A GUIDE FOR

PROSPECTIVE HUB MEMBERS

FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO WANT TO START MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

AN INITIATIVE OF:
INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are 17 ambitious objectives for a greener, healthier, more peaceful, and equal planet. On 25 September 2015, after three years of discussion and consultation, all 193 UN Member States finally agreed and signed the SDGs, committing to achieve them by 2030. Click here to find out more about the SDGs.

WHAT IS SDSN?

In 2012, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) to mobilise global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development, including the design and implementation of the SDGs at local, national and global scales.

WHAT IS SDSN YOUTH?

In 2015, the SDSN launched its official youth initiative (SDSN Youth) to empower youth globally to create sustainable development solutions. SDSN Youth educates young people about the Sustainable Development Goals and provides opportunities for them to pioneer innovative solutions to address the world's biggest challenges.
THE SDG STUDENTS PROGRAM

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The SDG Students Program is an initiative of SDSN Youth that aims to engage students in higher education in the global effort to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, as well as empower them with the knowledge, skills, and pathways to action to be effective agents of change today. Click here to watch what Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Director of SDSN, has to say about the program.

WHAT IS THE VISION AND MISSION?

VISION

A global network of student hubs, where students can come together to learn about, engage with, and take action on the SDGs.

MISSION

To transform the world’s universities into hubs of learning and engagement for the SDGs, as well as drivers of new solutions to local problems.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Join the SDG Student Hub on your campus as an SDG Hub Member!

From Turkey to South Korea, Australia to Nigeria, Mexico to Sweden - our SDG Student Hubs are spaces for students to come together and take action on the SDGs. Whether you’re an expert on the SDGs, or have never heard of them before - If you’re committed to creating a more sustainable future on your campus, now’s your chance to become a member of a global network of young people who are making a difference.
BECOMING AN SDG HUB MEMBER

WHO CAN BECOME AN SDG HUB MEMBER?

Any university student with a passion to learn about, engage with, and take action on the SDGs. It’s that simple! All you need to do is fill out this form.

WHAT DOES BEING AN SDG HUB MEMBER MEAN?

- **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**: Dedicated members can take on roles in the Hub Leadership Team as Officers.
- **ACTIVITIES**: Participate in Education and Solutions activities taking place monthly on your campus.
- **CERTIFICATION**: Earn an SDG Students Program certificate through active participation in Hub activities.
- **NETWORK**: Access to SDSN Youth’s online workspace, where you can meet fellow Hub Members from all over the world.
- **CONTENT**: Access content through SDSN Youth’s online workspace prepared by some of the world’s leading experts and organisations.
- **PATHWAYS**: Unique opportunities for outstanding Hub Members to attend conferences and participate in events run by our partner organisations.
- **COMMUNITY**: Join a community of students on your campus who are passionate about a sustainable future.
WHY AN SDG STUDENTS PROGRAM?

STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

207 MILLION

In higher education annually

A study conducted by UNESCO found that 207 million students enrolled into higher education every year. That is a huge number of students who are living, studying, and working together on campuses around the world.

UNIVERSITIES & THE SDGS

From producing cutting-edge research and engaging the public, to policy development and educating young people - universities are vital to achieving the SDGs.

*Find out more about the important role that universities play in ‘Getting Started with the SDGs in Universities’, a guide prepared by SDSN Australia, New Zealand and Pacific in collaboration with the Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) and the SDSN Secretariat.

THEORY OF CHANGE

How can we ensure that all university students can:

LEARN about what the SDGs are

ENGAGE with and develop a passion for all or some of the SDGs

ACT on implementing the SDGs in local community

3-STEP THEORY OF CHANGE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) DO I NEED TO HAVE PAST EXPERIENCE WITH THE SDGS?
No, you don’t! The SDG Students Program is designed for all students, and you don’t need to have past experience or engagement with the SDGs to become a Hub Member.

2) DO I NEED TO HAVE PAST STUDENT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE?
No, you don’t! All you need to have is a commitment to the SDGs and actively participate in Hub activities.

3) WILL IT BE A VERY INTENSIVE TIME COMMITMENT?
We’ve tried to make it manageable. We know university students are busy with schoolwork and student societies - all we ask is that you attend Hub activities (2-3 times a month), and be active on SDSN Youth’s online workspace.

4) WHY CAN’T I FIND MY UNIVERSITY ON THE SIGN-UP FORM?
Sorry, but this means that we don’t currently have an SDG Student Hub on your campus. A full map of our existing SDG Student Hubs around the world can be found at this link.

5) HOW CAN I START AN SDG STUDENT HUB ON MY CAMPUS?
Your university first needs to be a Member Institution of SDSN. Membership is free, and more information about the process can be found here. Get in touch with us if you’d like to speak to your university leadership about applying for membership!

6) I HAVE A QUESTION THAT ISN’T COVERED HERE.
Please get in touch with us at students@sdsnyouth.org.

7) I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM/ SDSN YOUTH/ THE SDGS.
Feel free to head on over to:

sdgstudent.org  sdsnyouth.org  sdgzone.com  sdgacademy.org  unsdsn.org

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