

Meeting UN Sustainable Development Goals

Newcastle University is committed to working across national borders and academic disciplines to help address the development challenges facing the world today. We work extensively with global partners inside and outside of Higher Education undertaking work towards addressing the Global Goals.

Global Challenges Academy

We're proud to support the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** – seeking peace and prosperity for all people and the planet by 2030.

Our **Global Challenges Academy** underlines our commitment and better enables us to make our research work for sustainable development. It fosters **research and partnerships** to help realise the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly where solutions are most urgently needed.

Both University staff and our partners can share ideas, best practice and projects. This helps find evidence-based solutions to **the world's most pressing development challenges**. The Academy encourages **challenge-based and regionally focused research networks** and provides a variety of professional development activity.

Newcastle University engages in the UN policy process

Newcastle University is a member of the **UN Academic Impact Initiative**. We also engage with the **International Council for Science**, which enables us to **connect our research to UN processes around the Sustainable development goals (SDGs)**.

For example, in 2017 we worked with governments and civil society partners to present a side event to the **UN High Level Political Forum**. This was called 'Open, inclusive, participatory and transparent': How can voluntary national reviews support the pledge to "leave no one behind" in implementing the 2030 Agenda? Here we looked at whether these country reports on progress made against UNSDGs are giving marginalised groups more of a voice at the national level politics.

In addition, our biodiversity research is informing the **Convention on Biological Diversity** on how to **monitor conservation status**. This will feed into the UNSDG process particularly for **Goal 15, Life on Land**.

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