

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

TEACHING AND STUDENTS



Global Sustainable Development Courses

The Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Department offers single and joint honours for undergraduate study. The single honours BAsc degree allows students to delve deep into the core concepts that structure global sustainable development, whereas the joint honours BAsc courses offer the chance to combine the unique transdisciplinary approach of GSD with another subject. Currently 11 joint honours courses are available across multiple areas including Economics, History, Life Science and Psychology. Degree programmes in GSD produce graduates that have knowledge and experience to tackle 'Big Questions' such as water scarcity, climate change, human rights, wealth inequality, bodies and health, 'green growth', and sustainable finance.

Achieving Sustainability: Potentials and Barriers

The Achieving Sustainability: Potentials and Barriers module is available to all students outside of GSD courses. It aims to make students from other areas of the university aware of the issues of sustainable development, its relevance to their own study area and to facilitate conversations between students and teachers in different subject areas.

Global Integrative Project

Global Integrative Project is a core second year undergraduate module for all students at the Warwick Business School (WBS). Based around teaching students the role and relevance of the UN SDGs for business, students compete in groups for the annual WBS For the Future Prize by developing the outlines of a solution that has the potential to address a combination of at least three UN SDGs. Past prize winners have suggested solutions such as a social enterprise that combines fog-harvesting with aeroponics, and the use of piezo-electronic pavement slabs. Students also write letters to directors at self-chosen companies advising them on how best to integrate the UN SDGs into their business strategies.

RESEARCH

Institute for Global Sustainable Development

The Institute for Global Sustainable Development (IGSD) provides a focal point for Warwick's sustainable development research, aligned with the SDGs. It undertakes world-leading transdisciplinary research and capacity development to tackle global challenges and enable transformative change of human-environment interactions. It also provides support to the Warwick research community to meaningfully and responsibly engage with global sustainable development challenges.

By establishing equitable partnerships with researchers and non-scientific stakeholders across the global North and the global South, IGSD works on challenge-led research projects that cross the boundaries of disciplines in the humanities, natural and social sciences, and achieve impact towards the SDGs.

Global Challenges Research Fund

Many of the research projects at the University that have particular consideration for the SDGs are supported by the Global Challenges Research Fund, these projects often involve partnerships with organisations from low and middle income countries and seek to tackle real world problems. Researchers at Warwick can also seek to make impact directly to the SDGs through Global Challenges Research Fund Fellowships, supported by Warwick's Institute for Advanced Study.

Improving insight, empathy and listening in global health research (GCRF)

Fieldwork is a cornerstone of global health research. It generates key data for policies and action to improve health outcomes, strengthen health systems and deliver affordable, quality healthcare for all. Tasked with collecting and managing such data, field teams are a crucial bridge between local communities and researchers.

However, global health research field teams, rarely (if ever) have the opportunity to meet each other to share knowledge and discuss what they do: what works, what doesn't, and how insight, empathy and listening are engendered. So researchers in the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Improving Health in Slums at Warwick ran a workshop on fieldwork in Bangladesh, Kenya, Nigeria and Pakistan.



The workshop created a space for listening to, and documenting, the interests, needs and experiences of fieldworkers. Sharing knowledge, methods and examples of good practice allowed participants to learn from each other, compare approaches and build future international partnerships.



Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Centre for International Development (WICID)

WICID's mission is to address urgent problems of inequality and social, political and economic change on a global level through our research and impact work. Interdisciplinary, critical and robust analyses through collaborative knowledge building and exchange characterize WICID's approach and ensure impact in the fields we work in. WICID is committed to working together with its international partners across disciplines and institutions to produce world-class research. The WICID Methods Lab ensures the development of rigorous, innovative and interdisciplinary methodologies to pursue collaborative research and impact work. These resources are open access for all working in the field of international development.

OPERATIONS

Green Champions

The University has a network of more than 200 staff Green Champions who represent more than 40 departments covering academic, professional and technical areas. Green Champions are volunteers who form a network of like minded staff who want to help make the University environment and community a greener, healthier, happier place to live, work and study. Many Green Champions take part in Warwick Green Action and have formed teams to make positive environment change in their departments. The project started in September 2018 and 15 teams took part in 2019/20.

SDG Accord

The SDG Accord is an international network of multiple higher education institutions, in partnership with other organisations and networks such as NUS and EAUC. The purpose of the Accord is to inspire and advance the important role education has in delivering the SDGs, and commit institutions to annually report, collaborate and share experiences on the SDGs. Vice Chancellor Professor Stuart Croft signed the Accord in February 2020, and submitted its first report in July 2020.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Global Sustainable Development Year 12 Competition

The Global Sustainable Development (GSD) Department at the University runs a competition for year 12 students. The competition aims to engage with talented school students and give insight into the type of thought-provoking issues involved in studying GSD at Warwick.



Shortlisted students are invited to a GSD Campus Day at the university in which they meet other shortlisted entrants, members of staff from GSD and current students. Students also take part in activities and interactive sessions, and get a taste of what studying GSD involves. Each winner of the competition is awarded a £50 prize.

