

Responsible Futures

2026/2027 Programme Overview



Students Organising for Sustainability

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Students Organising for Sustainability charity, launched by the student movement. We've been delivering student-led programmes and campaigns since the early 2000s. Students Organising for Sustainability International is currently led by the **All Africa Students Union**.

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.

Responsible Futures develops well-rounded graduates who are active in creating a more sustainable world.

What is Responsible Futures?

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Developed in partnership with students, academics and senior leaders over the past 10 years, Responsible Futures brings together university and college staff and students to collaboratively incorporate sustainability into the whole student learning experience.

Strategic Responsible Futures brings everything the institution does into **one cohesive framework**, designed to actively engage departments, students and student leadership and local communities.

Relevant The programme is dynamic, adapting to a rapidly changing sector and speaking to student and institutional needs, covering green skills, education for sustainable development (ESD), ethical careers, governance, marketing and more, and offering guidance on artificial intelligence, greenwashing etc.

Student-led The framework is assessed through a **student-led audit**, determining Responsible Futures accreditation as well as identifying key recommendations and concrete next steps for continued improvement.

Expert We bring **over two decades of experience in sustainability education and student engagement**, honed by working with nearly hundreds of institutions across the globe.

Value As a charity, SOS UK **offers quality, expert support with value for money**. Our not-for-profit, accessible pricing is driven by our genuine commitment to our work.

Support and collaboration We don't just give you and your students a framework, **we help deliver it** with a dedicated project manager and tailored support and opportunities, **every step of the way**.

An accreditation mark, audited by students

A whole-institution approach for sustainability and ESD

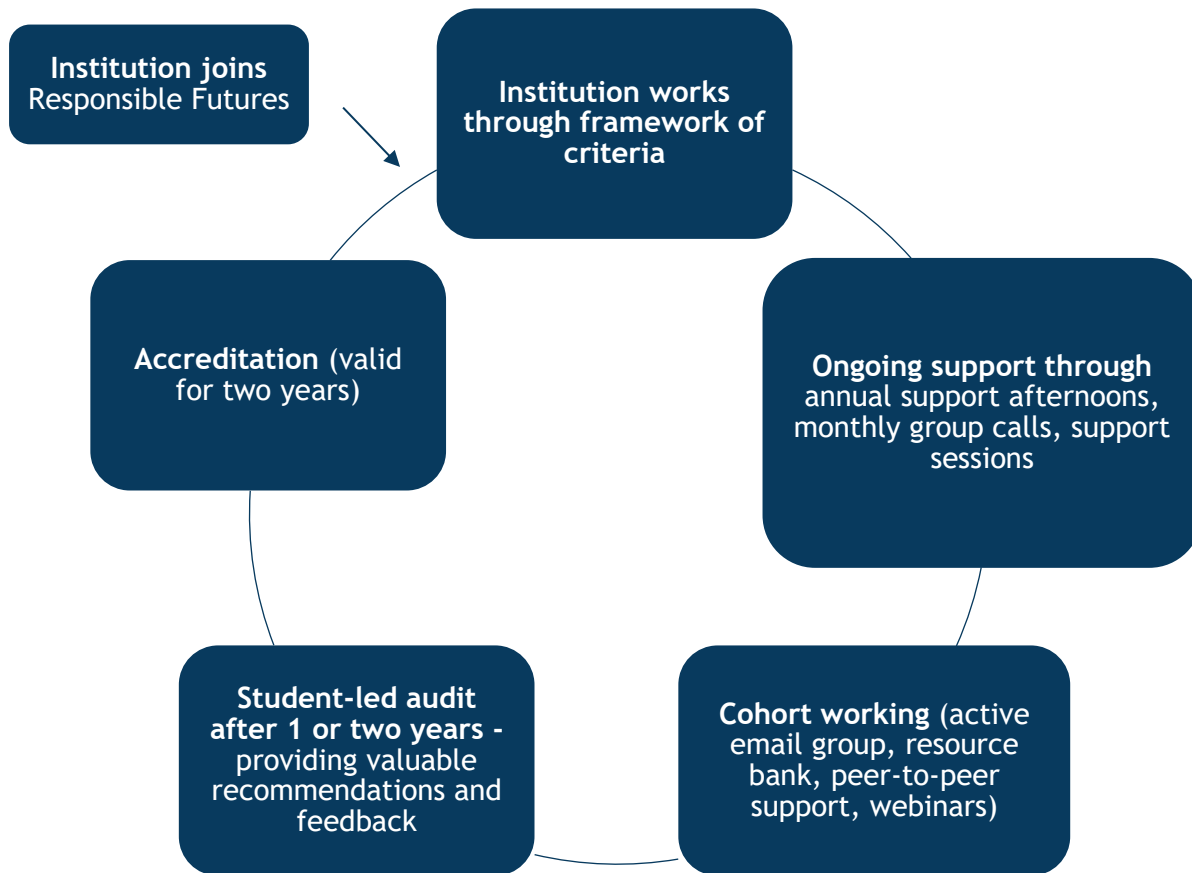
A genuine partnership between students and institution

A tried and tested framework for good practice

Ongoing collaborative and tailored support from SOS UK

A global network of institutions embedding sustainability in learning

Programme cycle



Embedded within the programme are opportunities for reflection and monitoring of outcomes and impacts.

Responsible Futures encourages continual progress.

Outcomes to date

1. Improved efficiency in whole-institution approaches for sustainability
2. Increased student leadership for sustainability
3. Strengthened connectivity and collaboration between institutions for sustainability
4. Enhanced innovative initiatives for sustainability in learning
5. Broadened buy-in for sustainability in institutions and the wider sector



Student ambassadors, Vice Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles and Celia Davidson Francis ratify sustainability policy for Responsible Futures

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Student auditors and Queen's University staff at the University's first Responsible Futures audit in September 2024

“As a student leader in environmental justice at Queen's University, I know that undergraduates like us play a critical role in addressing the climate crisis.

Responsible Futures International has been indispensable in helping our university assess its progress in sustainability across our institution, while also highlighting paths for future advancement.

Its focus on engaging students at all levels of the audit speaks to its faith in young people's leadership abilities, and ensures they are equipped with the skills to make real change on their campuses and in their communities”

Anne Fu, Queen's University Student Government

Supporting universities and colleges globally

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For more information on current institutions please visit the [UK programme page](#) and [the International programme page](#).

Key figures to date

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

Over 55 student-led audits

**Over 3200 actions taken
for ESD**

**Over 200 student auditors
leading audits**

Over 80 network events

What are the next steps?

Membership fees 2026/27

	Higher education institutions	Further education institutions
One-year membership	£5,095 + VAT	£4,590 + VAT
Two-year membership*	£10,000 + VAT (c. 15% discount over two years)	£9,000 + VAT (c. 15% discount over two years)



Student auditors at the University of Strathclyde's second audit in June 2025

* Responsible Futures runs on a two-year cycle, with a student-led audit taking place every two years.

Membership includes:

- Access to RF online framework and resource bank
- Global network learning
 - Regular informal catch ups
 - Support sessions
 - Webinars
 - Online email list
 - Global and national advocacy support
 - Opportunities for collaborative projects
 - Leadership opportunities
- Consultancy days for institutions (bespoke workshops, help developing policies, event planning etc.)
- Two-day in person student led audit (online option available)
- Responsible Futures accreditation subject to audit results
- Ongoing SOS UK ad hoc support

“[Responsible Futures brings universities across the world together to share learning and best practice through a common framework and language. It’s advantageous to have a programme like this, which ensures from the start that students can be engaged without having to go through the internal design through the university.”

Professor Andrew Deeks, Vice Chancellor at Murdoch University, Australia

Suggested next steps

- Discuss with staff and students at your institution – who is best placed to lead on this? Where can Responsible Futures sit within your institution?
- Schedule a call to discuss your institutional context and how we can support you – email responsiblefutures.org.uk.
- Look through the [programme website](#) for case studies and articles.
- Ready to get involved? [Sign up using our registration form.](#)



Student auditors and staff at the University of the Built Environment's June 2024 audit

We look forward to working with you to embed sustainability in learning in partnership with students.