



OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

Date:
1/1/2023

Min. Time
Commitment:
23 Hours

Expiry Date:
31/12/2025



Breda O'Brien

Sustainability Champion

Secondary description example

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To earn this badge, the student must:

- Attend Introduction to Sustainability induction.
- Participate in the Community & University Sustainability Partnership (CUSP),
 - OR Get active in the SU Climate Crew,
 - OR Achieve a Student Sustainability Leadership Awards,
 - OR Be a Student Residences Sustainability Champion,
- Write a very short reflection paragraph (max 300 words).

Skills

Communication | Ethical Awareness | Global Citizenship | Leadership | Teamwork

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Skills

Communication: Developed the ability to effectively communicate complex sustainability issues, advocated for positive change and inspired others to act through clear and persuasive messaging. Developed and promoted sustainability campaigns, crafted messaging that resonates with different audiences, and raised awareness on campus and beyond. Engaged with others' perspectives, understood their concerns or ideas, and fostered a collaborative and inclusive environment for problem-solving.

Ethical Awareness: Through engaging with sustainability initiatives developed a strong understanding of ethical issues related to environmental responsibility, social equity, and the impact of their actions on both local and global communities. Understood the moral responsibility to protect the environment for future generations, promoting eco-friendly practices, and making decisions that minimize harm to the planet.

Global Citizenship: Through participation in sustainability initiatives, engaged with global challenges such as climate change, energy security, biodiversity loss, and social justice. Understood and embraced the interconnectedness of people, communities, and the environment on a global scale. Advocated for sustainable solutions that considered the well-being of both local and global communities. Stayed informed about international sustainability issues, promoting ethical and responsible actions, and fostered inclusivity by working collaboratively across cultures and disciplines.

Leadership: Took the initiative in sustainability projects, advocated for change, and inspired others through one's actions and reflections. Built confidence in one's ability to lead and influence sustainability efforts within the university and beyond.

Teamwork: Worked alongside peers, staff, and organisations to implement sustainable projects, share knowledge, and achieve common goals. Addressed sustainability challenges by brainstorming solutions, analysing data, and implementing practical strategies as a team. Navigated different perspectives, responded to challenges, and adjusted plans to ensure effective and sustainable outcomes. Engaged with others' perspectives, understood their concerns or ideas, and fostered a collaborative and inclusive environment for problem-solving. This experience strengthened the ability to communicate, cooperate, and problem-solve in group settings.

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