

Responsible Futures International

Slideshow for the ESD Okayama prize

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STUDENTS
ORGANIZING FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
INTERNATIONAL

Students Organising for Sustainability

Responsible
Futures

Students Organising for Sustainability charity, launched by the student movement. We've been delivering student-led programmes and campaigns since the early 2000s.

SOS engages, inspires and empowers students to lead on sustainability. Ours is a long-term investment in education today for a better future tomorrow.



Our Mission

- Getting more students **leading on**, and **learning about**, sustainability.
- Embedding sustainability in education, **from early years to adult learning**.
- Making sustainability **more inclusive**, for everyone.



Introduction to Responsible Futures

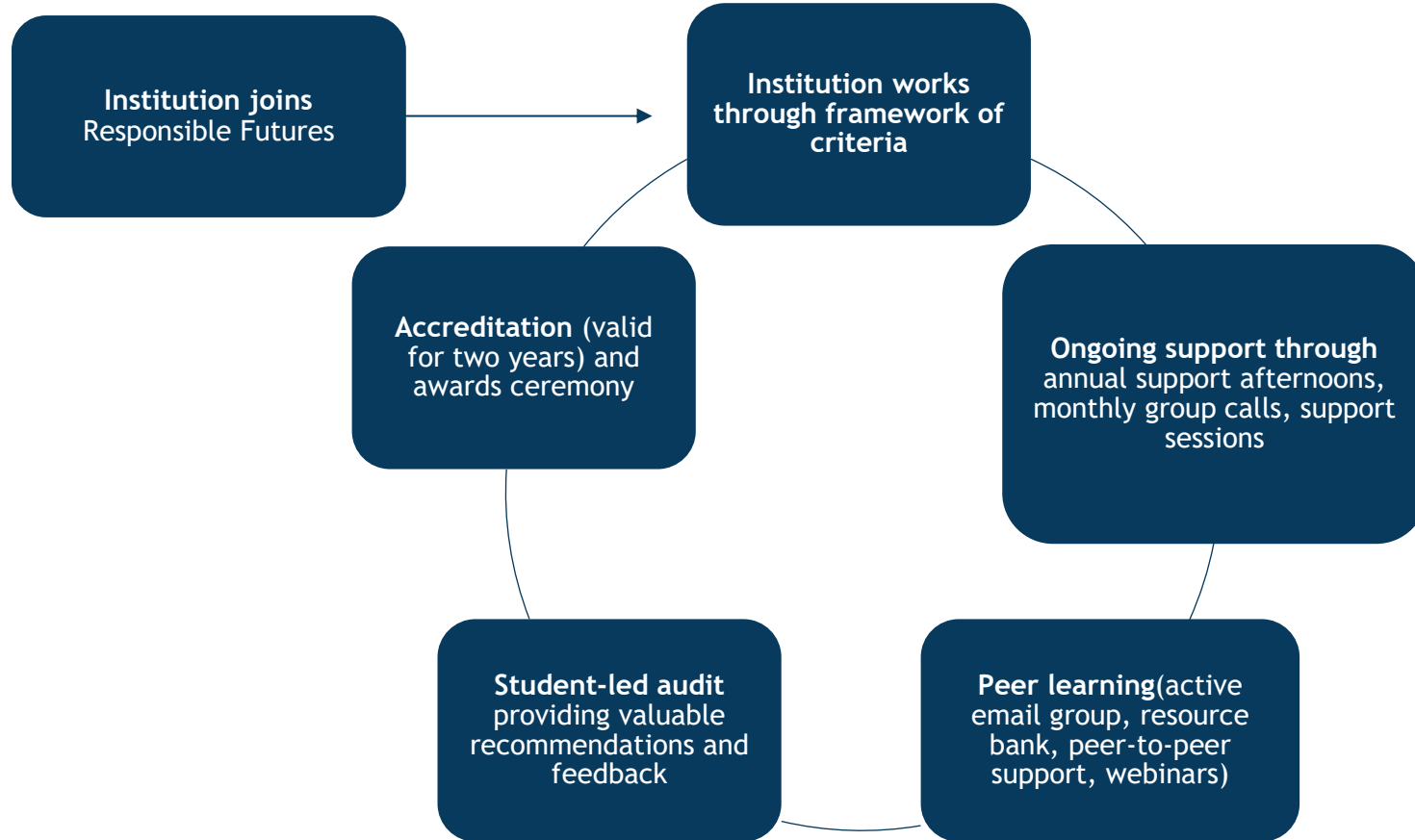
**Responsible
Futures**

- An accreditation mark, audited by students
- A supported change programme for sustainability
- A whole-institution approach
- A partnership between students and institution
- A framework for good practice
- A global network of institutions embedding sustainability in learning



Programme cycle

**Responsible
Futures**



Key figures to date

**Responsible
Futures**

**53 institutions
reaching over
1,100,000 students
globally**

**55 student-led
audits**

**Over 3200
actions taken
for ESD**

**Over 200
student auditors
leading audits**

**Over 80
network
learning
meetings/events**



Student auditors and SOS-UK staff at the 2024/25 De Montfort University and Students' Union audit.



“Through the Responsible Futures audit, [the University] supports students to have a voice in sustainability, which is something we cherish so much.” **Student Auditor, Coventry University**



“The Responsible Futures programme has been valuable in providing a framework to encourage action on embedding sustainability across the institution and in catalysing support to enable this.”

**Manchester Metropolitan
University**

“Responsible Futures is a fantastic initiative, offering collaboration between our students and staff to assess our sustainability credentials and examine where improvements can be made. The accreditation demonstrates our commitment to promoting sustainability to our students and gives our student base a voice in which to shape the way we operate.

It has been great to be involved in the programme and be challenged by our students on the way we go about being sustainable. We would recommend it to other [universities and colleges] who are developing as a sustainable institution.”

Aled Williams, Executive Director - Innovation and Partnerships, University College of Estate Management (UCEM)



Student auditors, UCEM staff and SOS-UK staff at the 2023/24 UCEM audit.

Thank you!