

Green Impact Auditor: Volunteer Role Profile

Overview

The University of York and SOS UK are offering an opportunity for students to gain new skills and knowledge by conducting audits for [Green Impact](#), a sustainability awards programme that has run in over 300 organisations across the world.

Green Impact aims to celebrate and recognise sustainability achievements whilst also providing a framework to improve the sustainability performance of the University. We have two opportunities for Green Impact auditors, covering both the voluntary Green Impact Awards, and the Green Impact Labs Accreditation, which is required for some labs to receive their funding.

The Green Impact Award

Training and audits: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Departmental teams across the University have been working through a bespoke online toolkit with criteria and projects to help them create a more sustainable workplace. As a Green Impact auditor, you will assess teams' progress to verify that they have completed the actions, as well as providing feedback. Following the audit, all participating teams will be awarded a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum award based on the audit results.

Green Impact Laboratory Accreditation (GILA)

Training and audits: Wednesday 20th May 2026

Wet Laboratories (labs who conduct physical experiments) based at the University have been working through a nationally approved toolkit, with criteria to ensure that their sustainability initiatives match the national baseline. As a GILA auditor, you will verify that labs have completed the required number of actions, as well as providing feedback. Following the audit, all participating labs will receive a pass or fail mark based on the audit results.

Apply for our [ISEP](#)-approved training session to learn how to become an auditor, followed by practical experience conducting an audit on either the 6th or 20th May (or both!): [Apply to be a Green Impact Auditor](#)

Commitment

- Attend ISEP-approved training on your chosen training date (2.5 hrs);
- Conduct at least one audit of a Green Impact team or laboratory (usually the afternoon after the training);
- **This a voluntary post** with great opportunities for professional and personal development.

What will you be doing?

Your role will be to conduct one or more audits of a team's Green Impact activities and verify that they have completed everything they have told us they have. You will get a report with all the sustainability actions your assigned team has said they've done, and evidence they have provided alongside it - you will need to read through this and plan any further questions you need to ask of the team during the audit.

You will also be asked to provide some feedback on what they did well, and where they could improve, and report back to the Green Impact team with your overall feedback.

Benefits of taking part

- Receive ISEP approved training, delivered by SOS UK;
- Develop transferable communication, teamwork, decision-making and time-management skills;
- Develop your understanding of what is happening on sustainability across the University;
- Develop your knowledge of environmental management techniques;
- Play a key role in an international award-winning programme;
- Receive a digital badge to demonstrate your achievements.

Key competencies desired

- An interest in sustainability issues (a knowledge of this area is preferable but not essential);
- Enthusiasm and motivation to contribute to the session and audits;
- Good communication skills;

- Ability to work as part of an inclusive team made up of staff and/or students;
- Ability to use own initiative;

Get involved

To apply, you must be a current student at the University of York at the time of the training, and be available for the whole day. Please complete the form below by **30th April** if you would like to apply. We will invite all successful applicants to our training session. **Apply here:** [Apply to be a Green Impact Auditor](#)