Climate Action Roadmap 2030



Q3 2023 Update



Introduction

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This document serves as an update on the progress of the projects delineated in the Climate Action Roadmap 2030. It is solely dedicated to tracking and reporting on these projects. For comprehensive details or queries regarding the university's overarching sustainability strategy or the roadmap itself, we kindly direct the readers to the original Climate Action Roadmap document which is available on ul.ie/sustainability.

This document has been co-created by UL Centre for Sustainable Futures & Innovation and UL Buildings & Estates, in collaboration with strategic design partner Saol. It was created through an open and participatory process, ensuring the diverse range of perspectives and disciplines within our university were included at each stage of development.





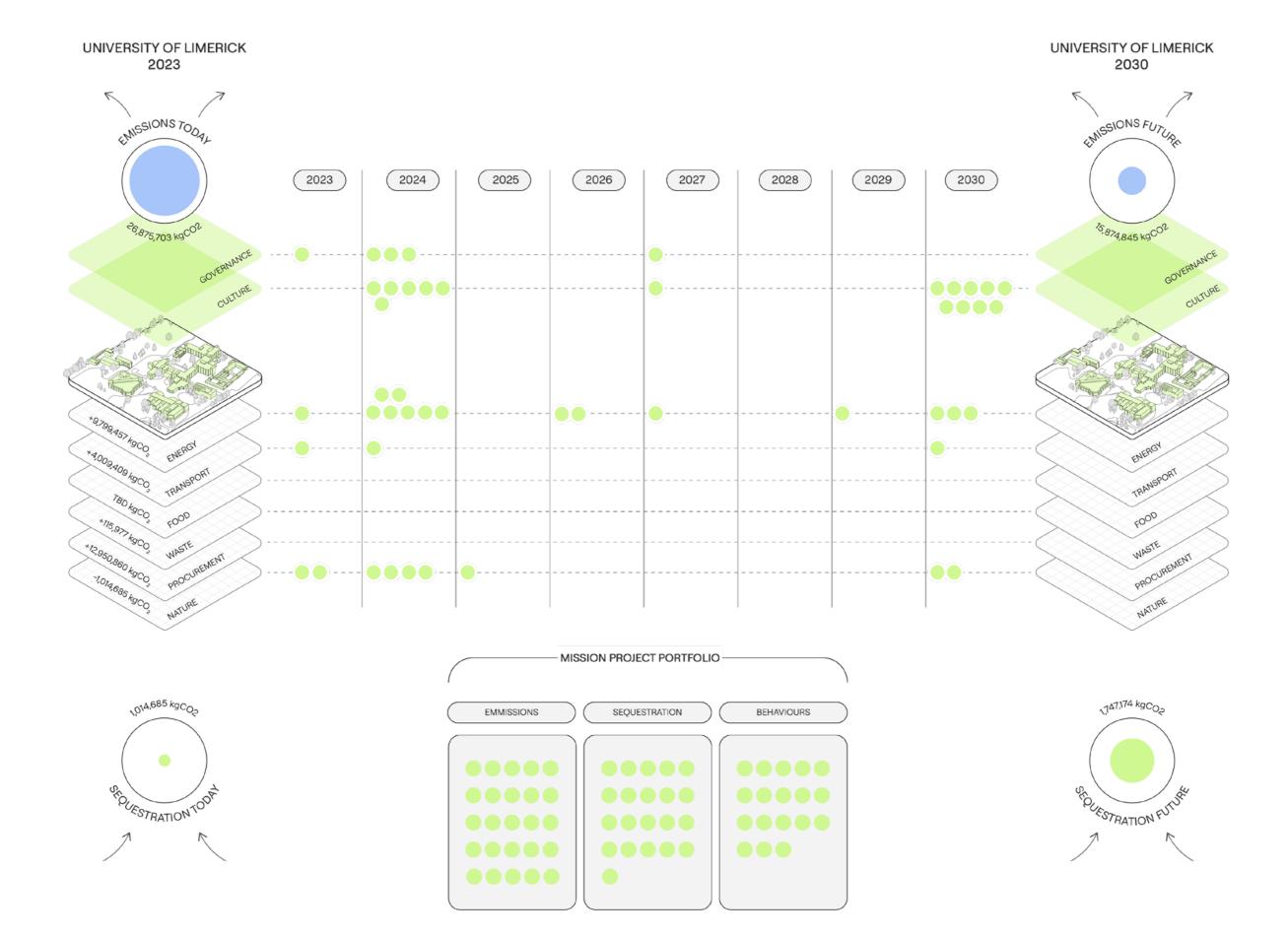
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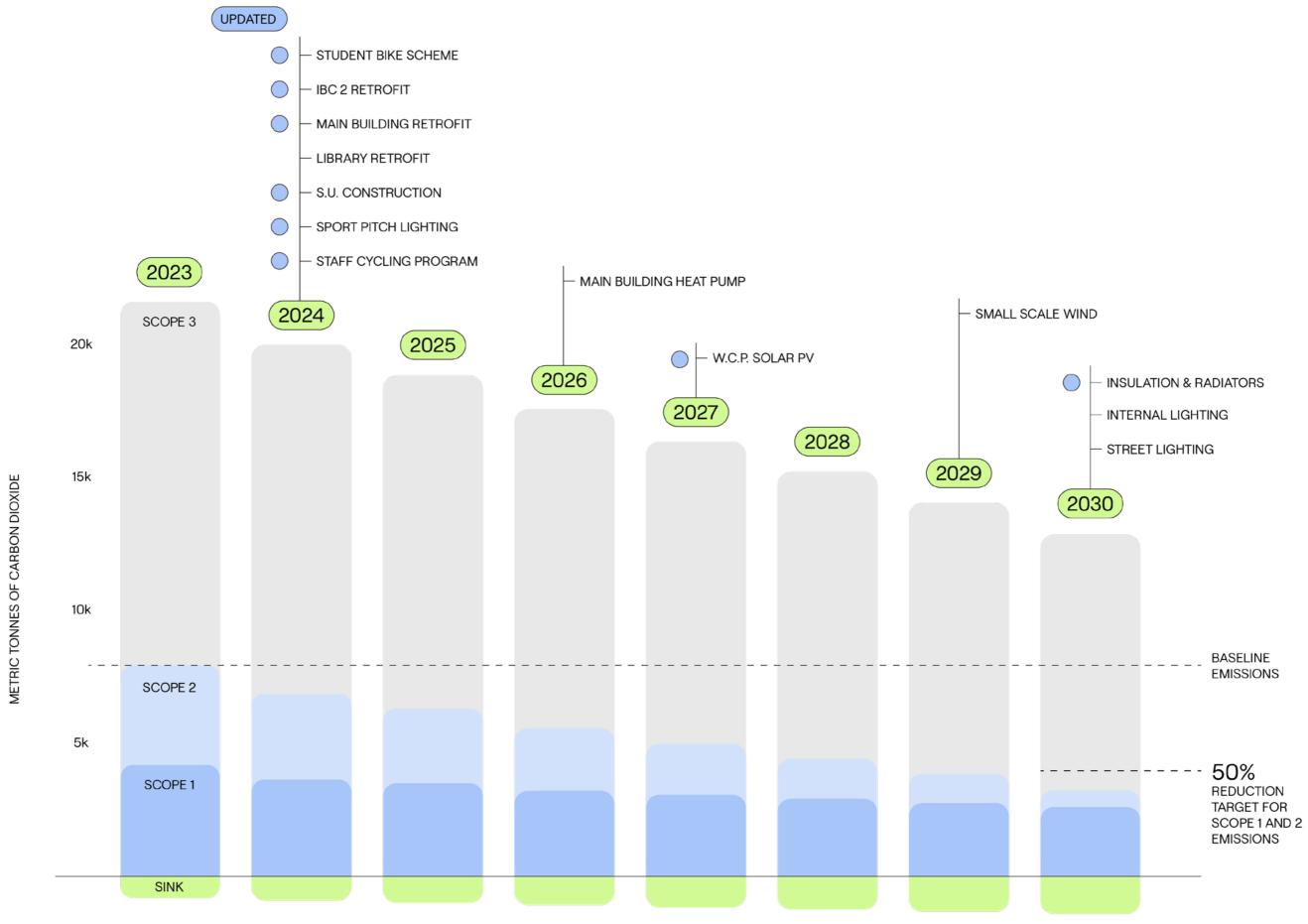
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GOALS

Transition Pathway





Digital Twin Pilot

Kemmy Business School

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Carbon Emission

Energy

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OVERVIEW ENERGY TRANSPORT FOOD

The digital twin, currently in its pilot phase, redefines our sustainability reporting by showcasing real-time data on a dynamic platform. It presents an interactive 3D view of our campus, highlighting energy performance, carbon footprint, and emissions. Users can explore detailed data for each building. More than a data tool, its presence on campus touchscreens aims to inspire a sustainability-focused culture and encourage active participation in our initiatives.

IBC Block 2 Retrofit

This project will see windows and lighting upgraded, boilers replaced (with a series of low temperature heat pumps), additional wall insulation fitted and roof-mounted solar panels installed.

EMISSION REDUCTION



PROJECT STATUS

Ongoing

FUNDING SOURCES

Higher Education Authority (Energy Efficiency) Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme) UL Sustainability / Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

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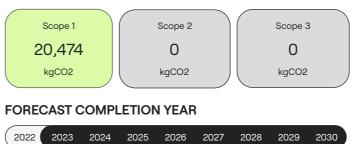
OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates HEA SEAI

RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus Self-Powered Campus

Insulation & Radiator Upgrade

This project will see uninsulated pipework and valves in boiler houses fitted with lagging jackets. Furthermore fan assisted nZEB radiators which are circa 10% more efficient than existing steel panel radiators will be trialed with a view to deploying at a larger scale if successful.

EMISSION REDUCTION



SOLUTIONS

INSULATION UPGRADES **BUILDING RETROFIT**

Campus Street Lighting Upgrade

This project will see street lighting on campus replaced with high efficiency LED upgrades. Sample projects will be undertaken to determine the most cost efficacious methods of upgrading to LED.

EMISSION REDUCTION



FORECAST COMPLETION YEAR



SOLUTIONS

LED LIGHTING

PROJECT STATUS

Proof of Concept

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability / Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates

RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus

Campus Internal Lighting Upgrade

This project will see street lighting on campus replaced with high efficiency LED upgrades. Sample projects will be undertaken to determine the most cost efficacious methods of upgrading to LED.

EMISSION REDUCTION



FORECAST COMPLETION YEAR



SOLUTIONS

LED LIGHTING



PROJECT STATUS Awaiting Confirmation

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability /Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates

RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus

PROJECT STATUS Proof of Concept

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability / Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

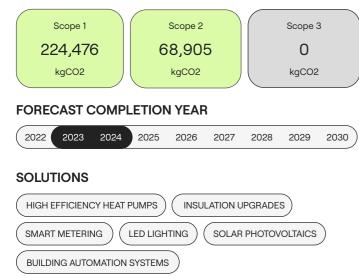
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RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus

Main Building Retrofit (Blocks C, D, E)

This project will see the primary heat source for this building replaced with a high temperature heat pump, roof and wall insulation and lighting upgraded, and BMS, energy metering and solar panels installed.

EMISSION REDUCTION



PROJECT STATUS

• Awaiting Funding

FUNDING SOURCES

- Higher Education Authority (Energy Efficiency)
- Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme) (TBC) UL Sustainability / Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates HEA

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RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus Self Powered Campus



Western Car Park Solar Photovoltaics

This project will see the Western Car Park, containing circa 350 car parking spaces, covered in photovoltaic solar panels. The installation will feed directly into adjacent buildings.

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SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAICS

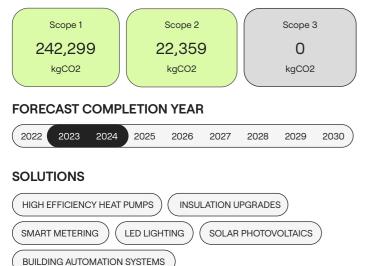
UPDATE

Market consultation underway.

Library Building Retrofit

This project will see streetlighting on campus replaced with high efficiency LED upgrades. Sample projects will be undertaken to determine the most cost efficacious methods of upgrading to LED.

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PROJECT STATUS

• Awaiting Funding

FUNDING SOURCES

- Higher Education Authority (Energy Efficiency)
- O Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme) (TBC)
- UL Sustainability /Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS

Buildings and Estates HEA SEAI

RELATED MISSIONS

Carbon Neutral Campus Self Powered Campus

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Small Scale Wind

To complement the deployment of photovoltaic on campus, this project will see small scale wind turbines on site, if and where feasible.

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MICRO WIND TURBINES

UPDATE

 Small-scale wind to be considered as part of campus- wide decarbonisation.



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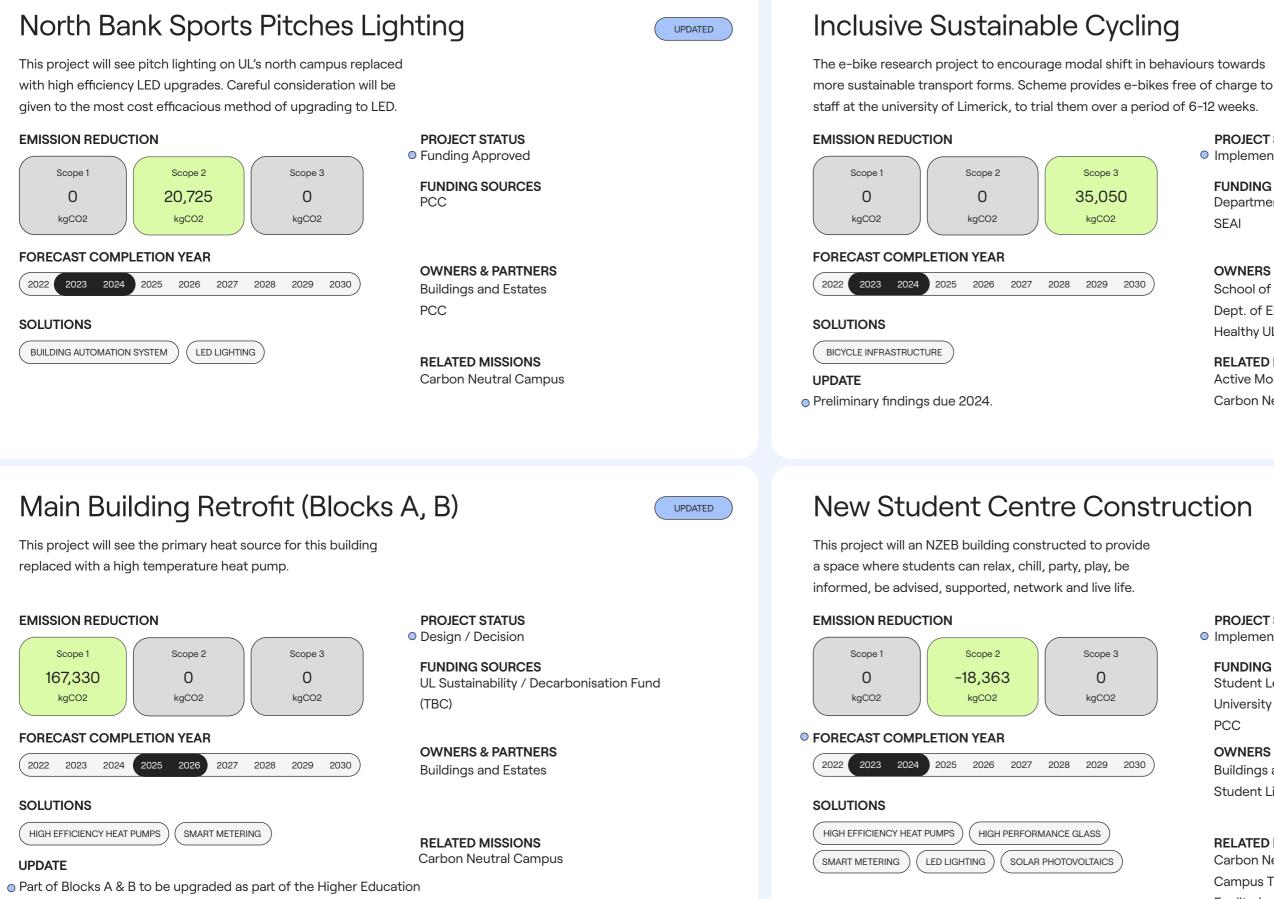


PROJECT STATUS Concept

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability /Decarbonisation Fund (TBC)

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Strategic Infrastructure Fund. Procurement of Design Team stage.





FUNDING SOURCES Department of Transport SEAI

OWNERS & PARTNERS School of Allied Health Dept. of Electronics and Computer Engineering Healthy UL

RELATED MISSIONS Active Mobility Campus Carbon Neutral Campus



PROJECT STATUS Implementation

FUNDING SOURCES Student Levy University of Limerick PCC

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates Student Life

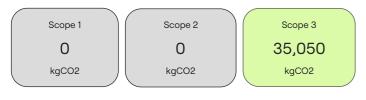
RELATED MISSIONS

Carbon Neutral Campus Campus Tribe Egalitarian University

Sustainable Student Bike Rental Scheme

This project aims to encourage students to use more sustainable modes of transport and reduce traffic on campus. It provides a bike for a student for a semester or longer, for a minimum fee.

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BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE

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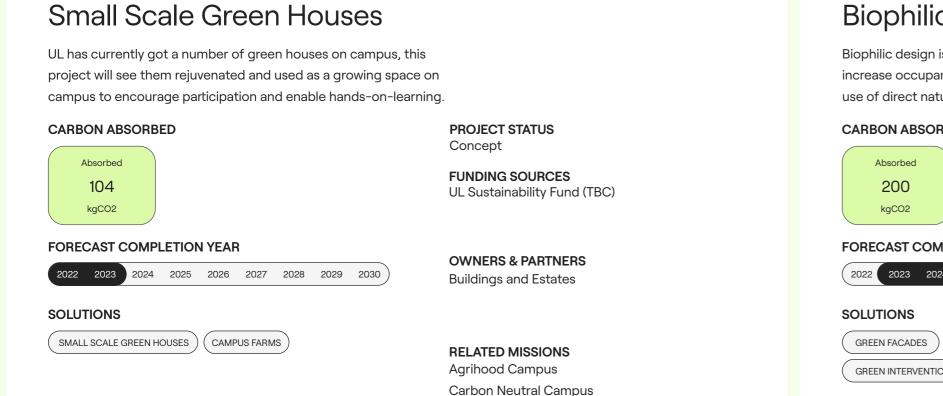
 Dockless NEXTbike by Tier in operation on campus. Free bike rental scheme to be rolled out by Healthy Campus.
Plan agreed to locate 58 docked NTA bicycles on campus. PROJECT STATUS Implementation

FUNDING SOURCES Devolved Grant

OWNERS & PARTNERS Healthy UL Environmental Committee

RELATED MISSIONS Active Mobility Campus UPDATED

Mission Projects: Increase Sequestration



Green Roofs

Green roofs have a direct positive influence on local biodiversity. UL is planning to leverage its roof top spaces on campus by building and expanding on its current roof top garden.

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SOLUTIONS



UPDATE

• Green roof spaces identified around campus by Buildings & Estates. Kemmy Business School at preliminary design stage. Funding secured by president for Main Building roof garden.

PROJECT STATUS O Design / Decision

Biodiverse Campus

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS

Environmental Committee Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation

RELATED MISSIONS

Agrihood Campus **Carbon Neutral Campus Biophilic Campus**

Biophilic Library Pilot

Biophilic design is a concept used within the building industry to increase occupant connectivity to the natural environment through the use of direct nature, indirect nature, and space and place conditions.

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Meadowland Rewilding

Rewilding is a progressive approach to conservation. It's about letting nature take care of itself, enabling natural processes to shape land and sea, repair damaged ecosystems and restore degraded landscapes.

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NATIVE SPECIES CONSERVATION GREEN INTERVENTIONS

UPDATE

 High-visibility land managed as meadows in accordance with All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021 - 2025.

PROJECT STATUS Design/Decision

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS

University Library Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Green Campus Office

RELATED MISSIONS

Biophilic Campus Carbon Neutral Campus Biodiverse Campus



PROJECT STATUS Implementation

FUNDING SOURCES

UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

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Buildings and Estates Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation **UL** Apiary

RELATED MISSIONS

Biodiverse Campus Biophilic Campus Carbon Neutral Campus

Mission Projects: Increase Sequestration

Arboretum Status

UL is applying to to Arboretum Accreditation Program that provides standards for the establishment and development of an official or bona fide arboretum.

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SOLUTIONS



UPDATE

 Terms of Reference for Arboretum Council approved by Executive.

PROJECT STATUS Design/Decision

FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates

RELATED MISSIONS Biodiverse Campus Biophilic Campus Carbon Neutral Campus

Campus Orchard

An orchard of fruit trees have been planted in an area to the east of Plassey House in a manner reflective of traditional parkland. It is situated in an area to take full benefit of natural light.

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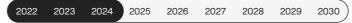
Pollinator Plan

UL continues to work to integrate and connect our campus with the National Pollinator Plan. Our focus is on increasing pollinator friendly planting and habitats on campus.

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POLLINATOR PROGRAMMES

UPDATE

 Memorial garden installed with pollinator friendly planting.

Native Tree Planting

UL is committed to planting new native trees every year to increase carbon sinks. Our goal is to gradually increase our 13% canopy cover.

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NATIVE SPECIES CONSERVATION) (GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

UPDATE

x 50 Mature Tilla Cordata Lime trees planted.
x 12 Mature Birch trees planted.



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FUNDING SOURCES UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

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Buildings and Estates Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation

RELATED MISSIONS

Biodiverse Campus Biophilic Campus Carbon Neutral Campus



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FUNDING SOURCES

UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS

Buildings and Estates

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Sustainability Dashboard

The dashboard project will work to build a data visualisation tool that will allow UL sustainability reporting to be open and transparent. Data will be published across multiple interconnected layers.

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Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation **Research Office/Research Institutes** Centre for Transformative Learning

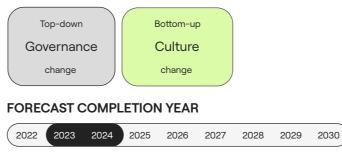
RELATED MISSIONS Digital Campus Commons Mission Lab

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ESD Staff Program

UL staff will get an introduction to the concept of sustainability, as well as explore its relevance to HE. Staff will also identify and implement sustainability projects on campus.

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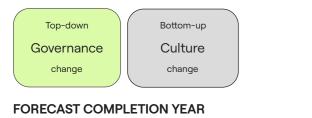
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EDUCATION TRAINING

University Digital Twin

Digital model of the university campus infrastructure. It will be used to simulate, test and optimize various scenarios and outcomes.

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UPDATE

Kemmy Business School digital twin pilot delivered.

PROJECT STATUS Implementation

> FUNDING SOURCES University of Limerick **External Funds**

OWNERS & PARTNERS Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation

RELATED MISSIONS

Digital Campus Commons Mission Lab **Carbon Neutral Campus**



ESD Student Program

These sessions are designed to engage students in the fundamentals of sustainability while demonstrating actionable ways of getting involved in sustainable development in their personal, professional, and academic lives.

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EDUCATION ACTION GROUP TRAINING

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FUNDING SOURCES Erasmus +

OWNERS & PARTNERS

Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation University of South-Eastern Norway Antwerpen University

RELATED MISSIONS Mission Lab **Open Loop University Transition Governance Framework**

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FUNDING SOURCES Centre for Sustainable Future and Innovation

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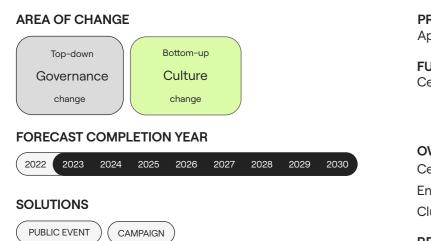
Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation **Clubs and Societies** UL Faculty and Staff

RELATED MISSIONS

Mission Lab **Open Loop University**

Green Campus Week

The annual week of activities and events in conjunction with An Taisce Green Campus' Green Campus Week.



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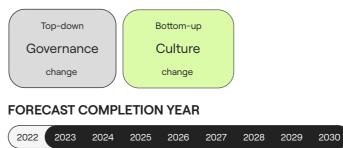
Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Environmental Committee & Campus Green Office Clubs and Societies

RELATED MISSIONS Campus Tribe

Online Sustainability Community

Fostering an online community for students and staff to learn more about, and connect with, UL's sustainability portfolio and progress toward a sustainable university.

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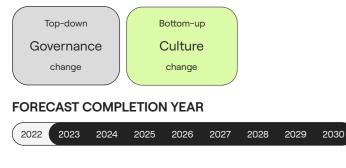
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EDUCATION) (SOCIAL MEDIA

Student Sustainability Workshops

Workshops run with students to understand student sentiment toward sustainability, and what initiatives or projects they would like to see UL prioritise and collectively take action on.

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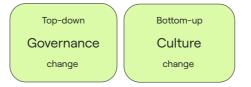
Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Clubs and Societies

RELATED MISSIONS Campus Tribe

Sustainability Video Series

'Unsung Heroes' series of videos to bring to light the action oriented work that UL sustainability advocates are carrying out across campus.

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EDUCATION) (SOCIAL MEDIA

UPDATE

 UL featured on Campus Living Labs series commissioned by the EPA. PROJECT STATUS Concept

FUNDING SOURCES Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation

OWNERS & PARTNERS

Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation UL Marketing and Communications Virtual Learning Environment - Brightspace

RELATED MISSIONS Mission Lab Open Loop University Campus Tribe



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FUNDING SOURCES

UL Sustainability Fund (TBC)

OWNERS & PARTNERS Buildings and Estates

RELATED MISSIONS

Mission Lab

ESD Doctoral College

This doctoral program will focus on increasing students' understanding of sustainability, enabling meaningful interdisciplinary collaborations and taking action to address sustainability challenges.

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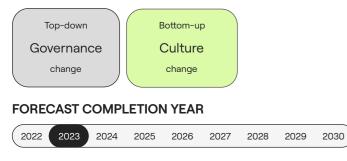
Doctoral College Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation YERUN Network

RELATED MISSIONS Mission Lab **Open Loop University**

Citizens Assembly

Safe and respective space for citizens to come together and discuss SDG focused Actions for Limerick. To provide a public focus on sustainability and SDG action in UL. Opportunity for UL staff and students to develop their public engagement skills and experience.

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UPDATE Took place May 25th 2023. **Citizens Assembly**

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FUNDING SOURCES UL Engage

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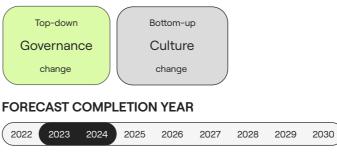
UL Engage Limerick County Council & LPPN Comhairle na nóg

RELATED MISSIONS Citizens Mission Council **Transition Governance Framework**

Baseline Mapping Education

This project will work to map all UL education to the UN SDGs. Enabling us to identify gaps, measure progress, connect key projects and plan new mission-based learning projects.

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AUDIT REPORT

UPDATE

Species diversity assessment at PESS river.

Biotic indices assessment at PESS river.

Biotic indices assessment at river shoreline behind UL arena.

UPDATED

Baseline Mapping Research

This project will work to map all UL research to the UN SDGs. Enabling us to identify gaps, measure progress, connect key projects and plan new mission-based research projects.

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OWNERS & PARTNERS Centre for Transformative Learning Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Mission Lab

RELATED MISSIONS Digital Campus Commons Mission Driven Learning

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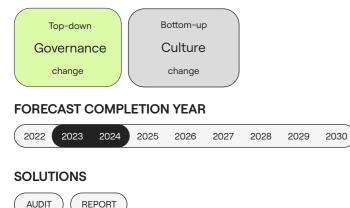
RELATED MISSIONS

Digital Campus Commons

Baseline Mapping Community

This project will work to map all community based initiatives connected with the UN SDGs. Enabling us to identify gaps, measure progress, connect key projects and plan new mission-based initiatives with the wider community.

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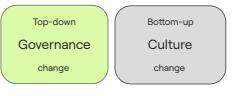
Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation UL Engage Technology Transfer Office

RELATED MISSIONS Digital Campus Commons Citizens Mission Council

Baseline Mapping Biodiversity

A biodiversity baseline study is the collection and interpretation of information on the biodiversity values at a site; this includes the species, habitats and ecological systems present, their current condition and their trends before a project commences.

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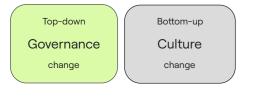
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Sustainability Scholars Scheme 2022

The Faculty of Science & Engineering is supporting collaborative, transformative and interdisciplinary initiatives in sustainability by funding five structured PhD scholarships.

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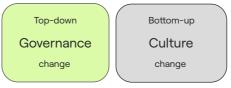
OWNERS & PARTNERS Faculty of Science and Engineering

RELATED MISSIONS Mission Driven Learning

Baseline Mapping Policy

Baseline study of policies at UL to support the design and development of a portfolio of sustainability related policies.

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OWNERS & PARTNERS Department of Geography Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation

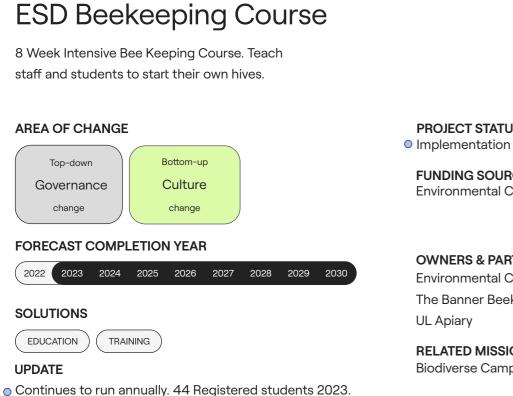
RELATED MISSIONS Digital Campus Commons Biodiverse Campus

PROJECT STATUS Concept

FUNDING SOURCES University of Limerick

OWNERS & PARTNERS Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Sustainable University Working Group Policy Hub

RELATED MISSIONS Digital Campus Commons Transition Governance Framework



PROJECT STATUS

FUNDING SOURCES **Environmental Committee**

OWNERS & PARTNERS Environmental Committee The Banner Beekeeping Association UL Apiary

RELATED MISSIONS Biodiverse Campus

Sustainability Challenge

An interfaculty competition which calls on students to submit ideas to make our environment more sustainable - to either the campus, the city or wider Mid-West region or further afield.

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UPDATE

• First sustainability challenge run as part of UL50. Five projects selected for funding. UL Sustainability Challenge

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Bernal Institute & Research Office Faculty of Science and Engineering & KBS **Buildings and Estates**

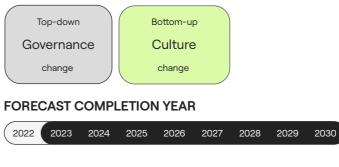
RELATED MISSIONS Mission Lab

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Sustainability Literacy Libguide

The library is leading on the creation of resources and academic content in the areas of climate literacy, biodiversity, energy, food production and agriculture.

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TRAINING EDUCATION

UPDATE

 Sustainability Literacy Libguide now available at Glucksman Library Sustainability Literacy Libguide

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Energy Behaviour Change Campaign

This project will see Buildings & Estates, the OPW and both existing and new Green Teams continue and expand the rollout of the Optimising Power at Work initiative.

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CAMPAIGN

UPDATE

New Service Level Agreement signed with the Office of Public Works to deploy the Optimising Power at Work campaign. September 2023 - 2025.





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FUNDING SOURCES University of Limerick

OWNERS & PARTNERS Glucksman Library at UL Centre for Sustainable Futures and Innovation Sustainable University Working Group

RELATED MISSIONS Mission Driven Learning





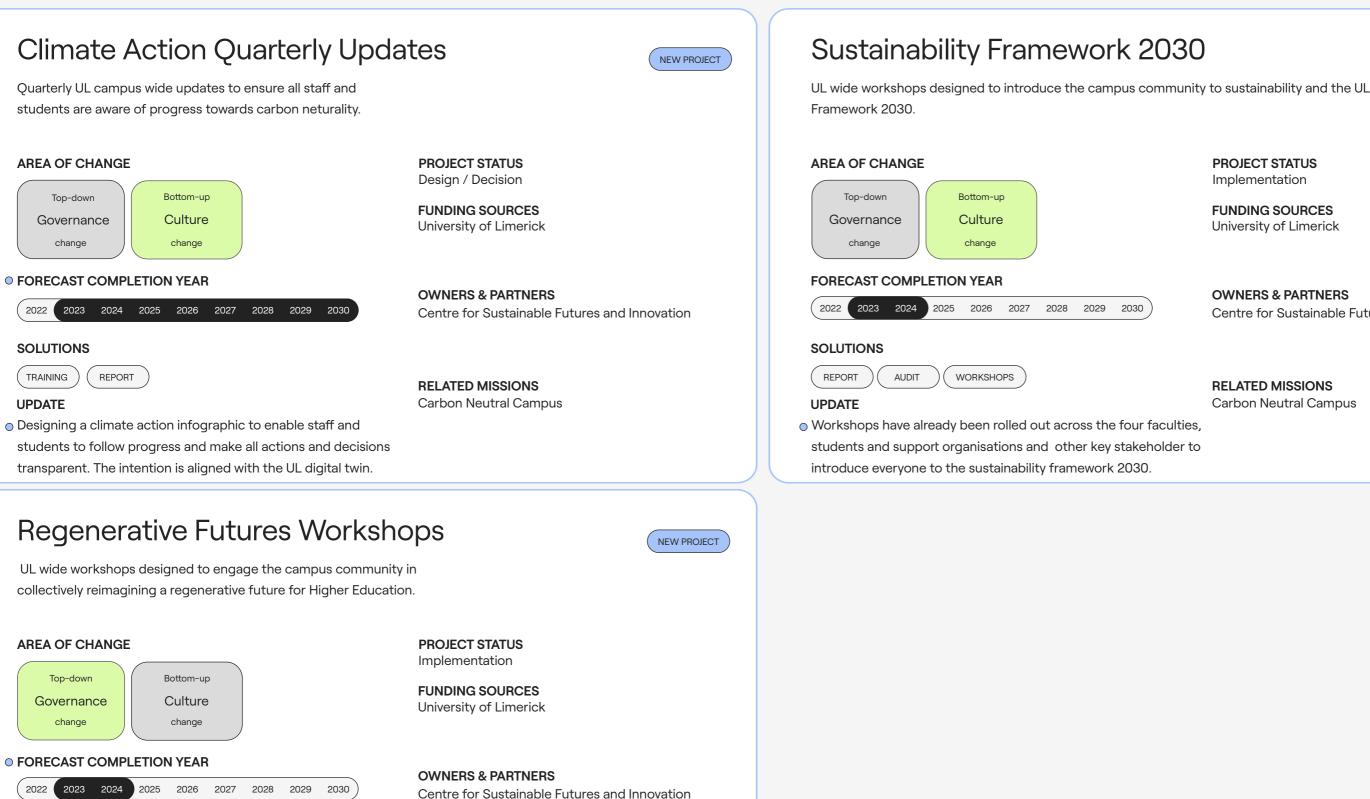
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OWNERS & PARTNERS

Buildings & Estates Office of Public Works Green Teams

RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus



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• Workshops have already been rolled out across the four faculties and with other key stakeholder groups including the Executive Team.

RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus



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RELATED MISSIONS Carbon Neutral Campus



