



# Commercial Students' Union Programme Warwick SU

Green Impact 2014-15 Feedback Report

## 1. National statistics

Green Impact Students' Unions is an environmental accreditation programme with an awards element designed specifically for the students' unions movement. This year 123 students' unions signed up to the programme, made up of 30 non-commercial students' unions and 67 commercial students' unions. Out of those 99 will be receiving awards. Between them they have completed 7404 tasks, 2710 of which have been completed as a result of this year's Green Impact programme.

To celebrate best practice in this year's Green Impact Students' Unions we will be announcing the winners of these prestigious awards at SU2015 on 8th July 2015. On the night we will be announcing the winners of the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Working Towards awards during dinner. The winners of this year's Union of the Year and Special awards from the FE, small trading, large trading and non-trading categories, Best Improved Union and top 5 Excellence projects of the year will be revealed during the dinner.

To book your place at the awards dinner please visit: [www.beta.nusconnect.org.uk/events/students-unions-2015](http://www.beta.nusconnect.org.uk/events/students-unions-2015).

In addition to our work with students' unions, in 2014/15 Green Impact was also run in 286 organisations, encompassing positive sustainability work in universities and colleges and a variety of community organisations such as hospitals, local councils, museums and dentist surgeries. Across these organisations there were 1,509 teams or departments taking part, reaching 55,219 staff, approximately 9,756 of which sat on local Green Impact teams. To date the scheme has delivered 214,090 actions, 128,622 as a direct result of the scheme, and this year we have trained over 800 students as volunteer auditors or supporting teams throughout the programme as a project assistant.

## 2. Awards statistics

This year the following awards will be granted to students' unions across the movement:

- 17 Excellence awards for pursuing transformational environmental projects in their students' union.
- 39 Gold awards
- 10 Silver awards
- 23 Bronze awards
- 10 Working Towards awards

## 3. Local actions completed as a result of Green Impact

The workbook requires students' unions to state whether they have completed the action as a result of the scheme. The table below outlines how many criteria were completed this year directly as a result of the work of Green Impact by commercial students' unions.

Theme	Actions completed as a result of Green Impact	Total actions completed
Campaigns, Community & Communications	319	878
Energy	401	1328
Education for Sustainable Development	26	48
People, Policy & Procurement	408	1126
Transport	78	283
Waste	400	1226
Baselines, Monitoring & Results	180	411
Water	48	188
Biodiversity	37	120
Special award	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1898</b>	<b>5611</b>

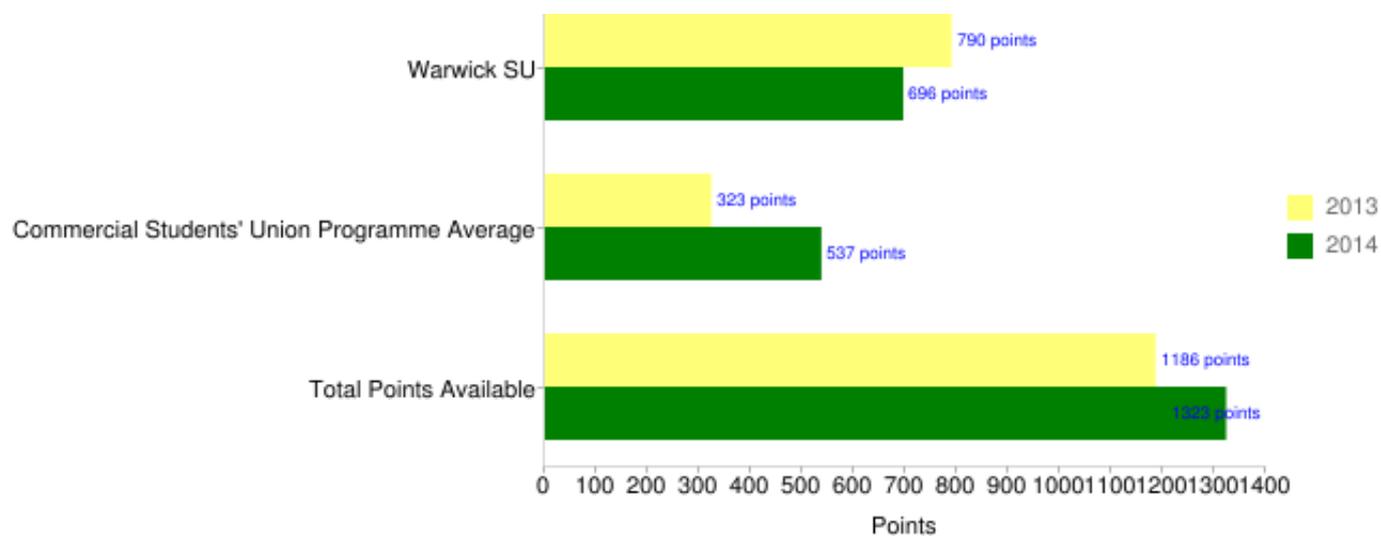
Overall impact stats for this year include:

- 95% of unions have lobbied their institution on at least one environmental issue over the last year;
- 95% of unions ensure the majority of printing/photocopying on A4 paper is double sided;
- 78% of unions use either paper that is made of least 75% recycled content or FSC certified.

#### 4. Your Score Summary

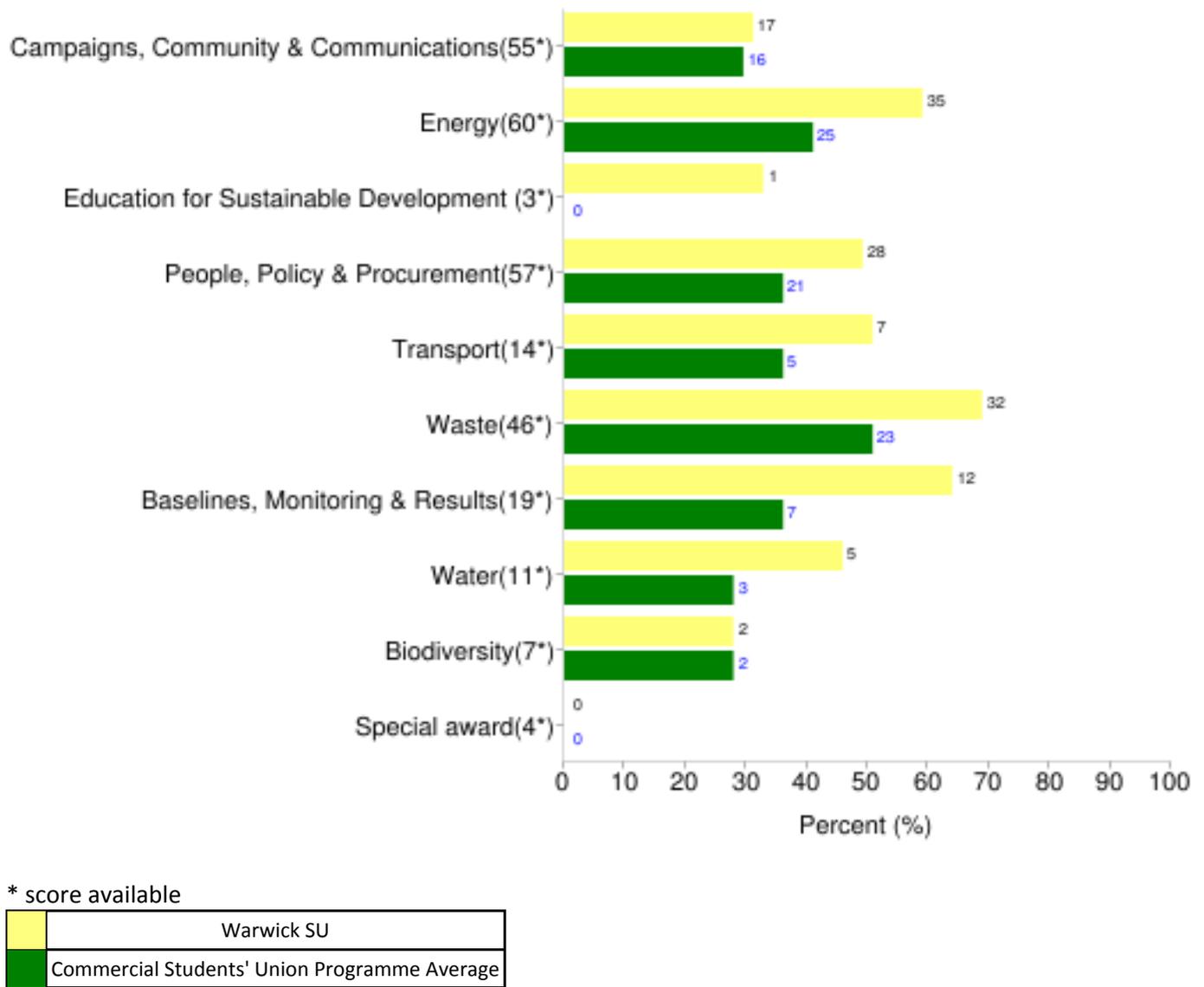
	Total Criteria Bronze	Total Criteria Silver	Total Criteria Gold	Total Criteria Excellence	Total Criteria Bonus	Total Criteria Special	Level Gained
Warwick SU	28	19	10	0	94	0	Gold
Commercial Students' Union Programme Average	26	13	6	0	67	0	-
Total Available	28	19	10	9	206	4	-

Figure 1: How your score compares



#### 5. Workbook theme comparison matrix (overleaf)

Figure 2: What percentage of the available score per theme you have achieved and how this compares to the average



## 6. Other feedback

Warwick SU are consistently high performers when it comes to Green Impact and it's good to see that the enthusiasm is still there. The environment is taken very seriously in every aspect of the Union's activities which is great to see and a lot of this is because of Green Impact. - Rachel Sopher

## 7. Next steps

On behalf of NUS's Department for Sustainability, many thanks for helping to make this project a success. We look forward to seeing you 7-8th July 2015 at SU2015 where you will be receiving your award. We are currently reviewing the workbook and will re-launch the scheme at the event.

If you would like to provide us some feedback on your experiences with Green Impact Students' Unions please complete the following survey: [https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/SURVEY\\_PREVIEW.asp?k=143047518252](https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/SURVEY_PREVIEW.asp?k=143047518252)

We hope that you will choose to take part in Green Impact Students' Unions in 2015-16. We've come a long way over the past few years and we want to make next year bigger than ever.

Unions who have received a Gold accreditation for two consecutive years will have the opportunity to pursue a Green Impact Students' Unions Excellence project in next year's competition. We will send through more

information about this later in the year.

If you would like to appeal your score please get in touch in 48 hours of receiving this report. For more information visit [nus.org.uk/greenimpact](https://nus.org.uk/greenimpact) or contact [gisu@nus.org.uk](mailto:gisu@nus.org.uk).