

Role Description

Do you want to help shape how Queen's takes on the challenge of sustainability? This voluntary role gives you the chance to work in partnership with staff and students to make a visible difference in your School and across the University.

Sustainability Student Reps are a new kind of representative role. They bring students and staff together to co-create and deliver sustainability initiatives in Schools and across the University. Reps contribute to institutional priorities such as Net Zero 2040 and the Education for Sustainable Development Strategy.

Role Purpose

- To work with your School to help turn sustainability ideas into action
- To collaborate on University-wide campaigns, insight sessions, and workshops
- To share perspectives from your peers and your own experience to shape how Queen's approaches sustainability in practice and in education
- To contribute to visible change, from campus operations to curriculum conversations

Key Responsibilities

As a Sustainability Student Rep, you will:

- Champion sustainability in your School by connecting peers and staff, sharing ideas, and helping shape local initiatives.
- Contribute to University-wide activities by participating in insight sessions, workshops, and campaigns, such as European Week for Waste Reduction, Fairtrade Fortnight, or Active Travel.
- Shape the student sustainability experience by bringing diverse perspectives into teaching, learning, and student-led initiatives, ensuring students have a voice in Queen's sustainability journey.
- Work creatively with other Student Partners to co-design outputs, such as blogs, posters, or surveys, showcasing ideas and achievements.
- Track your involvement if you are pursuing the Future-Ready Award, log your engagement to gain recognition.

Time Commitment

As a Sustainability Student Rep, you will be part of a structured journey that combines creativity, collaboration, and real impact. Expect to contribute around 30–40 hours between October and May, through a blend of structured activities (induction, insight sessions, campaigns) and School-level engagement.

This commitment gives you the chance to shape change in your School and across Queen's, while building experience that counts towards the Future-Ready Award.

Sustainability Student Representatives



Working Together

As a Sustainability Student Rep, you will be part of a wider network of support. The Climate and Sustainability in the Curriculum Officer will act as your main point of contact. In Schools, you may connect with Local Sustainability Action Plan (LSAP) Coordinators or other relevant staff. The Students' Union will also provide opportunities to link up through shared forums and campaigns.

Eligibility

Open to undergraduate and postgraduate taught students from all disciplines. Students should be interested in sustainability and willing to work collaboratively with peers and staff.

Recruitment and Selection

Applications open 10:00 am, Friday, 12th September to 5:00 pm, Wednesday, 1st October. Informal chats may be used to support selection. We aim for at least one Rep in every School, with additional places available where there is student interest.