

BANGOR–MAKERERE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Promoting Sustainability and Well-being across continents: Developing
the Bangor-Makerere Student Link

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Introduction

- ❑ Project is Part of the Sustainability Program implemented by the Sustainability Lab
- ❑ Signing of the MOU
- ❑ Support from Hub Cymru Africa



Professor John Ddumba Ssentamu, Vice Chancellor Makerere University said:

“The collaboration with Bangor University will enable us to offer our students and business partners access to their teaching and practical expertise. As one of the world’s leading universities in applying effective solutions to issues such as energy efficiency, waste management, sustainable recycling and reuse of materials, they are ideal partners.”

About Makerere University

Makerere University Main Building



Facts about Makerere

- ❑ It is the oldest and the best University in Uganda, East Africa. Started in 1922
- ❑ Many African Leaders studied at Makerere
- ❑ It is Ranked the 3rd best University in Africa, behind University of Cape Town and University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa
- ❑ It has a student population of about 40,000
- ❑ It has a student association called the Guild
- ❑ It has partnerships with different Universities all over the world, and many of those are with Universities in the UK
- ❑ Slow progress has been made in the area of sustainability and a lot still needs to be done

The Sustainability Program

Goal

- ▶ Both Universities to work collaboratively to promote the Sustainable Development Agenda within their organisations and communities

Focus areas

- ❑ Student Engagement
- ❑ Staff Engagement
- ❑ Institutional/Management Engagement
- ❑ Business/Industry Engagement

Why this program?

UN Call

- ❑ In 2015 the UN passed the 17 Sustainable Development Goals
- ❑ They are integrated and indivisible, and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.
- ❑ Partnerships were highlighted as key success factors to ensuring that the goals and the targets are met
- ❑ The 2030 Agenda also states that: “We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity...”

Source: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

UN Call to Higher Education Institutions

- ❑ At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, the leaders of the international academic community were called upon to commit to the development of sustainable practices for Higher Education Institutions
- ❑ Since Higher Education Institutions educate and train decision makers, they play a key role in building more sustainable societies and creating new paradigms
- ❑ As educational institutions, they have the mission to promote development through both research and teaching, disseminating new knowledge and insight to their students and building their capabilities

Why Wales and Bangor University

Wales

- ❑ Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act
- ❑ Globally responsible Wales (one of the goals)
- ❑ Wales is reported as the first nation to have An Act aimed at ensuring that sustainable practices are complied to.
- ❑ Great progress has been made at all the three levels: People, Planet and Prosperity

Bangor University

- ❑ According to the [UI Green Metric](#), produced by Universitas Indonesia,
- ❑ Bangor University has been placed 22nd in a global league table of the world's greenest universities.
- ❑ Vice-Chancellor Professor John G Hughes said:
- ❑ "I am delighted that Bangor continues to rise in the table. We join five other universities in the UK in leading the way in 'greening' the international higher education sector. Our further rise in the table demonstrates our ongoing commitment to taking positive action in promoting sustainability and achieving continual environmental improvement."
- ▶ Student Union has also worn an NUS Green Impact Excellence award for sustainable Action

Source: <https://www.bangor.ac.uk/news>

Student Engagement

- As part of the collaboration a team from Makerere visited Bangor and met with the Student Union management team to discuss how the two student Unions can work together



Project Linking Bangor Student Union and Makerere Student Guild to work collaboratively to promote and engage in sustainable Development Practices.

Purpose

- ❑ Students at both Universities leading change initiatives for sustainable practice within their Universities and communities
- ❑ Students actively working together, learning and creating sustainable practice
- ❑ Both Students unions adopting greater sustainable responsibilities
- ❑ Students work together to lobby authorities in their communities to provide systems and policies that support sustainable practices
- ❑ Improving understanding of the sustainability concept
- ❑ Increasing student engagement in sustainable practices and activities

Focus areas in the project

- ❑ Awareness campaigns about sustainability.
- ❑ Energy efficient practices
- ❑ Waste Management
- ❑ Green Activities
- ❑ Engage with authorities

How to engage;

- ❑ Work with the student Union and partner with some of the on going projects and activities with in the union.
- ❑ Work with societies
- ❑ Develop a communication strategy that will allow students form both Universities to interact and implement activities together
- ❑ Work with partners

How to participate

- ❑ We have a student Intern
- ❑ Through the Student Union
- ❑ Contact us directly
- ❑ We are open to work with all students that are interested

Thank you

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