

What is Green Impact?



Green Impact is an environmental accreditation and awards scheme, bringing staff and students together with their wider communities to enable and showcase positive changes in environmental practice. It is a positive scheme that celebrates achievements, recognises the efforts of individuals and encourages sharing of good practice through strong communication. *See Folder 2 for our Green Impact 2010/11 Best Practice Portfolio*

Staff members form teams to work through our specifically designed online workbook. Using this as a framework for continual improvement, they work through criteria covering every aspect of sustainability: from biodiversity to fair-trade, energy to waste. Accruing points and collecting evidence, teams compete against each other to gain a Working towards, Bronze, Silver or Gold award over each academic year. The workbook is designed to be accessible to anyone – regardless of how interested one has been in environmental issues in the past and regardless of position within the institution. Special awards allow staff to nominate people for awards such as Best Environment Hero and Best Energy Saving Idea.



Staffordshire University Awards Ceremony 2011

Once the workbooks have been submitted, departments are audited by trained student and staff volunteers. An awards ceremony at the end of the year recognises the efforts of everyone involved in the scheme.

Timescales

Below is a guide line of how the process follows an academic year, though it is a flexible process so exact dates vary.

