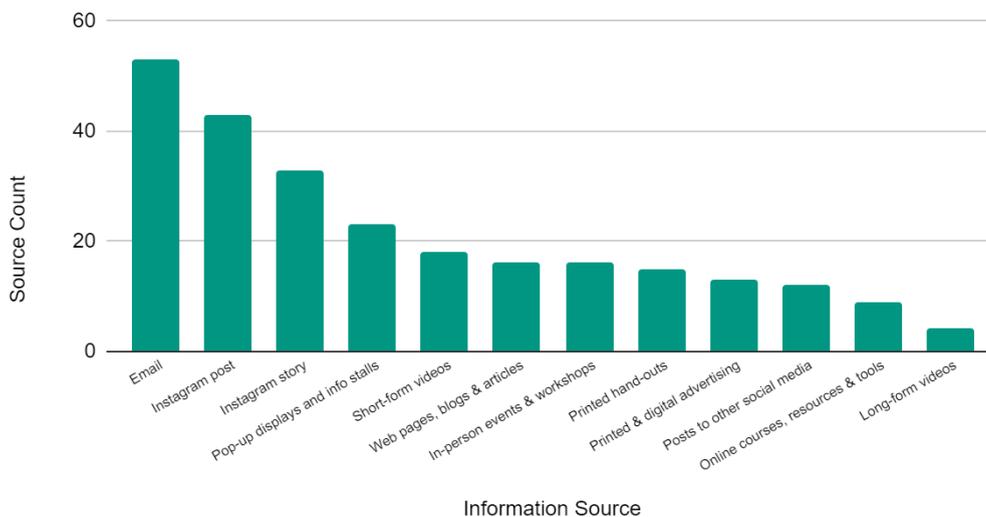
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- 29% students agreed that they felt informed about LUU's sustainability initiatives and ways in which they could get involved. A further 12% strongly agreed with this.
- However, one third of respondents gave a neutral response to this statement.
- In addition, one quarter of students either disagreed or strongly disagreed about feeling informed around LUU's sustainability. Therefore, students may not be as informed about sustainability at LUU as they could be.

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- Students most commonly said they would like to receive more information via email (71%).
- Following this, they'd like to be more informed by Instagram posts (57%) and stories (44%).
- Pop-up displays and information stalls were also fairly popular (31%).
- Online courses, resources & tools, and long-form videos were the least popular (12% and 5%, respectively).

How can sustainability at LUU be improved?

- 46 responses in total.
- 11 responding students said they would like **more information** about sustainability
 - *"More information sessions to raise awareness of the cause"*
 - *"More obvious signage of what is being done to work towards sustainability goals."*
 - Three said they specifically wanted more information about sustainability-related activities they could get involved in
- Eight students mentioned LUU could **use less single-use plastics**, and specifically could improve food outlet packaging
 - *"reusable/recyclable items at pearls bubble tea"*
 - *"Better/cheaper food options on campus to prevent unnecessary shopping with packaging"*
 - *"banning sale of single use plastics"*
- Seven students made comments around **providing more bins** (general waste, recycling, compost) and **generally maintaining the cleanliness** of the building/ campus
 - *"Perhaps by making sure rubbish is taken care of more?"*

- *"The ground floor of LUU could do with a general waste bin to avoid people putting general waste in the recycling bins."*
- Five students commented about the **use of paper/ reusable cups**. These included:
 - Stop selling paper cups
 - Sell cheaper reusable cups/ provide returnable cups
 - *"if the reusable cups sold were cheaper maybe more people would buy them"*
 - *"Returnable coffee mugs in campus coffee shops"*
 - Have reusable cup incentives
- Four students mentioned having **less flyers** would be beneficial
 - Replace these with digital forms of marketing
- Two mentioned wanting to see **more workshops or events**
 - *"more workshops including fun activities like plantation, hiking activities etc"*
- Two mentioned **specific schemes** that could be implemented, including:
 - Too Good To Go
 - Having a clothing bank
- However, six students were unsure what LUU could do to improve its sustainability