



UNIVERSITY OF YORK SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HIGHLIGHTS REPORT 2024



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INTRODUCTION

As a University for Public Good, we are deeply committed to leveraging our research, education, and institutional practices to create a more sustainable and equitable world.

This report outlines the University of York's contribution towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the 2024 academic year. The following sections detail our contributions across the 17 SDGs, showcasing a selection of academic and operational initiatives that are driving positive change. From pioneering research in food systems and clean energy to fostering partnerships that promote social justice and economic growth.

Our [Sustainability Plan 2021 - 2030](#) has specific targets across five Sustainable Development Goals, but our overall impact is much greater.





NO POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Our commitment to addressing poverty and inequality is reflected in our institutional policies and our impactful research and partnerships. We continue to uphold our status as [an accredited real Living Wage employer](#), ensuring that all our staff receive a wage that meets everyday needs and contributes to the well-being of our community. This is a fundamental part of our commitment to being a **University for Public Good**.

Changing realities: advocating for low-income families

The [Changing Realities](#) project is a powerful example of our collaborative approach to tackling poverty. This online initiative is a partnership between academics at the University of York, the University of Salford, and the Child Poverty Action Group. The project documents the lived experiences of low-income families to inform and advocate for systemic change. In 2024, parents involved in the project met with government ministers to directly discuss strategies for an effective and lasting child poverty-reduction strategy.



Tackling neglected tropical diseases

The University of York and Hull York Medical School have made a significant breakthrough in the fight against neglected tropical diseases. Through a pioneering partnership, our researchers have developed a safe and effective new model for controlled human infection studies to accelerate the development of a [vaccine for leishmaniasis](#). This study, which involved safely infecting volunteers with a mild form of the parasite, provides a rapid and cost-effective method for testing new vaccines and treatments. This innovation has the potential to dramatically accelerate efforts to combat a disease that affects over a million people annually, contributing to global health and poverty reduction efforts.



ZERO HUNGER

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Our research and engagement on sustainable food systems directly addresses the challenge of hunger and food security. We are committed to using scientific innovation and evidence-based policy to create positive change in our food systems and ensure nutritious food is accessible to all.

Advocating for healthy school lunches

A study by the University of York has revealed that the current free school meal allowance in the UK is insufficient for students to buy healthy and filling lunches. The research, which trained 42 students as "citizen scientists", found that the daily budget often forced students to choose less healthy options. The findings are being used to advocate for an increase in the free school meal allowance and a change to school food standards to ensure students have access to nutritious meals.

Increasing access to Free School Meals

The University of York's [FixOurFood](#) research initiative has spearheaded a successful pilot project to increase the registration of children for free school meals. In partnership with local councils, the project developed an automatic enrolment system that has successfully registered an additional 20,000 eligible children. This initiative not only helps low-income families save approximately £500 per year but also secures millions in additional funding for schools. The success of this pilot is now being used to advocate for a streamlined, nationwide automatic enrolment system.

Shaping the UK's food strategy

The University of York hosted a significant gathering of academics, policymakers and industry leaders to explore how [scientific innovation could transform UK food systems](#). This event, hosted by the University of York-based FixOurFood research project, looked to develop a blueprint to contribute to the government's new UK food strategy, ensuring it is grounded in evidence and collaboration.





GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Our research and partnerships are actively contributing to improved health and wellbeing for communities both locally and globally. Through pioneering initiatives, we are tackling complex health challenges and shaping policy for a healthier future.

Harnessing engineering biology

The University of York has been awarded [three key grants](#) under the UK's new £100 million Engineering Biology initiative, a program dedicated to using biological innovation to address global challenges. Our research will focus on three key areas: developing disease-resistant crops, recovering valuable metals from contaminated waste, and converting agricultural waste into low-carbon food and animal feed.

Born in Bradford Centre for Social Change

The [Born in Bradford Centre for Social Change](#), a major expansion of the long-running Born in Bradford research program, has been launched at the University of York. The new center will engage children and young people in research to inform policy that improves their health and well-being. By linking researchers with policymakers through the York Policy Engine, the centre aims to drive meaningful change by addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges.

New centre for mental health and addiction services

In a new partnership with the University of Hull and King's College London, the University of York has [launched an £11 million research centre](#) to improve mental health and addiction services. Supported by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), the center will conduct clinical studies and involve individuals with lived experience to address the complex challenges of addiction and its link to poor mental health.

The research will initially focus on people with substance use problems and those with alcohol related cognitive impairments in the Humber and North Yorkshire area, aiming to create more effective and accessible care.





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QUALITY EDUCATION

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The University of York is committed to providing high-quality, innovative education that equips our students to address the world's most pressing challenges. This commitment is reflected in our numerous awards and nationally recognised initiatives.

York Interdisciplinary Modules

The University of York's Environmental Sustainability at York - York Interdisciplinary Modules (ESAY-YIMs) team has been [awarded a national Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence](#) (CATE) by Advance HE. This award acknowledges the team's innovative, interdisciplinary approach to teaching that provides students with the skills needed to tackle sustainability challenges. This is the third consecutive year a University of York team has received this prestigious award, highlighting our enduring success in innovative teaching and learning.

Sustainability Clinic

The University of York's Sustainability Clinic has been highly commended in the student engagement category at the [International Green Gown Awards](#). This international recognition highlights the clinic's success as an innovative initiative that integrates sustainability into the curriculum, empowering students with the skills to tackle real-world challenges. The judges praised the clinic for its significant community impact and for providing a model of student-engaged learning that delivers tangible benefits for both the environment and society.





GENDER EQUALITY

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

The University of York is dedicated to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment for all staff and students. We are committed to addressing disparities and promoting gender equality through targeted policies and initiatives.

Gender and Ethnicity Pay Gap report

The University of York's [Gender and Ethnicity Pay Gap Report](#) demonstrates significant progress in closing the gender pay gap. The median pay gap fell from 18.6% in 2022 to 11.9% in 2023, and the mean pay gap dropped from 19.1% to 14.9%.

This progress is attributed to a pay increase for over a quarter of the workforce and an increase in the number of female and ethnically diverse colleagues receiving promotions. The University is committed to continuing its efforts to address remaining disparities and plans to make further improvements to its promotion processes in 2024.



“The report underscores our commitment to transparency, accountability and the pursuit of an inclusive workplace culture at York. We have much more to do, particularly in addressing ethnicity pay gaps. We have a clear plan for how we’ll do this, focusing on diversifying roles at all levels, from our Student Ambassadors to our professoriate, as well as ensuring our decision-making committees across the University reflect our diverse community.”

Kiran Trehan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Enterprise, Partnerships and Engagement



CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Our research on water quality and sanitation is directly contributing to a better understanding of environmental contamination and informing policy to safeguard public health.

Surfers Against Sewage research collaboration

In a new partnership with Surfers Against Sewage, a new study from the University of York has found that inland bathing sites in the UK are contaminated with a mix of [chemical pollutants and antibiotic-resistant genes](#). The research, which sampled 23 river and lake sites, detected a "perfect storm" of contaminants including pharmaceuticals, pesticides, and personal care products. The findings highlight the need for a wider range of monitoring beyond just bacterial pollution to protect swimmers and inform future water quality policies.

Citizen Science project: A toxic cocktail of chemicals

A University of York-led citizen science project will monitor and tackle the ["toxic cocktail of chemicals"](#) in the region's rivers and lakes. More than 1,700 members of the public will be asked to take part in the ambitious scheme, believed to be the largest citizen science project of its type. The public will be working alongside the University of Leeds, the Stockholm Environment Institute-York, government officials, charities and business groups as part of the innovative research.





AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

The University of York is at the forefront of research and innovation in clean energy, developing sustainable solutions for both local and global communities. Our projects are focused on creating and implementing affordable, renewable energy sources.

Co-designing clean energy for rural Africa

The University of York is leading a new project called [CREDIT](#) (Clean Energy for Rural Africa with Service Innovations and Digital Twins). Funded by the UKRI Ayrton Challenge Programme, this initiative aims to provide clean solar energy to rural communities in Kenya, Malawi, and Zambia. The project will utilise an innovative approach that involves local communities in the design and management of off-grid solar mini-grids to ensure long-term success. The project also incorporates digital twin platforms to optimise energy usage and maintenance, creating a replicable model for clean energy transition in the region.

Producing clean hydrogen

The Biorenewables Development Centre at the University of York [is leading the H2Boost project](#), which has become the first to successfully produce "clean hydrogen" at scale through a biological process. The innovative process, known as dark fermentation, transforms organic waste into hydrogen while simultaneously capturing the carbon dioxide released during production. This landmark achievement, a partnership with the University of Leeds, is a significant step forward for the UK's green energy sector and its goal of reaching Net Zero emissions. The project's success in reusing all by-products, such as generating additional energy from waste material, showcases its potential as a commercially viable and sustainable solution for future energy production.



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ECONOMIC GROWTH



DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

We are actively contributing to the development of a skilled workforce and fostering economic growth through our research, training, and strategic partnerships. Our initiatives prepare the next generation of leaders and innovators to address critical global challenges.

New Centres for Doctoral Training

The University of York has been awarded funding for three [new Centres for Doctoral Training](#) (CDTs), a significant UK investment aimed at addressing critical global challenges. The University will lead a CDT focused on fusion power research to train future scientists and engineers in this green energy solution. In addition, the University is a key partner in two other CDTs: one on sustainable synthetic chemistry and another on process industries and net zero.

These collaborations with other universities and industries will leverage York's expertise to train a new generation of researchers, preparing them to solve real-world problems and contribute to a sustainable and prosperous society.



“The Fusion Power CDT will build on our existing success and international reputation to become the global beacon for training the next generation of fusion leaders. This supply of the best people will energise the global fusion industry and enable international fusion power plant innovation and development.”

Professor Roddy Vann, York Plasma Institute



INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

The University of York is committed to fostering innovation and developing the infrastructure needed for a sustainable and resilient society. Through strategic partnerships and collaborative events, we are shaping the future of industry and business practices.

The Sustainable Futures Forum

The University of York, in collaboration with its School for Business and Society, hosted the [Sustainable Futures Forum](#), a key event in the ESRC Festival of Social Science. The forum brought together leaders from various sectors, including companies like AVIVA, Richer Sounds, and Jet2, to discuss critical topics such as responsible business practices, sustainable supply chains, and the intersection of commerce and nature. This initiative underscores the University's commitment to a sustainable future by facilitating collaborations that drive environmental and social change.



York Giving: Entrepreneurial and responsible leadership

The University of York is defining what it means to be an ethical leader in society today. Our mission is to [support the future leaders of society](#), fostering a new generation of entrepreneurs who will revolutionise industries and drive innovation forward. Through our scholarship and leadership initiatives, we are helping to shape these leaders, including the next cohort of entrepreneurs.



REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

The University of York is dedicated to fostering a more equitable and inclusive society through our research, policies, and support for vulnerable communities. Our work addresses both systemic inequalities and individual challenges, reinforcing our commitment as a University of Sanctuary.

Transforming adult social care

The University of York will lead a [new research initiative to transform adult social care](#), following a significant £31 million investment from the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). This is the most substantial investment ever made by the NIHR for social care research, and it marks the first time a university outside of London will hold this leadership role.

The five-year funding will support a national partnership of universities, including new collaborators from Sheffield, Leeds, and Leeds Beckett, to conduct research that will inform and improve support across all aspects of adult social care. This new leadership position is a testament to the University of York's strong history and expertise in applied health and social care research.

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Research Centre

The University of York has launched a new [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion \(EDI\) Research Centre](#) to serve as a central hub for research focused on EDI principles. The centre's mission is to embed inclusivity, decolonisation, and equity into all aspects of the university's research culture. Key aims include generating cultural change, improving research practices for marginalised individuals, and enhancing EDI-related policy. The centre plans to achieve these goals by developing an advisory board, a research network, a funding scheme and a seminar series.

Student takes the lead in inclusivity

Joel Mordi, an International Development student at the University of York, has won the prestigious [Diana Legacy Award](#) for his humanitarian work. He received the award, presented by Prince William, in recognition of his foundation in Nigeria, the Mordi Ibe Foundation, which is the only charity in the country to help LGBTQ+ and other vulnerable students stay in school. His foundation has positively impacted over 100,000 young people and successfully created Nigeria's first anti-bullying policy. Image: Joel pictured above with his award by Prince William at a ceremony in London.

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AND COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

We are committed to building resilient and sustainable communities through our research, strategic partnerships, and community engagement. Our work focuses on creating a healthier urban environment and protecting vulnerable populations from climate-related risks.

Hybrid coastal defences for climate resilience

A new study, co-authored by academics from the University of York and the University of Tokyo, has found that combining nature-based solutions with 'hard' coastal defenses is a more effective way to [protect coastal communities](#) from climate change and rising sea levels. The research, which reviewed 304 academic articles, concluded that this hybrid approach is more cost-effective and provides the highest reduction in potential hazards. The study, which also noted the importance of considering carbon savings, will help inform future coastal defense strategies.

Healthy Urban Places initiative

The University of York is a key partner in the new ["Healthy Urban Places" research project](#), a major four-year, £8 million initiative led by the Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The project, funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), aims to understand how local environments influence population health in Bradford and Liverpool. As a collaborator, the University of York will contribute to this effort, which will track over 70,000 families and train local residents as peer researchers to inform urban planning decisions.

Community engagement for urban biodiversity

The University of York has actively participated in the [Big Community Challenge](#), an annual volunteering project coordinated by York Cares, focusing on improving urban green spaces and biodiversity. The university's involvement in the 2024 challenge centered on its campus, with teams of staff and students undertaking key projects such as maintaining a mini-forest, planting bulbs, and preparing sand martin boxes. These efforts built upon successful 2023 projects that improved biodiversity on Campus East and removed tree spirals to aid tree growth. This initiative highlights the university's commitment to enhancing local biodiversity and fostering community engagement.



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CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

The University of York is committed to promoting responsible consumption and production through its institutional policies and financial strategies. We believe that our investments should align with our core values and contribute to a more sustainable and ethical future.

New Responsible Investment Policy

The University of York has announced new commitments to its [responsible investment strategy](#), stating that it will no longer hold investments in companies primarily involved in weapons and defense. This decision was a collaborative effort with the Student Unions and aligns the University's investments with its core values as a "University for public good" and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The updated policy builds on previous commitments from 2019 to divest from fossil fuel companies and also confirms that the University does not invest in companies involved in tobacco, gambling, adult entertainment, or predatory lending. This move highlights the University's proactive approach to aligning its financial strategies with its ethical principles.

Shop, Save and Sustain initiative

The innovative sustainability initiative 'Shop, save and sustain', organised by the University's Catering and Hospitality team, has [raised over £6,400 for local charities](#), including the York Food Bank, Kitchen for Everyone, and The Island, York. The initiative, launched in 2021, is a food waste reduction scheme. Surplus food items that would normally be discarded at the end of the day are instead discounted. For every purchase made through this initiative, £1 is donated to food-based charities within York, making a significant impact on the lives of those in need.





CLIMATE ACTION

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Our efforts in climate action are focused on reducing our own carbon footprint and contributing to broader climate solutions through groundbreaking research. We are dedicated to leading by example and driving innovation in the fight against climate change.

National award for IT sustainability

The University of York's IT Services department has won a [national sustainability award](#) for its initiatives that support the university's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The department received the Sustainable Digital Project or Initiative Award at the Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association (UCISA) awards.

Key achievements highlighted by the award include: relocating the university's high-performance computer facility to a new data center in Sweden that operates on 100% renewable energy; saving an estimated 22 tonnes of CO₂ and preventing 44 tonnes of IT waste from going to landfills; and reducing power usage in its data centers by 12.6% through equipment auditing and removal.

Solar power and autonomous systems

Our new Institute for Safe Autonomy launched with a key sustainability feature, [a £1.5 million solar farm](#). The farm, which is intended to make the facility energy self-sufficient by 2025, will also serve as a research tool. The Institute will develop and use autonomous robots and drones to inspect and maintain the solar arrays, demonstrating how autonomous systems can contribute to a sustainable future.

UK saltmarshes for carbon storage

A new study co-led by the University of York has found that UK saltmarshes store a significant amount of carbon—5.2 million tonnes—making them [a crucial natural climate change solution](#). The research, which also involved the University of St Andrews, found that the annual rate of new carbon accumulation is much slower than previously estimated. This highlights the urgent need to protect existing saltmarshes, as the climate benefits of avoiding emissions from their loss are far greater than those from creating new ones.

Combating biodiversity loss

A new multi-model study, co-authored by a researcher at the University of York, projects that climate change is on track to become the [primary cause of biodiversity loss](#) by mid-century, surpassing land-use change. The research, which examined three future scenarios, found that the combination of land-use change and climate change consistently results in a loss of biodiversity across all regions. The study under-scores that current policies are insufficient to meet international biodiversity goals and calls for more effective strategies to safeguard ecosystems.



LIFE BELOW WATER

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Our research and collaborative projects are vital in protecting aquatic ecosystems and ensuring the health of our waterways. We are committed to monitoring pollution, promoting sustainable practices, and working with communities to safeguard water life.

Protecting waterways from pollution

A new study by the University of York and the Rivers Trust has found that England's National Parks are [polluted by pharmaceuticals](#). The research, which detected various contaminants including antidepressants and antibiotics, highlights that some rivers in these protected areas have concentrations that could pose a risk to freshwater organisms and humans. The study emphasizes the need for expanded monitoring and investment in better treatment technologies to protect these vulnerable environments.

Citizen science: healthier waterways

The University of York is leading a major citizen science project to [monitor and improve the health of waterways](#) in the Yorkshire region. The initiative, believed to be the largest of its kind, involves over 1,700 members of the public who are working alongside researchers to tackle a "toxic cocktail of chemicals" in the area's rivers and lakes.

The project, led by the Department of Environment and Geography, aims to raise awareness and take practical action by providing communities with a user-friendly toolkit to monitor a wide range of pollutants, including pharmaceuticals and bacteria. This collaborative effort with partners like the University of Leeds and the Environment Agency seeks to create a more trustworthy and sustainable approach to environmental monitoring.

Promoting sustainable fishing

A new study co-authored by researchers at the University of York has found that trophy fishing is shifting to a wider range of smaller-bodied species. The research, which analysed 80 years of data, also revealed that new record catches for threatened species are declining, suggesting these populations are becoming increasingly rare. In a positive development, the UK, in collaboration with the university, is now implementing length-based records for large sharks, a practice that allows them to be measured and released without being removed from the water. This effort highlights the University's role in promoting sustainable practices in marine conservation.



LIFE ON LAND

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

We are dedicated to the protection and restoration of life on land, focusing on biodiversity, sustainable land management, and addressing environmental threats. Our research provides critical insights and actionable solutions for a healthier planet.

Earthworm populations and climate change

A new research project, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, is investigating the impact of climate change and [increased flooding on earthworm populations](#). The study combines field sampling, lab experiments, and modern modeling techniques to understand how the intensity, frequency, and duration of flooding affect earthworm survival. The research is crucial as earthworms are vital for soil health and drainage.

The effectiveness of conservation efforts

In a significant study co-authored by the University of York, it was found that [conservation efforts are effective](#) at halting and reversing biodiversity loss. The research, which analyzed 186 studies spanning over a century, concluded that conservation actions improved biodiversity in 66% of cases compared to a lack of intervention. The findings demonstrate that measures such as creating protected areas and managing invasive species can have a positive impact. The study also suggests that more recent interventions are proving to be more effective, indicating a positive trend in global conservation efforts.

Understanding the impact of explosives

A new study from the University of York has revealed that DNAN, a chemical used as a replacement for TNT in explosives, is [more harmful and persistent in plants](#). The research found that while TNT accumulates only in plant roots, DNAN spreads throughout the entire plant, including above-ground parts.

The study highlights that plants lack a natural detoxification process for DNAN, making it toxic at lower concentrations and increasing the risk of it entering the food chain if contaminated vegetation is consumed. The findings emphasize the urgent need for new remediation strategies, as a solution for DNAN contamination does not yet exist, unlike the one previously developed by the York team for TNT.

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AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The University of York is committed to fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions through its research and role as a key driver of economic and social progress. We are dedicated to promoting ethical practices and contributing to a more just and prosperous society.

Economic impact on the private sector

In a report on the [economic impact of research-intensive universities](#), the University of York was found to be a key driver of private sector spending and investment. Along with other Russell Group universities, York helped to drive almost £337 million of investment in the Yorkshire and the Humber region in 2022-23. This investment was leveraged through activities such as spinouts, contract research, and the use of university facilities. The report highlights how the University of York's research, particularly in areas like the bioeconomy, is contributing to regional economic growth and innovation, and is helping to develop more resilient food systems.

Ethical business practices

A new report from the University of York, produced in collaboration with the Good Business Charter (GBC), highlights that [ethical business practices are crucial for success](#) and profitability. The research, conducted by the University's School of Business and Society, found that businesses with GBC accreditation are more attractive to potential employees, have better talent retention, foster stronger supply chain relationships, and appeal to ethical consumers and investors.

The University of York itself received GBC accreditation in 2021, demonstrating its own commitment to these responsible practices. The report also provides recommendations for the GBC to improve its effectiveness, such as strengthening its verification processes.





PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

The University of York is a key partner in a variety of collaborations aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, from developing new technologies to fostering educational opportunities for all. These partnerships demonstrate our commitment to working with others to create a more equitable and sustainable world.

Developing a low-cost water sensor

The University of York has been a key partner in the development of a new low-cost, portable sensor for [detecting harmful microorganisms in drinking water](#). The research, conducted in collaboration with other institutions, resulted in a device called realtimeWAS.

This partnership is now extending to the commercialisation phase, as the University is supporting the pursuit of a patent for the sensor.

New education centres

In a new partnership, the University of York, the University of Hull, and the education charity IntoUniversity have opened [two new education centres in Grimsby and Bridlington](#). This initiative aims to provide opportunities for young people facing educational barriers and disadvantages. The centres offer after-school academic support, mentoring, and workshops to students aged 7-18. The partnership is designed to raise educational aspirations and improve progression rates to higher education, particularly in areas with high levels of child poverty.

The initiative builds on the success of a similar centre in Hull and is supported by funding from all three partners, as well as contributions from philanthropists and corporate donors.

New method for valuing nature

A new study with researchers from the University of York has proposed a new method for governments to calculate the [value of conserving nature and biodiversity](#). This method is intended to make the benefits of nature more visible in political decision-making, especially in cost-benefit analyses for public infrastructure projects. The new approach accounts for two key factors that increase the monetary value of nature over time: rising human income and the increasing scarcity of biodiversity.



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