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Creating a sustainable organisation; creating value for society

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Universities and Sustainability

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INSPIRING COLLABORATION

COLLABORATIVE ORGANISATION

COMMUNICATION
START STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER
FLEXIBLE WORKING
CREATE A COMMUNITY SPIRIT
CAPACITY BUILDING
SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE INTERNALLY, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY
ACCOMMODATE GUESTS

RESOURCES

COLLABORATIVE CONSUMPTION
EFFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE USE OF RESOURCES
REDUCING WATER USE
RECYCLING OF WASTE

EMBED

OPERATIONS
LEARNING
INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY BETWEEN OPERATIONS, LEARNING, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
RESEARCH
INNOVATION
A TEST BED FOR SUSTAINABILITY

BEING BOLD

MAINTAINING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ARCHITECTS OF POSSIBILITY

BE BOLD IN BEING CHALLENGING
WE HAVE THE EXPERIENCE TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN
...BUT ALSO THE CRITICAL AWARENESS TO CHALLENGE WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WHERE WE'RE DOING

CHALLENGING

INSPIRATIONAL

PROGESS STRONG BUILDERS

AN OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE ORGANISATION THAT IS INTERCONNECTED WITH THE CITY

A REGION OF HOPE FOR LOCAL KIDS

PROMOTE ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

HAVING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOCIETY

SELF GENERATION

A GREEN AND VIBRANT CAMPUS

COMMUNITY

KNOWLEDGE

...FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE
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Annual spend c.£300m, working with around 7,000 suppliers
45,800 tonnes carbon emissions

Our University community

- We have more than 38,000 students
- We have over 9,000 international students from more than 170 countries, including exchange students
- We have 3,500 student volunteers who contribute to local, regional and national projects
- We have a global network of alumni and are in regular contact with more than 269,000 alumni in more than 190 different countries
- We have 8,700 staff from more than 100 different countries
- We contribute £1.3 billion every year to the UK economy – students add close to £200m of international revenue into the City Region each year



UNIVERSITY NEWS // MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019

Thanks a million! Single-use plastic pledge

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**THANKS
A MILLION!**

One million pieces of single-use plastic have been removed from use across campus during the past 12 months.



Value Creation > Impact Reduction



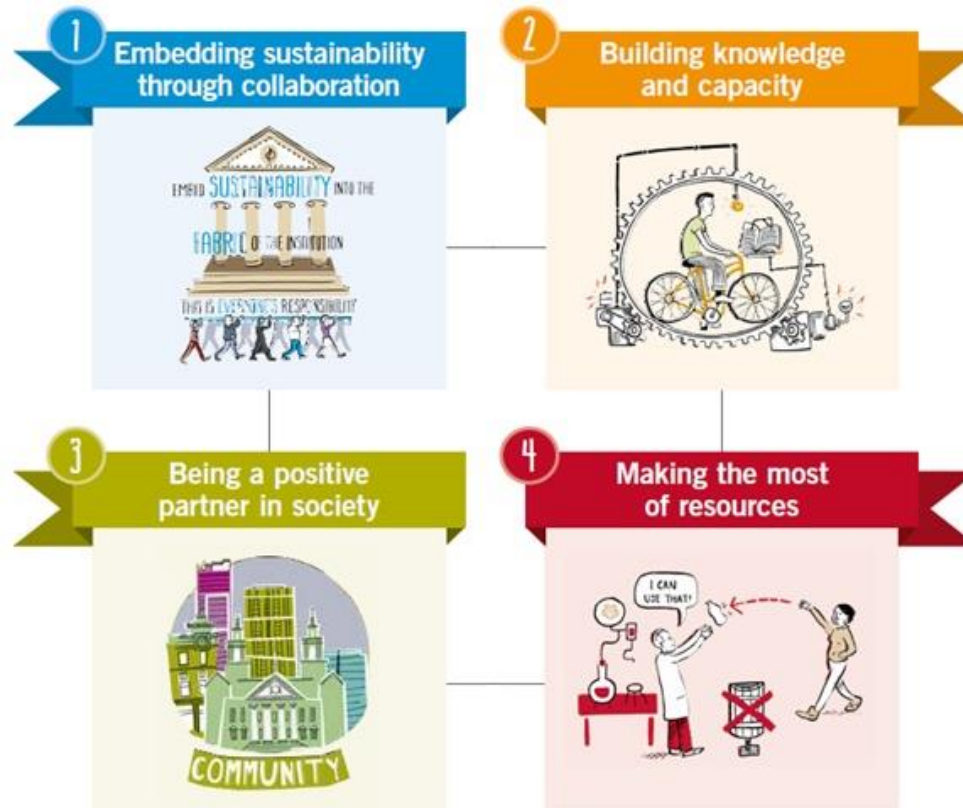
Value not just money

Social

Economic

Cultural

Environmental





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PLASTIC
FREE



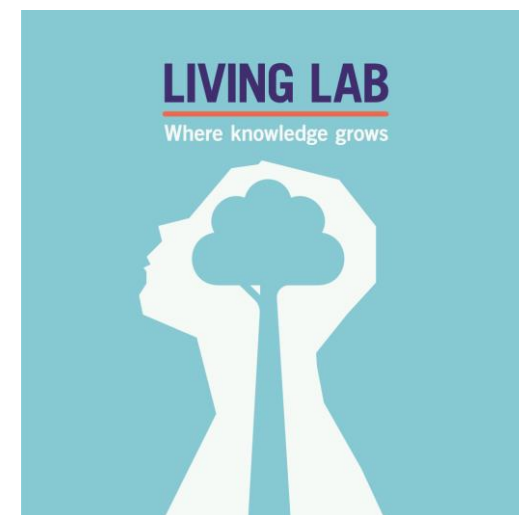
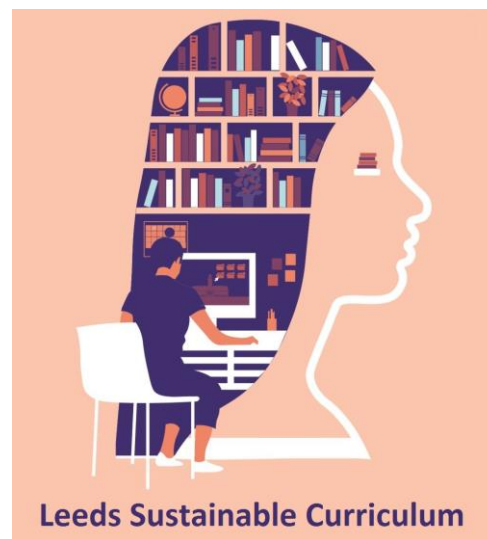
ENVIRONMENT NEWS // TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

University commits to bold climate crisis action

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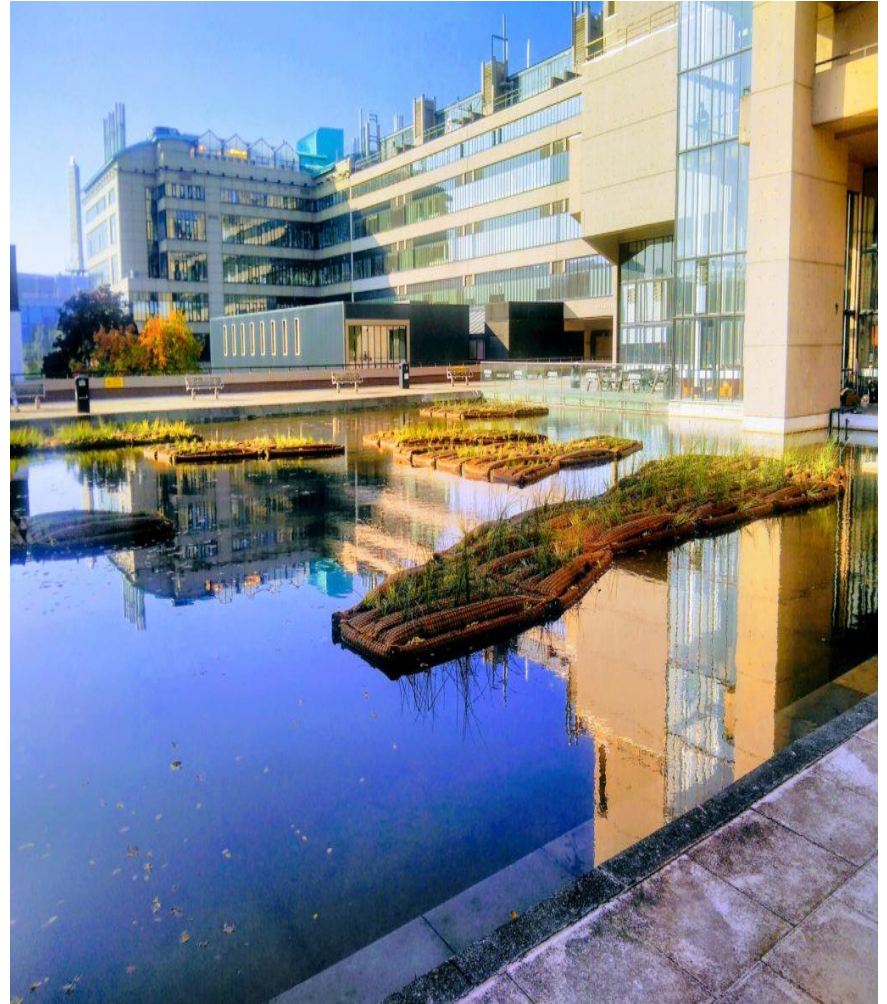


The University of Leeds has fully divested from significant fossil fuel extractors and has set out seven bold principles it will adopt to help tackle the climate crisis.





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Challenges and opportunities.....

.....the architects of possibility