

EAUC Framework	UCC Activities (Current and Planned)
1. Leadership and Governance	
Commit institutionally to carbon neutrality by 2030 or 2050 at the latest	This month we are beginning a process to refine our carbon footprint measurement and set science-based targets for reducing them. We will include all scopes as opposed to setting carbon neutrality targets only for scopes 1 and 2.
Create a cross departmental steering group within your institution to engage staff, academics and students to form real actions and change	The Green Forum and Green Campus committee are both cross sectoral and set action plans and targets each year.
Commit to reporting on the SDGs and provide a common framework of understanding	UCC reports on SDGs through our annual sustainability report, the STARS Framework and THE Impact Ranking.
Undertake a climate change risk analysis for your institution and work out your action plan	Climate risk is included within the university's flood management plans. UCC engages with Cork City Council on Climate mitigation and adaptation plans for the region.
Governors to get engaged	Green Forum chairs John O'Halloran and Mark Poland regularly update UCC's Governing Body on progress of Green Campus, in particular energy and carbon reduction projects.
Present the business case for sustainability	Sustainability is now included within all of the University's strategic plans. Of particular impact here is its inclusion within the university's procurement policy.
Ensure senior management have the leadership skills required	As members of the EAUC and AASHE, management regularly attend conferences and workshops to ensure they have the most up to date knowledge and skills to implement sustainability programmes.
2. Student Outcomes: Teaching, Learning and Research	
All staff and students to undertake Carbon Literacy training	From Sept. 19 incoming students are offered climate negotiation simulation workshops as part of their orientation week.
Design discipline focused Carbon Literacy	This will be investigated as part of the university's Academic Strategy implementation plan.
Ensure climate mitigation is on all curricula	This will be investigated as part of the university's Academic Strategy implementation plan.

Reduce/minimise academic and staff overseas travel	We will be working with the IT dept. to improve facilities for remote participation and with staff to look at the cost (environmental and personal) versus benefits of overseas travel.
Create Citizens Assembly with students	We will be working with Envirosoc and UCCSU to engage the wider student body and support them in pushing for climate action.
Engage with the Student Sustainability Summit	We work with the USI Sustainability Manager and Green Campus Ireland office to promote climate action events.
Engage with other academics and researchers	Our Living Laboratory Programme engages the academic and research community to develop on campus solutions to climate change.

3. Estates and Operations

Clear metrics and transparent, accurate information around emissions, scope 1, 2, 3	We have published our carbon footprint as part of the STARS accreditation. This month we are beginning a process to refine this measurement, in particular our scope 3 emissions.
Carbon Offsetting as a last resort	We are investigating the most ethical options for potential carbon offsets through a research project led by academics who are expert in the field.
Create a Carbon Budget and/or Carbon Tax to fund activities	The "Saver Saves" scheme has been in operation in UCC for three years and provides an energy budget to departments, with incentives for carbon reductions and a revolving fund mechanism to support further reductions.
Assess your performance and set targets for improvement and learn from others	Performance is assessed against international accreditation schemes such as ISO50001, STARS and Green Flag.

4. Partnerships and Engagement

Engage with students and staff	The Green Campus programme engages across the board with all members of the UCC Community including students, staff, service providers and the local community.
Collaborate with key stakeholders in your region - especially your local authority if they have already declared a climate emergency	MaREI researchers collaborate and advise extensively on climate action with policy makers both locally and nationally.
Collaborate on a national and international level	Green Campus collaborates internationally through the FEE Ecocampus Network, the International Sustainable Campus Network and the UI Green Metric Network.