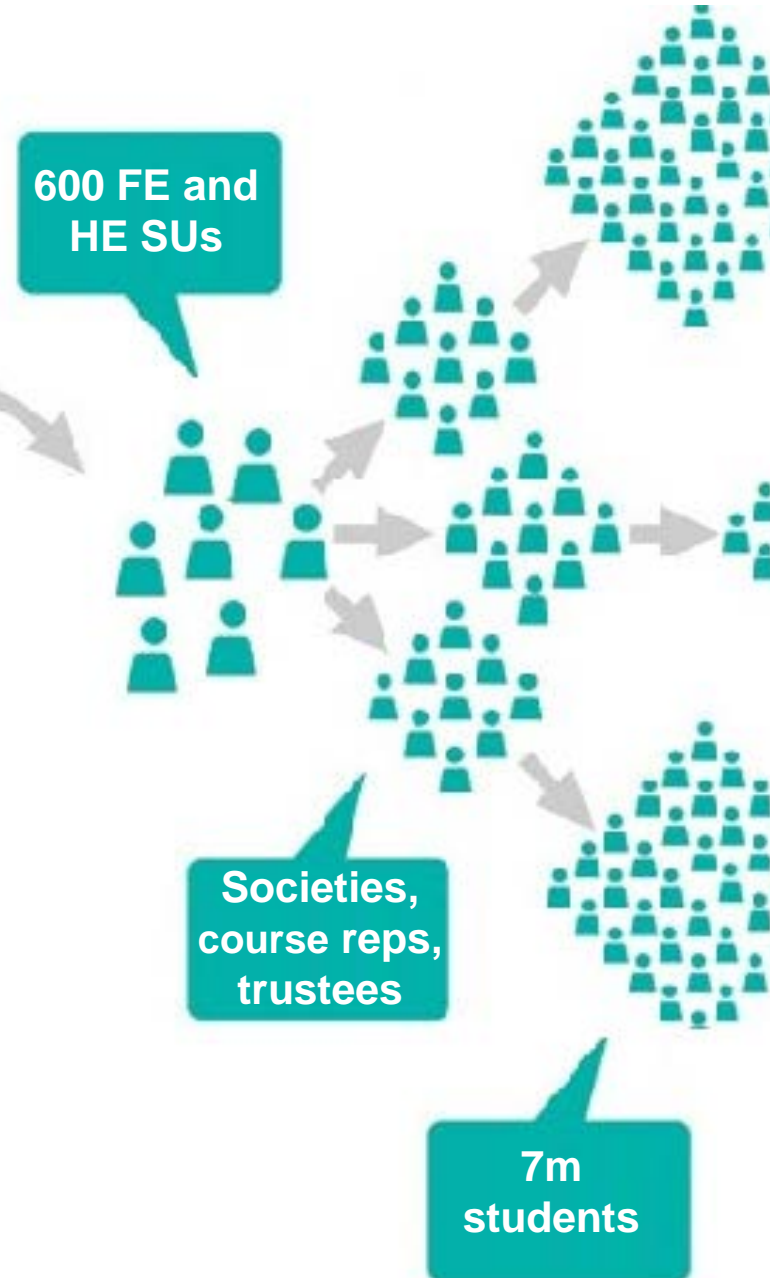


# Sustainability and students

Jamie Agombar, Ethical and Environmental Manager

# National Union of Students

- 600 students' unions
- 7 million students (2.3m in HE)
- 4,700 SU staff; 500 sabbatical officers
- 220 NUS staff; 10% full-time on sustainability





# Green Impact

Commercial  
Students' Unions

## Green Impact Online Workbook

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national union of students

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**Bronze**

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### Welcome to Green Impact 2012/13!

Welcome to your Green Impact Students' Union (GISU) commercial workbook! The purpose of GISU is to encourage, nurture, reward and celebrate environmental good-practice in students' unions.

Firstly, please watch the short instruction video below which explains how to use this online workbook.



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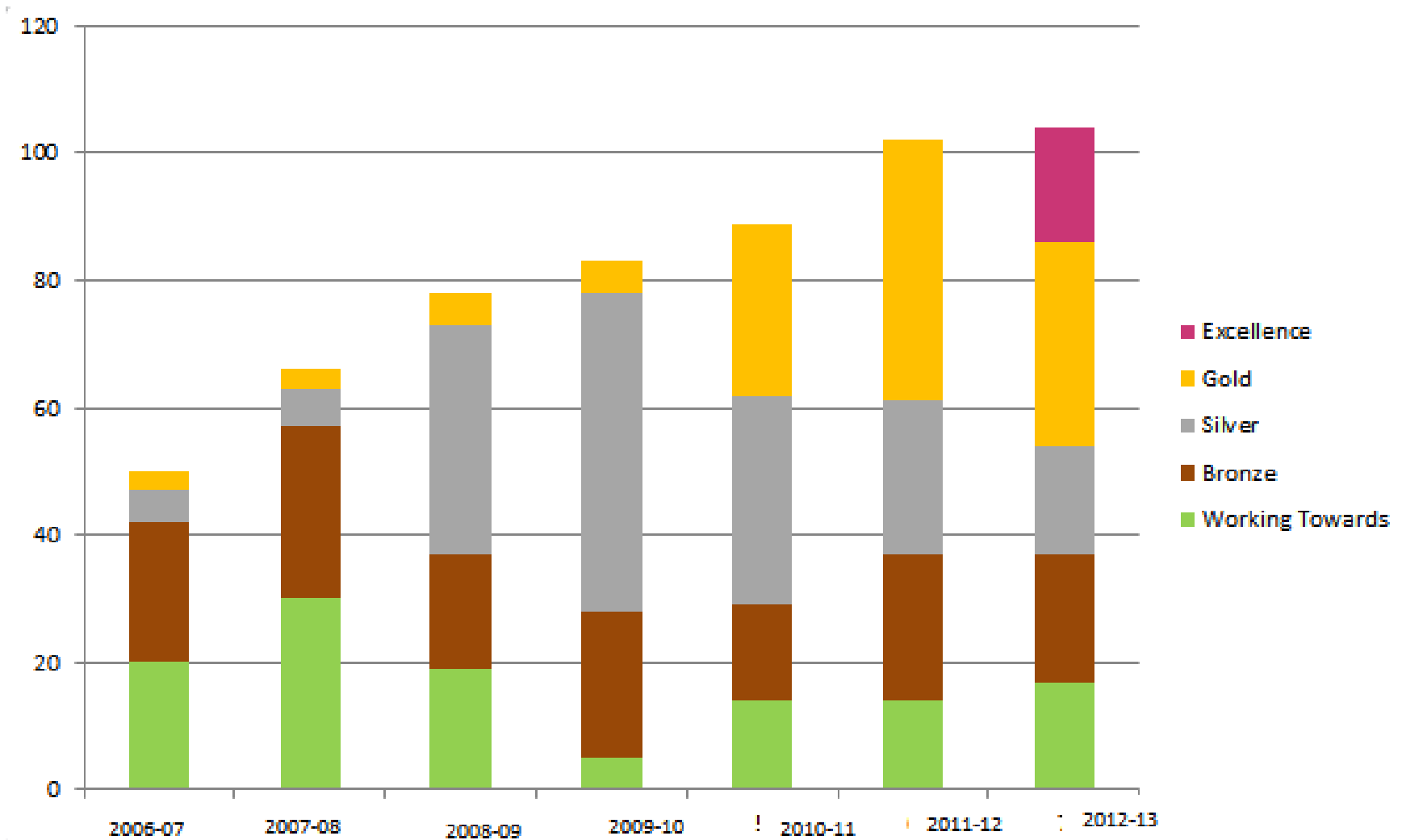
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Members:  
Joanna Romanowicz  
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# Green Impact Students' Unions



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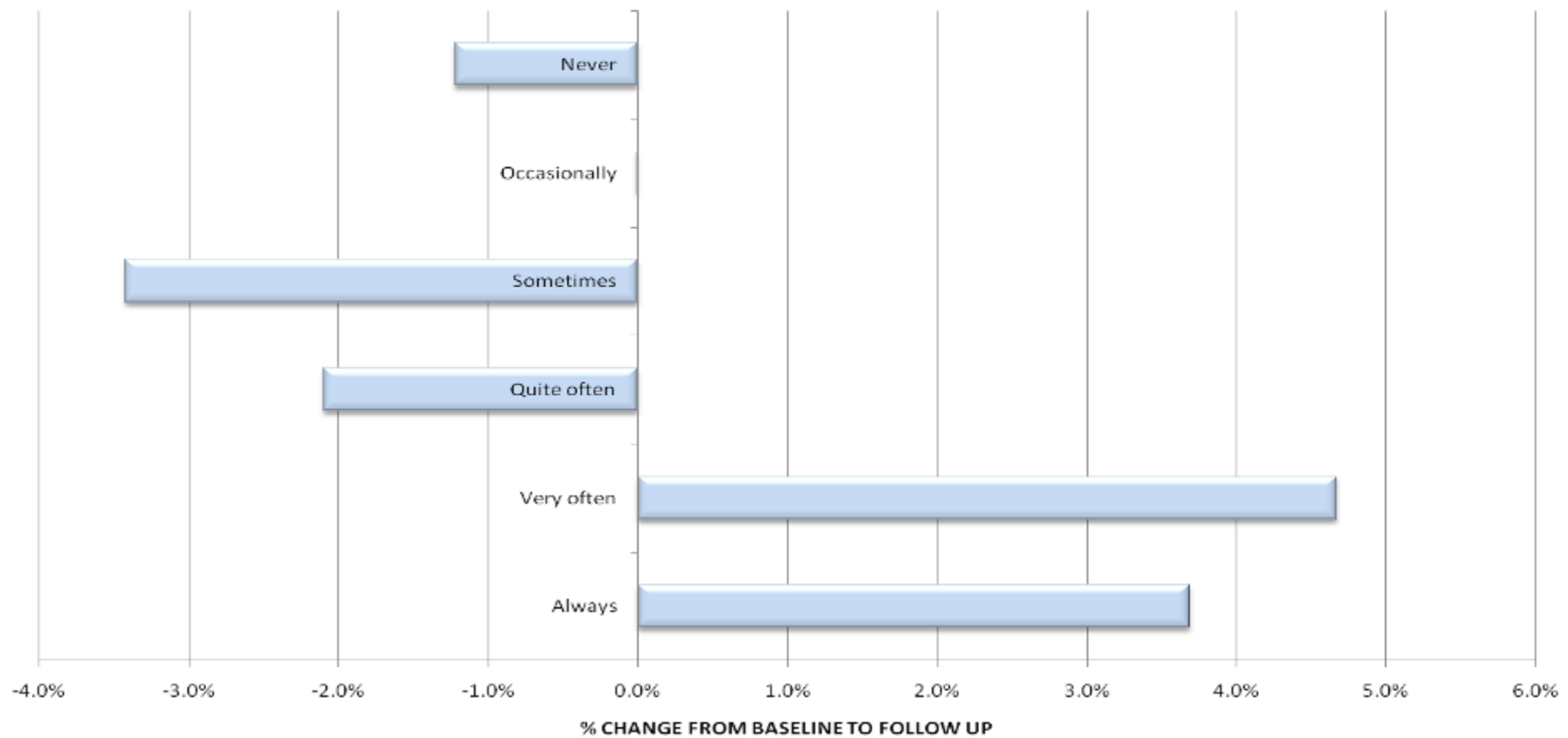
Universities and Colleges

- 58 HEIs, 40 community organisations
- Last year 1,134 teams delivered 50,324 greening actions, 24,167 as a result of Green Impact!
- 1,200 student auditors trained
- MacEwan University, Canada
- Horizon 2020... ..



# Green Impact behaviour (n= 822)

BE3: How often, do you personally turn lights off when you are not in the room?



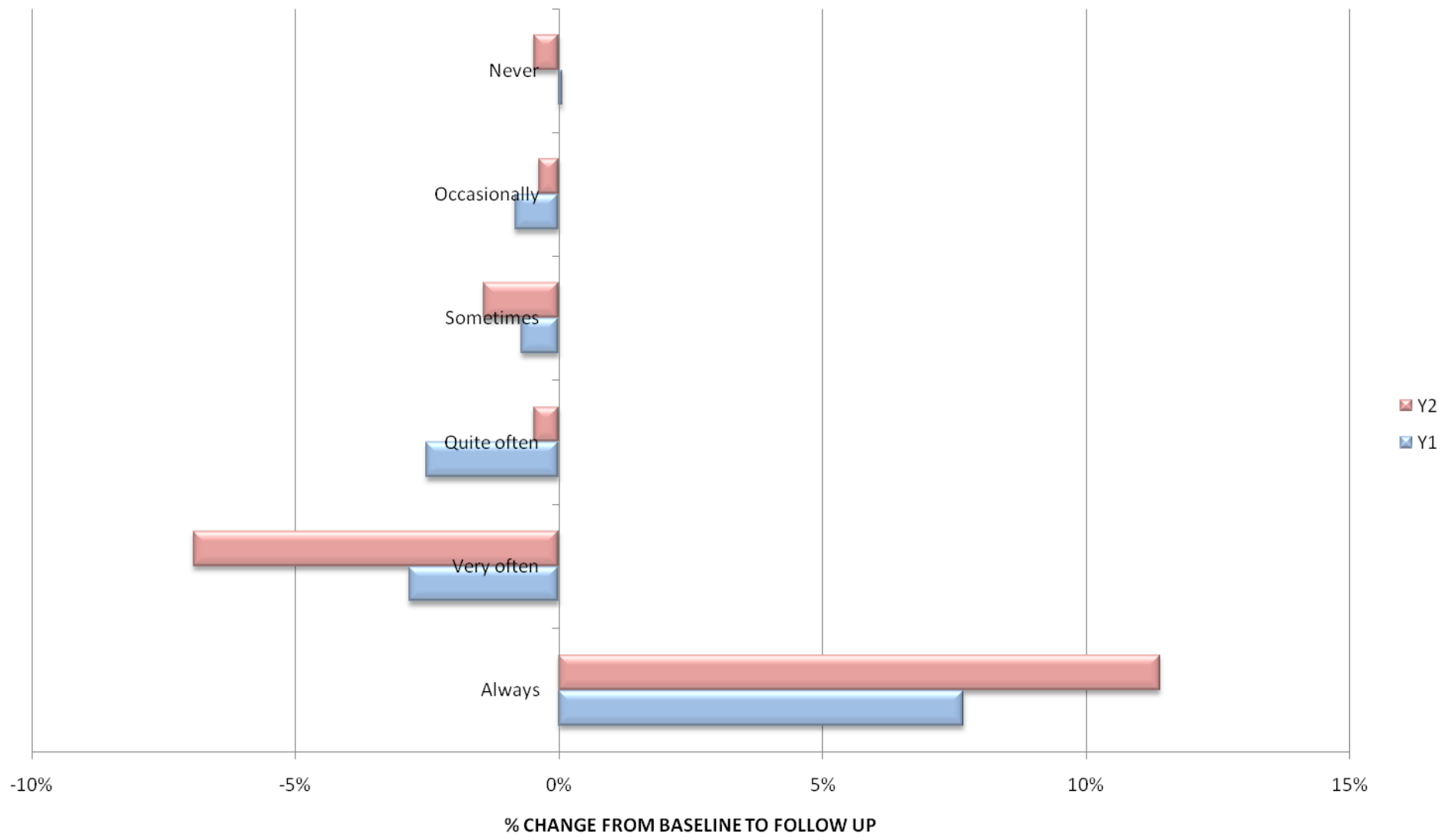


- Inter-dormitory energy competition in 55 HEIs, 130,000 student rooms
- Last year average 6.1% reduction; 609 tCO<sub>2</sub>
- Saved £1m cash for HEIs to date



# Student Switch Off behaviour (n= 1,558)

W6: How often do you wait until you have a full load before putting on the washing machine?



## **SAVES - Students Achieving Valuable Energy-Savings**

- 1m EUR; NUS and UNICA
- 484 dormitories at 19 Universities
- 8% average electricity savings in participating dormitories; 4.23GWh (1,902 tCO<sub>2</sub>e) over two academic years

UK: University of Bath; Cranfield University; De Montfort University; The University of Northampton; Queen Mary, University of London; University of West of England; University of Worcester

Lithuania: Vilnius Gediminas Technical University; Vilnius University of Applied Engineering Sciences; Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre; Vilnius Co-operative College Klaipeda University; Klaipeda State College; Siauliai University

Greece: University of Athens; Technical University of Crete

Cyprus: University of Cyprus

Sweden: SGS Studentbostäder, Olofshöjd, Göteborg; Stiftelsen Stockholms Studentbostäder





- Local food growing scheme on 23 campuses
- Student-led groups, food for students and catering
- Engaging academics through fun





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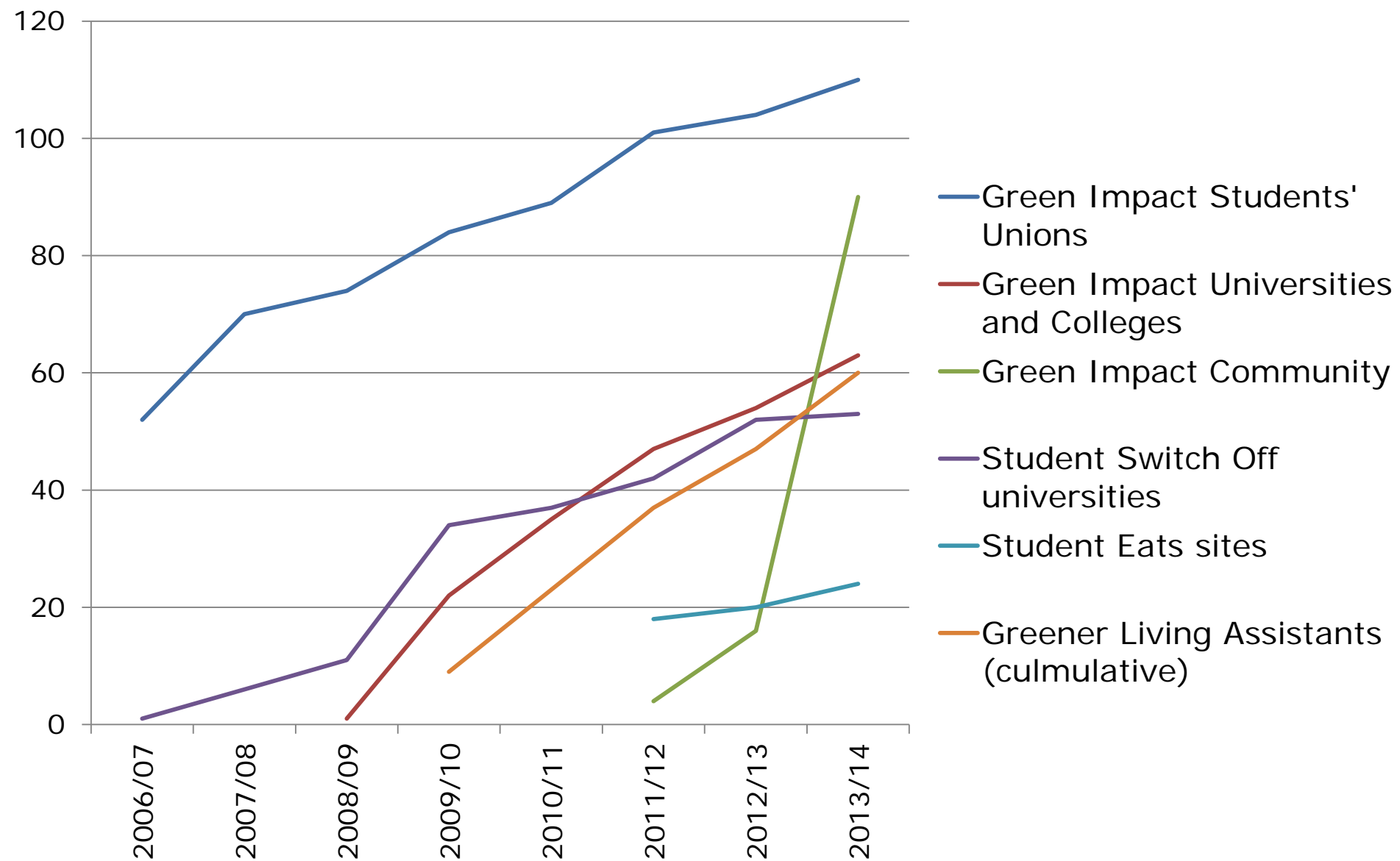


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# Vision for our sustainability work

1. Students' unions as green hubs:  
SUs – Institutions – Community
2. Students leave tertiary education as part of the solution to environmental challenges rather than part of the problem // sustainable citizenship



**BIS** | Department for Business  
Innovation & Skills

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

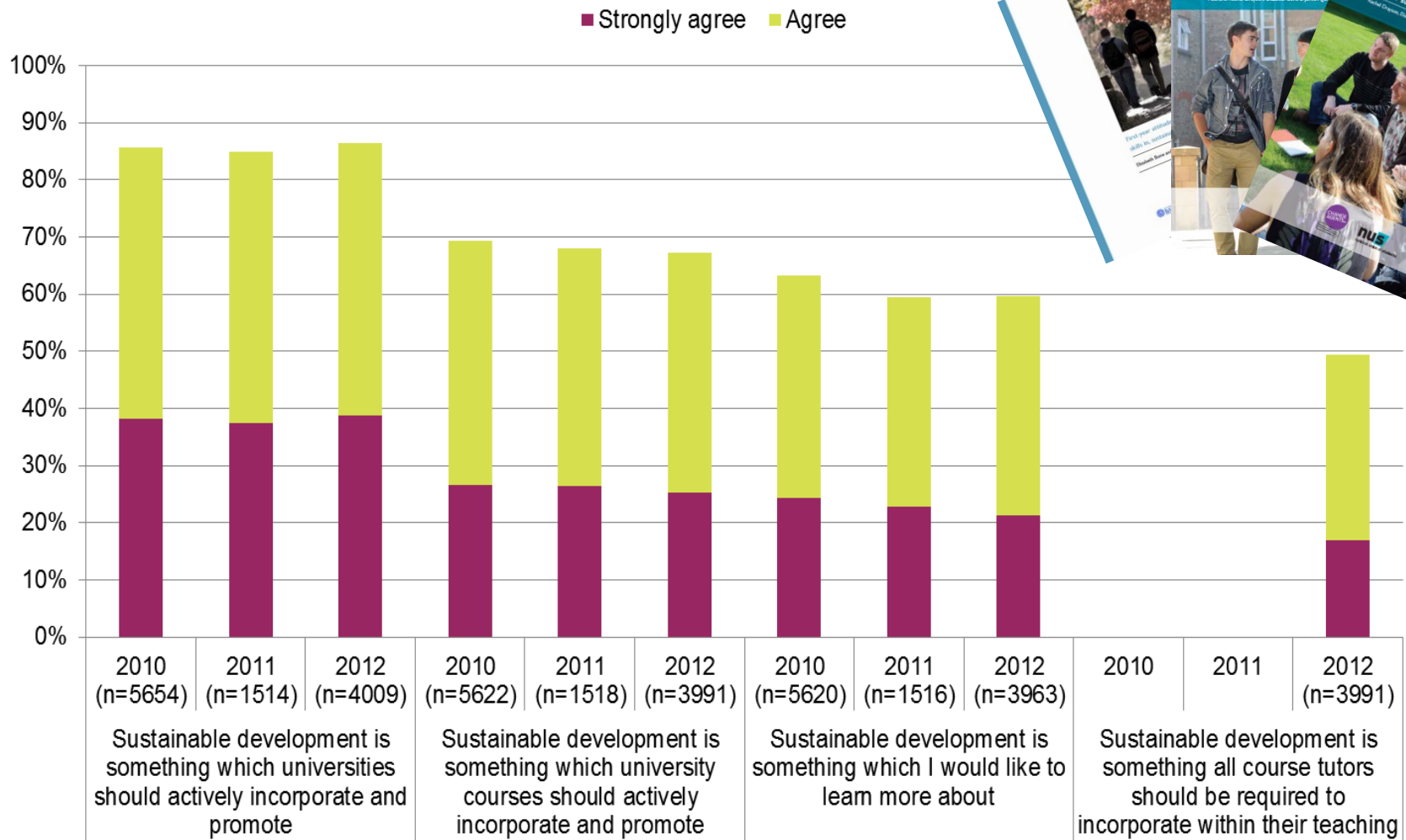
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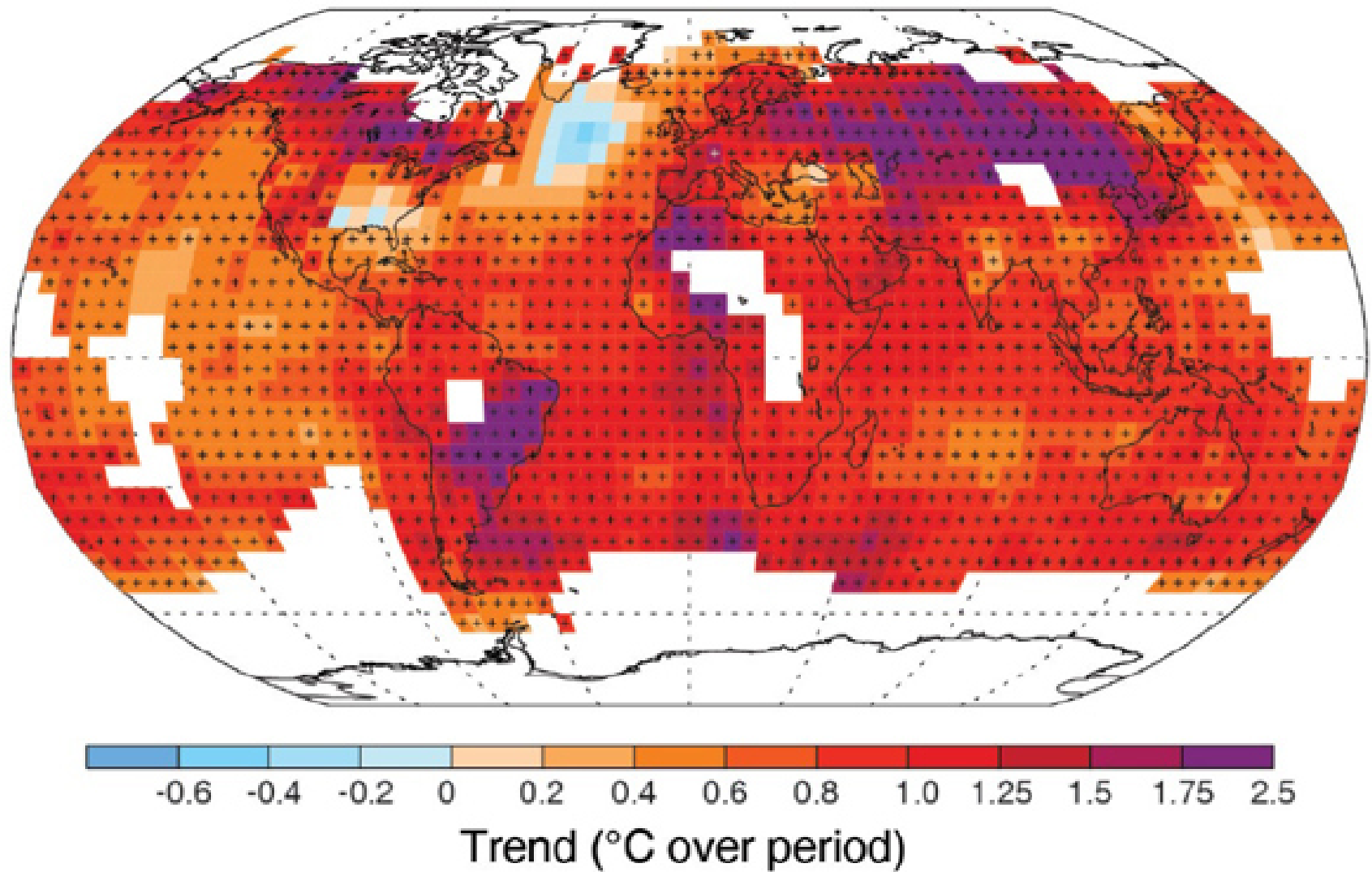
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# NUS HEA surveys:

## A latent student interest in sustainability





Earth's rising temperatures 1901 to 2012 (IPCC 2013)

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## LATEST NEWS...



Sustainable social enterprise at the University of Gloucestershire Students' Union



Kickstarting student-led environmental solutions



Students' Green Fund creates 300 paid sustainability roles



### Greener Minds

University of Cumbria  
Students' Union



### GreenPad

Staffordshire University  
Students' Union



### Greenwich Sustainability Hub

University of Greenwich  
Students' Union



### Cycling 4 All

University of Bradford Students'  
Union



# Greener Gloucestershire

- University of Gloucestershire Students' Union
- New social enterprises – honey co-op, green marketing agency, business support
- 20 paid student placements in local businesses, and big green gap year
- Green Impact out into the community, businesses, sports clubs, everywhere





# Students' Green Unit

- University of Exeter Students' Guild
- Five student interns: education, research, community and student employability, operations
- Mini fund - 40 x £1k
- Blending academic influence with student energy to create cultural transformation of the University



# GreenPad

- Staffordshire Students' Union
- Green lettings agency
- Engaging landlords
- Engaging student tenants



# Collectively the 25 projects will achieve...

## Impact

- 4,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>/year saved
- Increase in pro-environmental behaviours
- Engaged institutional leaders and academics
- Students become meaningful agents of change
- Institutions integrate sustainability into their core purpose

## Reach

25 projects will engage 352,000 students, 15% of the students in English HE



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