



Sustainable SU Action Plan

2026–2029 | Our Guiding Principles



What does sustainability mean to us?

The SU Bath's Sustainability Definition

For The SU, University of Bath, sustainability means delivering our services, activities and representation in a way that supports the long-term wellbeing of students, communities and the wider world.

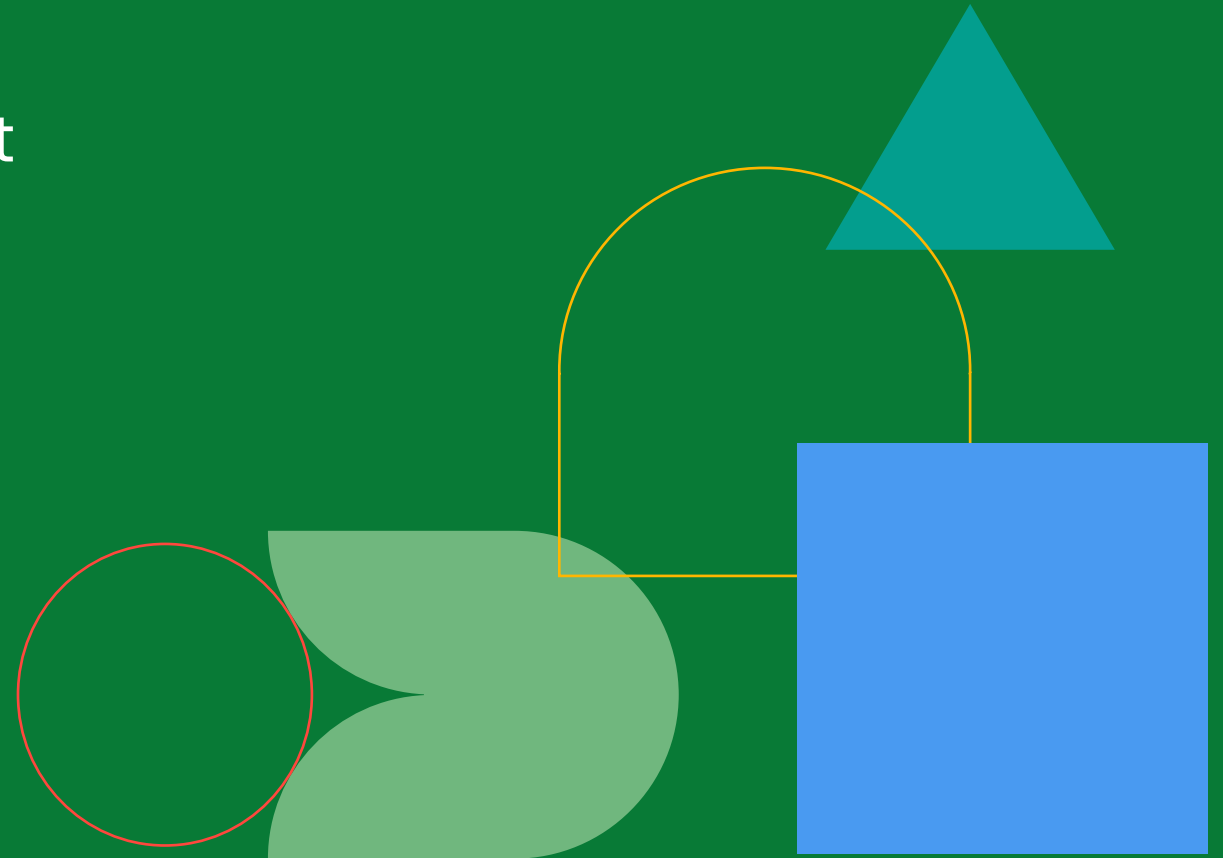
It goes beyond environmental action to include social responsibility, inclusion and fairness and responsible use of resources, recognising the interconnected nature of these challenges.

As a student-led organisation, we are guided by the priorities and voices of our members, and we align our work with the UN Sustainable Development Goals to create positive impact locally and globally, through our SU groups, events, partnerships and decision-making.

The following eight guiding principles underpin this work and our action plan. They were approved by our Board of Trustees's subcommittee on May 13 2026.

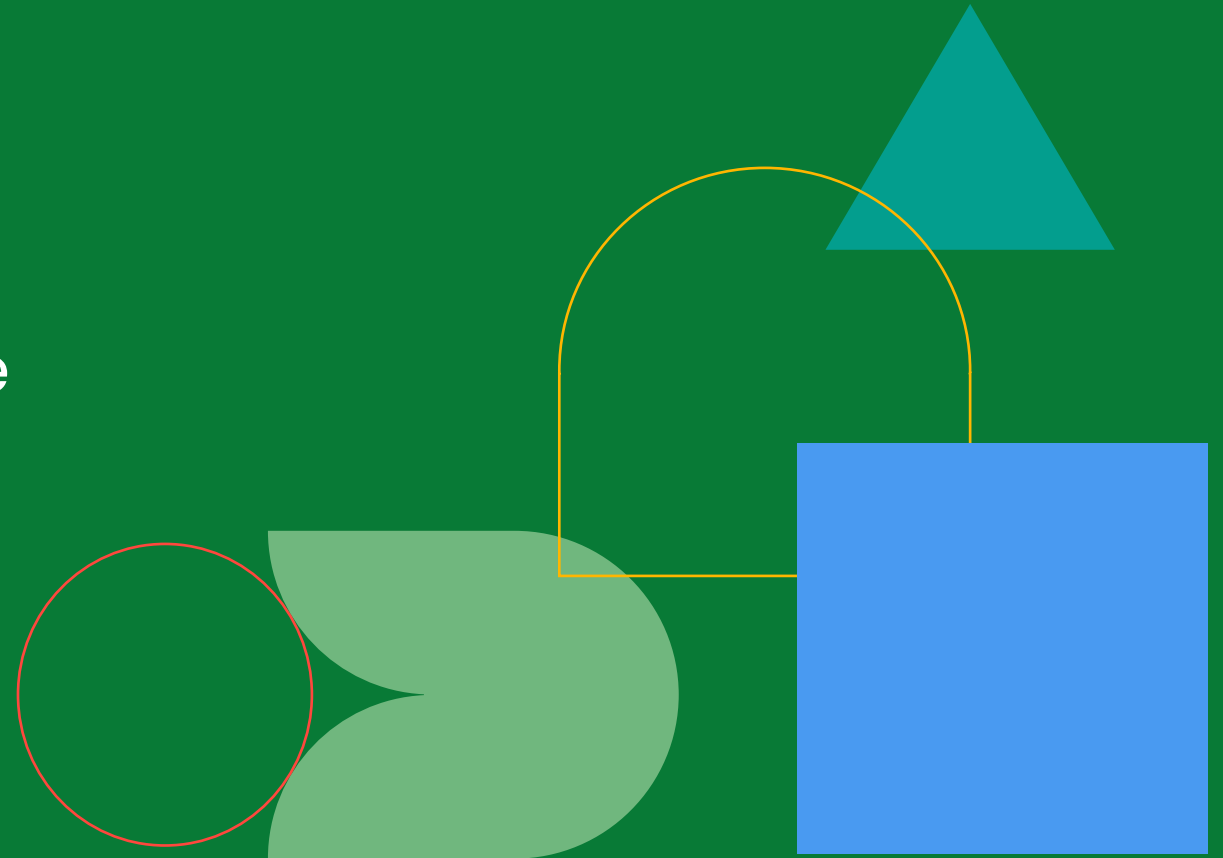
We will deliver sustainability through accountable governance, transparent reporting and collaborative planning. By embedding clear structures, consistent oversight and meaningful student involvement, we will ensure progress is measured, resourced and aligned with our community's values.

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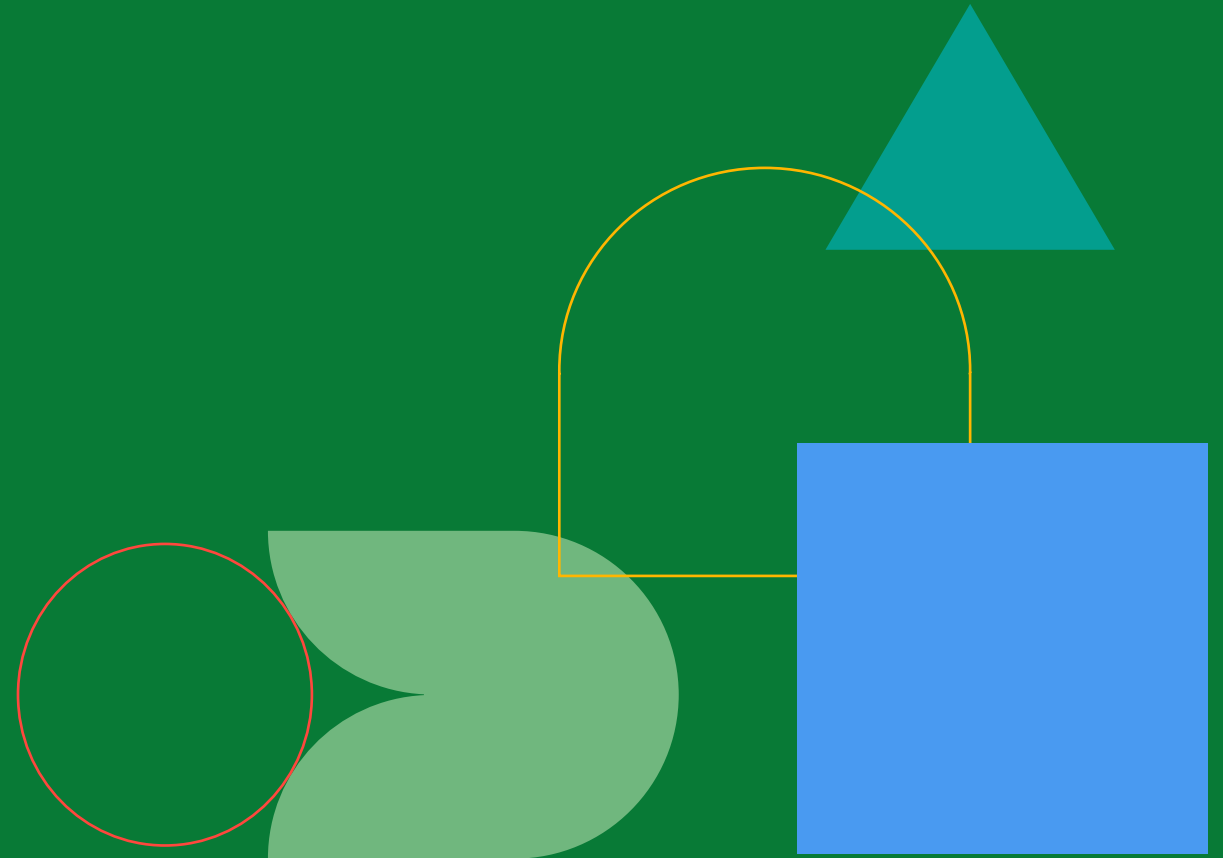
We will communicate openly and accessibly so sustainability is visible, understood and easy to act on. Through simple updates and clear participation pathways, we will ensure our community sees their impact and celebrates achievements.

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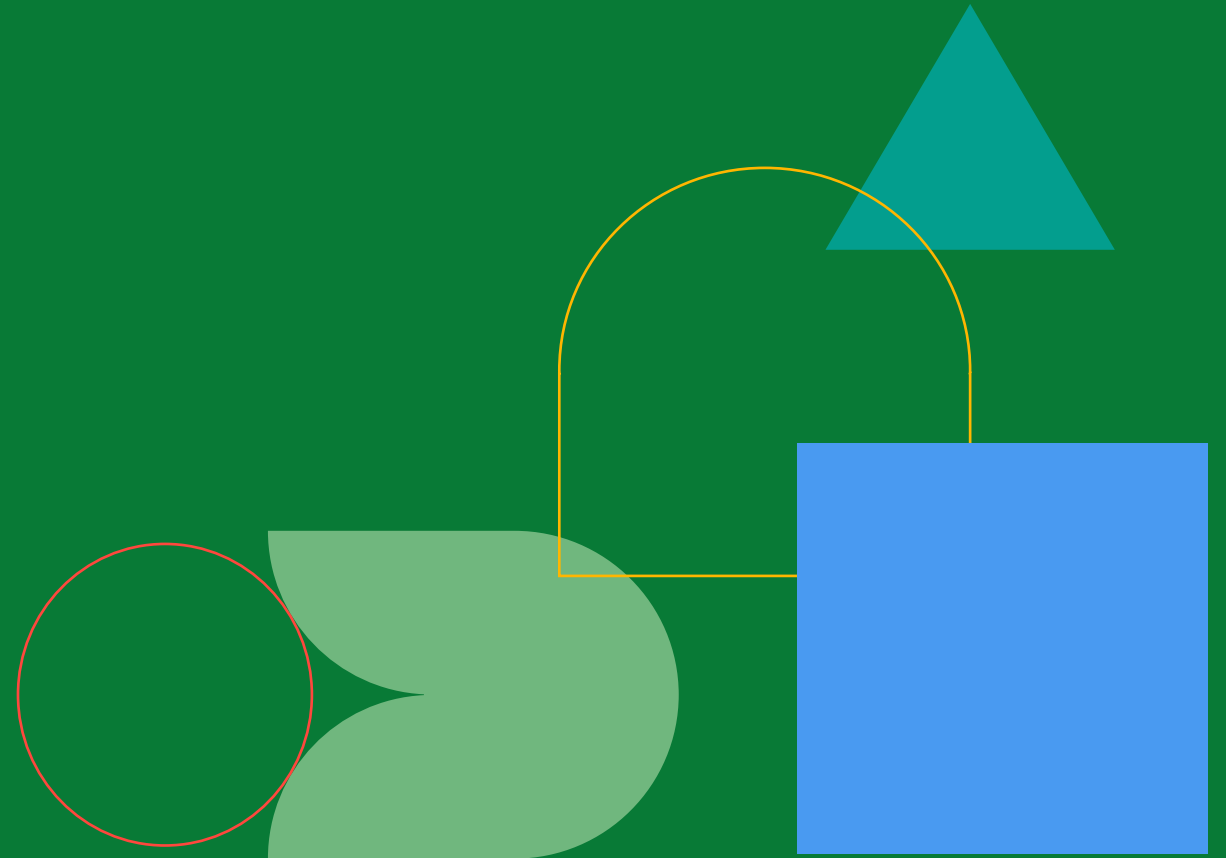
We will protect people, planet and student value by ensuring everything we buy or sell is responsibly sourced, ethically produced and low-waste. Through transparent standards, smarter purchasing and sustainable supply chains, we will embed sustainability into every decision and make responsible choices the default across the SU.

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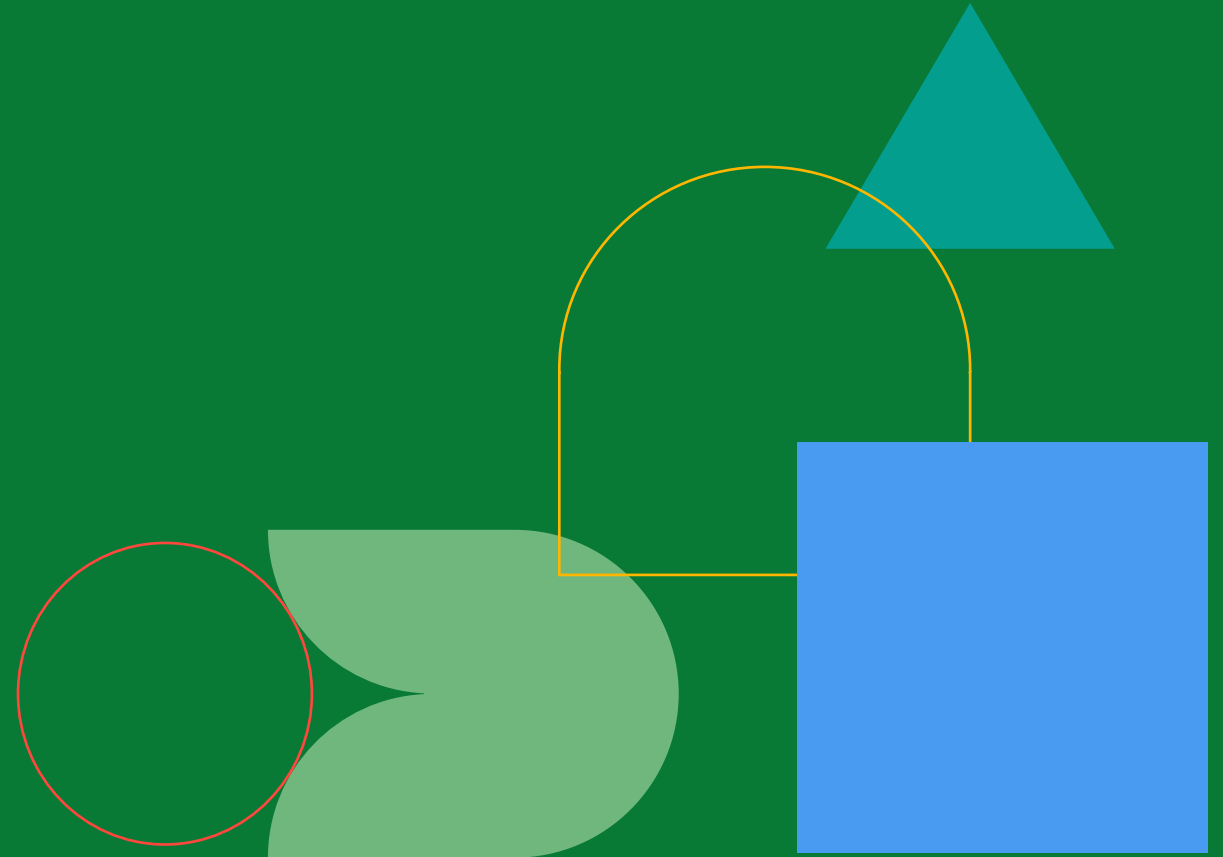
We will harness the energy, pride and community of student groups and sport to drive positive environmental action. Through competition, shared values and practical support, we will empower clubs and societies to lead sustainability efforts and reduce their impacts.

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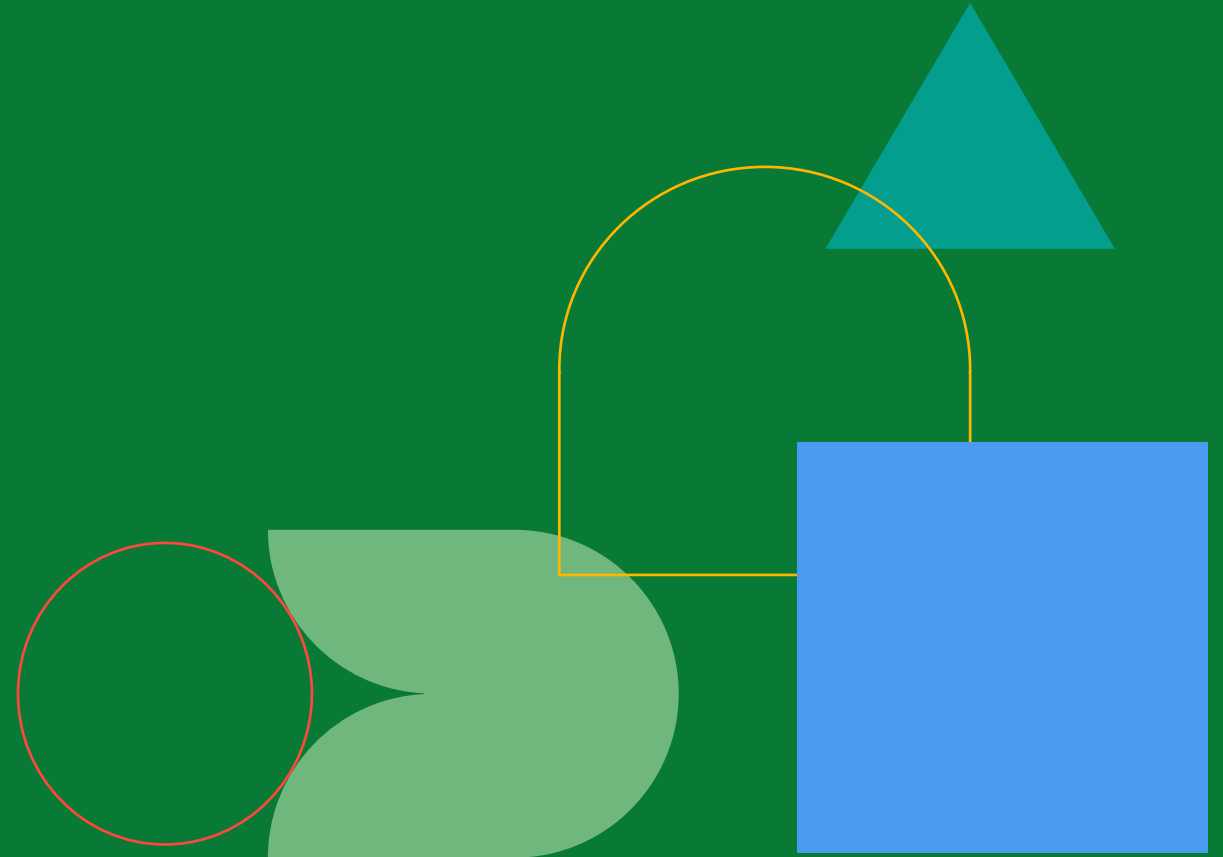
We will build a confident, climate-literate Students' Union where sustainability is a shared expectation, embedded across leadership, staff practice and organisational culture. Through accessible learning, consistent reinforcement and visible examples, we will ensure our community has sustainable knowledge, skills and confidence.

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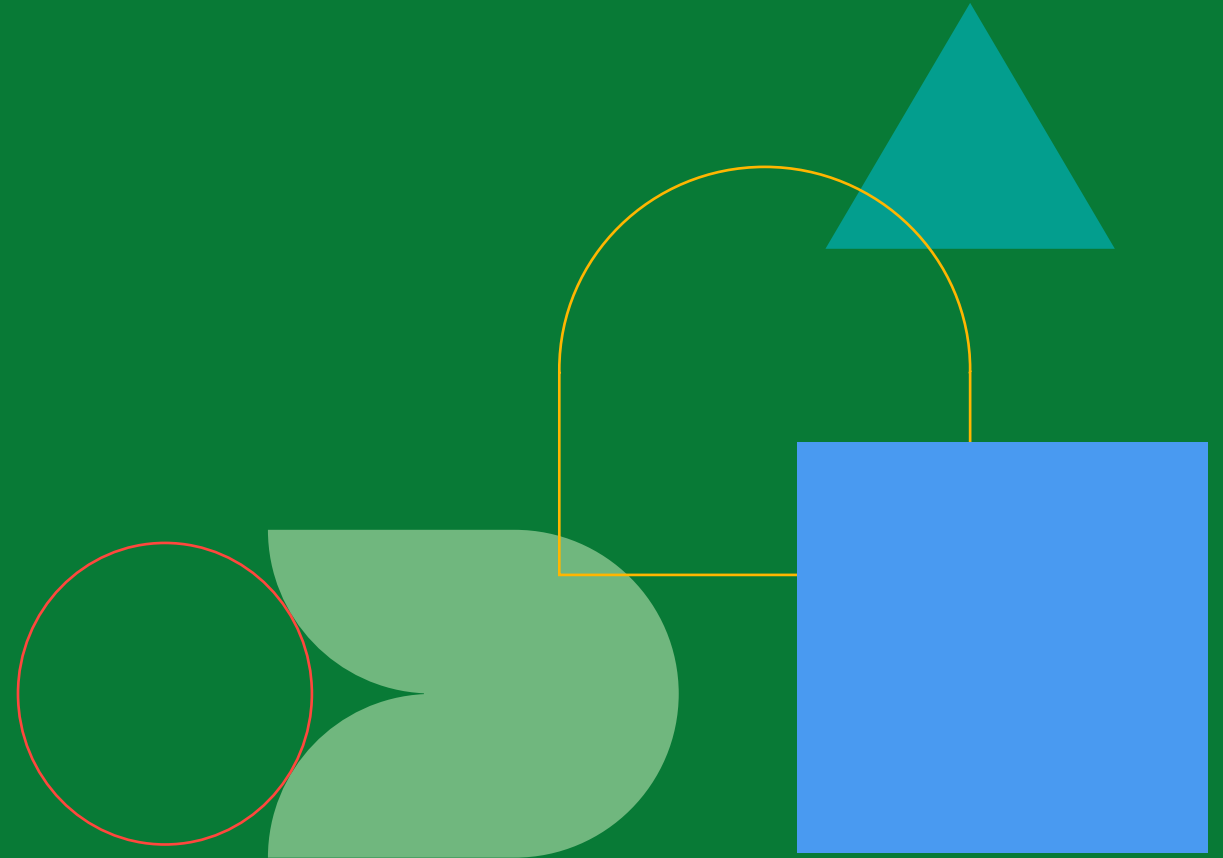
We will empower students to shape sustainability outcomes by creating open, supportive and visible channels for participation. Through active Forums, clear representation, accessible advocacy pathways and meaningful links between democratic engagement and environmental action.

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We will make sustainability volunteering simple, social and rewarding. By offering short, local opportunities, recognising contributions and building strong partnerships, we will empower students to take practical action that benefits communities, nature and the climate, without overburdening volunteers or staff.

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