

## Title: Campus & Community Engagement with Sustainability & Climate Action

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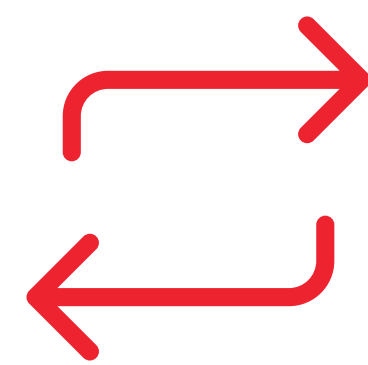
### Case Study Synopsis

UCC's sustainability journey can only be accomplished through comprehensive engagement with students, staff, and members of the local community. UCC Green Campus is a student-led, research-informed, and practice-focused initiative that uses innovative methods to educate individuals on sustainability issues. This case study highlights four initiatives that communicate the importance of climate action within and beyond the institution.



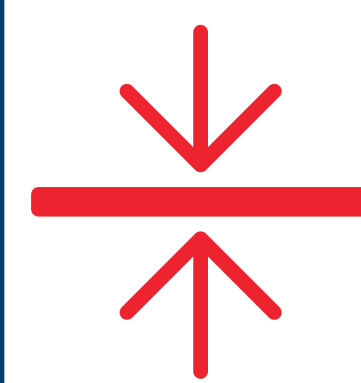
### Key Impacts

- Self-Care is Climate Care is a mental-health initiative that creates communal spaces for activists to break free from drama cycles and embrace emotional freedom in an empowered community. This initiative is a resource for all activists to help prevent burnout and provides a supportive environment in which individuals can expand their self-awareness, and learn how to navigate the climate emergency.
- The Green Campus Podcast, founded in 2021, interviews members of the UCC and Cork community who are working in the area of sustainability. From the President of UCC to lecturers and student activists, the podcast highlights ground-breaking research and novel approaches that are being used to tackle our most pressing sustainability challenges.
- Uprooted is a digital magazine that draws attention to climate issues by publishing thought-provoking and uplifting environmental pieces. Issue 1 of Uprooted was greatly received, winning Small Publication of the Year 2020 at the National Student Media Awards, and Green Campus collaborated with Enviro Soc on Issue 2, which was published in April 2022.
- A Nature Forum has been established to facilitate the protection, enhancement, and restoration of biodiversity in Cork City and further afield. This is a joint initiative by UCC Green Campus and Cork Environmental Forum, formed in response to public feedback received at our 'Making Space for Nature in Cork City' event on July 9th 2022.



### Intended Changes

- These initiatives aim to promote behaviour change, increase campus and community engagement with climate action, and demonstrate both the severity of climate change and the available climate solutions. A diverse range of initiatives is used to maximise engagement.
- By raising awareness of the individual, institutional, and systemic change that is required to reach critical climate targets, members of our community can understand sustainability issues, gain key graduate attributes, and act as proactive agents of change in their personal and professional lives.



### Area of Alignment

Learning & Teaching  
People & Organisational Structure



### Video Links | Graphics



Photo 1: Sowing of a wildflower meadow at Perrott's Inch to promote biodiversity



Photo 2: Sustainability at University College Cork