

We recognise that as an SDG Accord signatory your institution has a greater story to tell regarding how SDGs are being integrated within your community, and as part of your institutional SDG Accord reporting, we are asking signatories to submit one or more case studies to share good practice, celebrate and/or outline barriers of how your institution is integrating the SDGs. The case studies will be shared publicly with fellow signatories and our Endorsing Network Partners and will be available on our website.

## Please tick the relevant Case Study Themes your case study relates to:

# Integration of SDGs in

☐ Institutional governance/strategic level

$\boxtimes$	SDGs in research
$\boxtimes$	SDGs in campus operations
	SDGs in curriculum development
	SDGs in student engagement activities
	SDGs into community activities
	SDGs at a whole-institution level
Fo	cus on
	Goal 1 - No poverty
	Goal 2 - Zero hunger
	Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
	Goal 4 - Quality education
	Goal 5 - Gender equality
	Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
	Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
	Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
	Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
	Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
$\boxtimes$	Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
$\times$	Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
	Goal 13 - Climate action
	Goal 14 - Life below water
	Goal 15 - Life on land
	Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
	Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

# SDG Accord Case Study

Please use this template for each of the SDG frameworks you wish to submit a case study for. We ask SDG Accord Signatories to submit **at least one** case study by 31<sup>st</sup> May each year to <a href="mailto:info@eauc.org.uk">info@eauc.org.uk</a> if you would like to have it included in the Annual SDG Accord Report. You can continue to provide case studies throughout the year and these will be added to the <a href="mailto:SDG Accord">SDG Accord</a> website.

Please submit case studies in English.

For each of the themes selected, please provide the relevant case study following the structure below:

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**JOB TITLE** -Principal

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Describe briefly how the theme selected was implemented within your institution – **max 300 words.** *Please include (if available) quotes from colleagues or others involved in the case study.* 

### Summary:

#### **SDG 11**

With Waste Management as focus area. 5 days interactive workshop was conducted for students on topics like understanding concepts of sustainability, home composting, insights into segregation at source, kitchen gardening, and knowledge sharing. At the end of each session, assessment was done through Quiz and an assignment was given on topics like waste audit at home and community, bucket composting, growing microgreens and plastic audit.

A 4- day workshop was conducted on Kitchen Gardening, Kitchen Waste Management, Aquaponics and Drying of Flowers and Value Addition. Students were given live demonstrations about the concepts.

Webinar on Avoiding Single Use Plastic was organized to raise awareness about the Plastic Waste Amendment Rules 2021, and how it adds to the Plastic Waste Amendment Rules 2016. The global and local (national) situation regarding waste management was discussed. The power of communities and grassroot movements by giving live examples were also used as motivating tools for bringing about the much-needed lifestyle changes towards sustainable living.

College signed a contract with a private company for management of sanitary napkin waste disposal and its recycling and thereby College earns Carbon Credits.

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The College annual fest 'Samnvay' had the theme of Sustainability around which all 28 departments conducted seminars, activities, games, thus ensuring its reach out to all 3500 students and 136 Faculty of College and outsiders too.

ZeroWasteOctober Campaign was organised which had 277 students and Faculty registrations. They shared their experiences, images of their dedicated e-Waste recycling corner in their home, extending life of plastic utensil by converting it into a planter. Besides they were given 'Task of the day' activities, each highlighting a particular kind of waste that can be readily reduced, like, deleting emails, going back to fountain pens, 'Zero Waste Outside Kit' - creating a bag of essentials that kept their trips sustainable.

## Outline the 3 key benefits of integrating this theme:

- 1. Awareness was created among students about waste management.
- 2. Students participated wholeheartedly in all the activities, and they worked together as a team.
- 3. Students presented their research work in conferences.

# Outline the barriers or challenges encountered in integrating this theme and how you overcame these:

- 1. Time constraint in the busy academic schedule. To overcome this, activities are arranged such that they do not clash with exams schedule and regular class timings are also not affected.
- 2. Getting maximum number of students to participate in each activity. We made it a part of their compulsory activities.

# Please outline your conclusions and recommendations to others (Max 200 words):

Keeping waste management as its focus, Ruia College installed sanitary napkin dispenser bins in Girls' and Ladies Staff washrooms. This has been done in collaboration with a private company, which collects the waste, and recycles it and provides Ruia College with carbon credits. This practice can be replicated in other institutions.

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Include **TWO** images (max) that are relevant to your SDG case study – **ONE** should be your institutional logo. These will be used as part of your case study submission, so please ensure you have permission to use the images. *Please add a brief description of the image*.



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