An idea which originated in the Faculty of Engineering spread into a University wide Switch Off event!

Staff were encouraged with switch off and unplug all unnecessary equipment over the week-long Christmas holidays.

The results are now in and they show the incredible difference switching off can make!

A big thank you to the Green Impact teams in Engineering and to Green Impact teams and staff throughout the University!

Collectively, individual action makes a big difference!

When compared to the week before the holiday, electricity consumption dropped by 12,547 kWh meaning that we saved 6.8 tonnes of CO₂!

A tonne of CO₂ can be a tricky thing to visualise so instead, imagine that we saved 68 baby elephants or the equivalent of 6.8 swimming pools measuring 10 by 25 by 2 metres.

It also equates to a monetary saving of £1354! That’s in just one week!

Keep up the hard work everyone!

Remember to switch off and unplug throughout the year and encourage others to do the same.
NEW YEAR, GREEN YOU!

My green new years resolution is...

1. I will use a bag per life for my shopping!

2. Set up a water butt to water my plants!

3. Re-cyle more at home!

My green new years resolution is...

4. To grow my own veg in my garden

5. Re-use Water Bottles

6. Use the tram and walk to work instead of the car!

7. Buy more locally grown produce!

My green new years resolution is...

8. To have a five minute shower!

9. Reuse Shopping bags

Green Impact 2014/15
Team Barber House Annexe
Our Green Resolution

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Use less paper - gain Bronze Award
NEW YEAR, GREEN YOU!

With the start of 2015, Green Impact teams across the University pledged to do something green for 2015!

We have a host of resolutions come in from teams, relating to both office and home environments. It was great to see so many personal pledges.

The Green Impact team in SITraN have pledged to build a log pile; introduce bat boxes around the SITraN site and to do more wildflower seed sowing.

The Green Impact Project Assistant in SITraN contributed her own resolution to green her home by encouraging recycling and making sure the lights are switched off when they’re not needed.

The team in Human Resources will start a pen recycling scheme and will bring in their own lunches, rather than buying them, to reduce waste. They also plan to move towards sending contractual changes electronically.

In Psychology, the team have pledged to get Silver in this year’s Green Impact and to lay the foundations to go for Gold in 2015/16!

And Meat Free Monday’s will now become a regular occurrence in New Spring House where a vegetarian recipe swap will occur! The vegetarians on the team have pledged to go dairy free for half the week!

Members of the New Spring House team will also be greening their transport to work by either cycling or walking via a walking buddy scheme.

In Materials Science and Engineering, travel is also on the agenda and green travel options will be promoted to staff. The team also plans to renovate the rooftop on the Hadfield building to encourage biodiversity and create a welcoming place for visitors. They aim to cater for these visitors in the greenest way possible by monitoring events and cutting waste.

It’s looking like a very Green 2015!!

SUSSED PROGRAMME

The Sustainability Skills and Education programme SusSEd is back for 2015!

After the successes of last year, SusSEd will run again as a series of eight lectures and workshops for staff and students.

These workshops cover different aspects of sustainability from food waste and the Love Food Hate Waste campaign to sustainability and the ‘Yuck Factor’.

Sessions run from 12:00 to 13:00 and will be in varying locations each week.

To view the full programme, visit: www.greenimpact.group.shef.ac.uk/wordpress/about/susse/susse-2015/