



Queen's Green Fund 2025/2026: Example Projects Categorised by SDG

Queen's UPSURGE Project: Researchers and Residents Collaborate on Climate

As part of the [EU UPSURGE Project](#), Queen's University are working with Belfast City Council and the local community group Friends of the Field to transform the field area beside Queen's Physical Education Centre (PEC) into a community garden.

The money provided by Green fund will help fund a mural painting and willow sculptures and hedgerows. A community open day took place in March 2024, with opportunities for the public to learn more about the UPSURGE Project and what it means for Belfast, as well as local artist Zippy creating a mural.



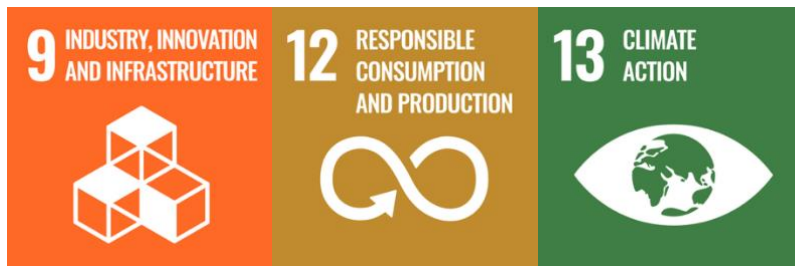
Adopting Waterless Condensers, Saving Water in the Chemistry Lab

With the help of George Burton, Queen's Glass Blower, the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering have created waterless condensers to replace water-cooled condensers traditionally used during student experiments. This project will replace 25 reflux condensers, saving thousands of litres of water every year.



Patrick G Johnson Centre for Cancer Research Goes Cool

Lab Technicians within The Patrick G. Johnston Centre applied and received funding to invest in reusable, alcohol-free cell freezing containers for cryopreservation. These CoolCell's prevent waste by removing the need for chemicals.





Sustainable Cookery Sessions

Fionán McBride, a student from the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, received £300 to host three sustainable cookery sessions for students.

With the assistance of Belfast City Council, Fionán hosted three sustainable cookery sessions in BT9 Student Accommodation. The sessions focused on creating nutritious meals, that were good for both students and the planet.



Turning the Tide Against Plastic Waste

The Polymer Processing Research Centre received £1,200 to host a number of events which focused on raising awareness of the positive contribution plastics make to everyday life.

The events were also designed to support better-informed decision making around the use, reuse, recycling and disposal of plastic. Events included a litter-pick, lab demonstrations and a 'Power of Plastics in the Race to Net Zero' talk.





Widening Participation Roll Out Green Workshops to Local School

Widening Participation Unit received £1,310 to organise green workshops in five local primary schools.

Biodiversity and Grow Your Own Food Workshops have been hosted in a range of local primary schools as part of the Widening Participation Unit's engagement with local primary school children. Workshops were facilitated by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and engaged with 186 primary school kids.



Learn Sewing Skills with SewReady and the Sustainable Healthcare Development Group

The Sustainable Healthcare Development Group (SHDG) were awarded funding for 2 years in a row to organise sewing classes with SewReady.

Over March 2024 and April 2025, Sarah and colleagues from SewReady visited One Elmwood to host 2 hour sewing classes, teaching attendees the basics of repairing your clothes, discussing conscious fashion and learning new & purposeful ways to approach fashion.

