

## **Sustainability Champion Role Description**

### **Sustainable Champion Purpose**

The University of Northampton Sustainability Champions are a voluntary team representing our student body and staff and are dedicated to identifying and implementing projects and engaging fellow students and staff in all aspects of UONs sustainability strategy.

The Sustainability Champion is a voluntary role which will help to build and develop work-based skills, experience, and knowledge in environmental sustainability at the UON.

All Sustainability Champions will be supported by the Environment & Sustainability Team.

You will need to have an interest in the environment and aspects of sustainability, including the local environment as this role will focus on the University and local community. in the local area.

There are two Sustainability Champion roles available: one for staff and one for students. However, the role duties remain the same and allow for a wider engagement and participation of sustainability related activities. The main difference between the two roles is that the student Sustainability Champion will be able to gain Changemaker certification and support.

It is envisaged Sustainability Champions will:

- Identify and create projects that relate to UONs sustainability strategy. This could entail launching behavioural campaigns, competitions or organising events such as litter picks, audits or any other event you feel would be engaging and in support of positive sustainable change and awareness.
- Monitor and review projects and initiatives implemented by the Sustainability Champions.
- Coordinate faculty and student actions to be taken as part of specific environment and sustainability events, such as Go Green Week, Clean Air Day, Cycle to Work Day, Switch Off and larger COP events.
- Promote sustainability, encourage effective resource use and lead by example to help students and staff do the same.
- Use a variety of media platforms to inform UON and the wider community on what projects you are involved in or what is happening. This can be via blogs, share information via our Twitter and Instagram feeds.

- Collect feedback from the staff and student body on environment and sustainability issues and feedback to the wider Sustainability Champions group and Environment & Sustainability Team
- Attend Sustainability Champions Meetings
- Input into reporting on the activities of this Sustainability Champions

Along with your passion for the environment and raising awareness of environmental challenges, you will need to be motivated, driven, approachable and confident as the role will involve engaging with peers, staff and at times, the general public.

You will need to commit a certain amount of time to the role, which may be around an hour a week, we ask you to commit to the role for at least 2 years.

Able and willing to attend events and support on campaigns.

### **Changemaker**

This role is linked to the Changemaker Certificate programme, forming the practical experience element of Changemaker Certificate Level 2 – Changemaker in Practice.

You will be supported by the Changemaker Incubator Team to complete all three levels of the certificate programme so that your volunteering becomes a valuable part of your personal development. The Changemaker Incubator Team will help you to explore how you, as an individual, have the potential to contribute to positive social impact, and how you can articulate this to employers and the wider world to demonstrate that you are a future-focused and employable Changemaker graduate.