



**South East Technological University
Kilkenny Road Campus Carlow**

Green Campus Charter

SETU Kilkenny Road Campus, Carlow Green Campus Group is made up of volunteer staff and students and is committed to supporting the University in achieving its sustainability strategic goals, as set out in the University Strategic Plans. Our Green Campus Group works towards becoming a leader in developing environmental awareness and achieving the highest environmental standards across all campuses and in the higher education sector.

Our Green Campus is committed to:

- *Raising awareness of environmental issues and taking practical actions under the Green Campus themes to minimise the environmental impact of SETU Kilkenny Road Campus, Carlow.*
- *Participating in pro-environmental behaviour on campus to help establish a culture of minimising our waste output.*
- *An Taisce's Green Campus project, which offers opportunities for students and staff to engage with environmental issues. It aims to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of the Carlow campus.*
- *Involvement in the Green Campus programme to raise the profile of SETU Kilkenny Road Campus, Carlow and bring it in-line with the achievements of other third-level colleges in Ireland and worldwide.*
- *Extend learning beyond the lecture theatre to develop responsible attitudes and a strong commitment to environmental issues and sustainability in the college and the wider community.*

While work took place to encourage all forms of pro-environmental behaviour the main objective of the Green Campus group in its first 5 years was to work with college management, staff and students towards making SETU Kilkenny Road Campus, Carlow, a Green Campus and achieving our first Green Flag: Litter and Waste.

Specifically, from 2019-2023 we have focused on Litter & Waste and the projects and campaigns we have been involved with are listed in the previous chapters.

Some of these highlights include:

- *Taking part in the university sustainability working committee which worked on incorporating sustainability into SETU's new strategic plan.*

- *Working with the Estates Department to reduce waste contamination – focused on installing waste segregation bins on campus.*
- *Working with the Estates Department for better signage on the bins.*
- *Working with the Sustainability manager to update the signage on the bins.*
- *Working with the Sustainability manager to have an information display cabinet made. It is located near Starbuck's café on the ground floor of CSB. It contains 3 sections which correspond with general waste, mixed recycling and compostable.*
- *Ran multiple campaigns including the Check It Before You Chuck It campaign to inform students and staff of how to segregate waste and encourage use of reusable water bottles and cups etc.*
- *Campaign to install water fountains on campus to support use of reusable water bottles and reduce single use plastics.*
- *Campaign to install cup washing facility on campus to support use of reusable coffee cups and reduce single use cups – many of which are not compostable. This is now on the ground floor of the CSB.*
- *Worked with canteen services to encourage use of reusable cups / compostable cups and reduce / remove use of single use plastics such as plastic cups, plastic spoons.*
- *Multi-annual litter picks on campus grounds and approach roads to the campus.*
- *Ran 'Keep your campus clean' campaigns to encourage staff and students not to leave litter behind them on campus.*

We encourage all students & staff to engage with SETU's Green Campus by either joining the group as a member or volunteering for various campus events, including litter picks, bin angels and other eco-friendly initiatives held throughout the year. Why not join the Green Campus Group, it is a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded students and staff who share a passion for the environment? By becoming a member, you can actively contribute to making a positive impact and effecting change.

Contact us in any of the following ways – we would love to hear from you!

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