

CARBON TARGETS



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What is the carbon targets campaign?

SOS-UK, supported by NUS, UCU and People & Planet, have collated UK university and college carbon reduction targets.

We've created an **easy online resource** that scores institutions based on the **ambition** of their target.

Students can look up their institution and see their target, **with a breakdown of the score**.

Institutions can also be **compared across four groups** (Leading the way; Working on it; Needs improvement; In need of support).



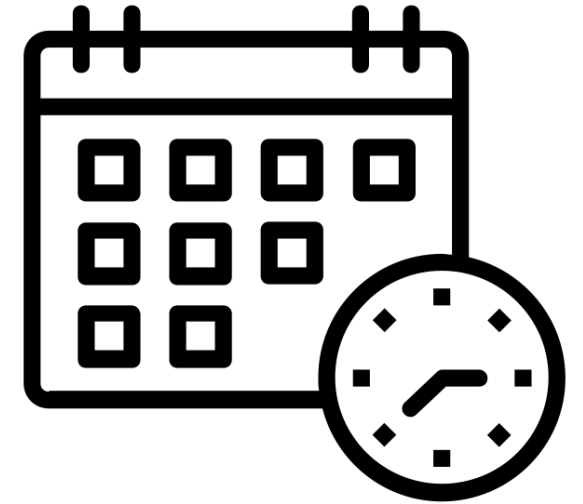
A suitable goal for the sector

To tackle the climate emergency and ecological crisis, we believe UK universities and colleges should publicly commit to being **net zero emissions for scopes 1, 2 and 3 by 2030**.

Within 12 months of this commitment, institutions should have developed **a fully-costed, comprehensive action plan** showing the planned emissions reduction curve.

Targets should be **set by the end of the 2020/21** academic year and action **plans published by the end of the 2021/22** academic year.

Specific guidance on **scope 3, biodiversity and offsetting**.



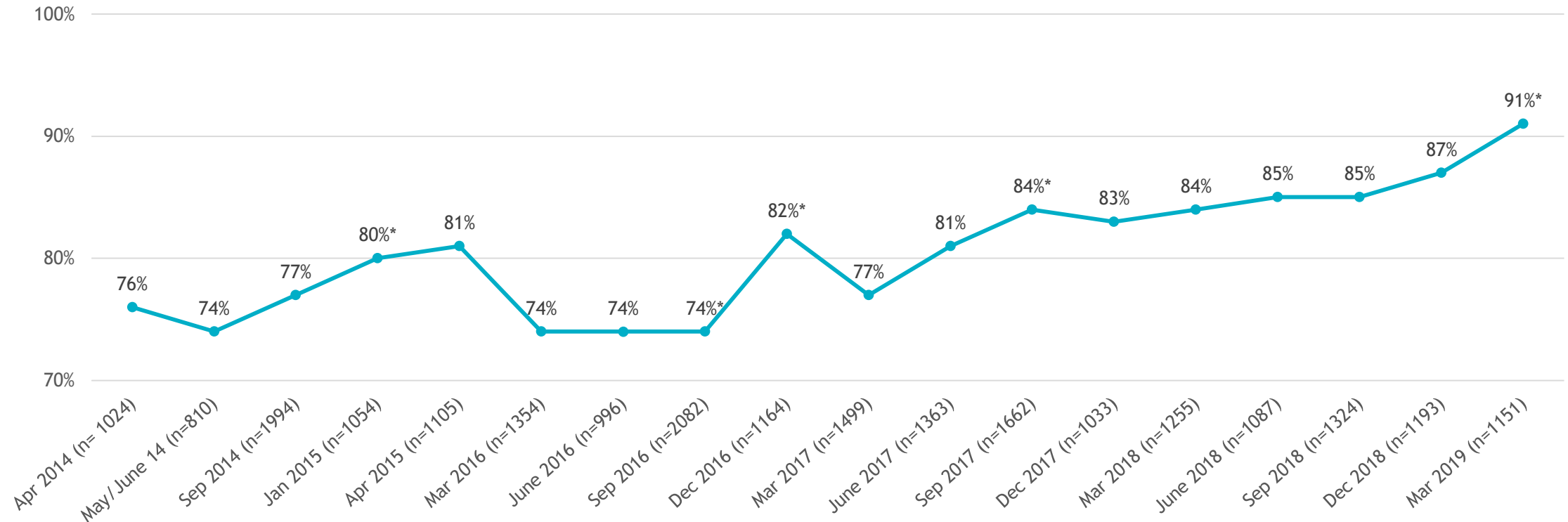
Aims

- **Support students** to engage with their university or college on carbon targets, and hold them accountable.
- **More government support**, specifically in the FE sector.
- All UK universities and colleges should **publicly commit to being net zero** emissions for scopes 1, 2 and 3 by 2030.



Why?

Our research shows that students have consistently shown high levels of concern about climate change, with a majority saying they are fairly or very concerned.



Q. How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change? [Responses shown for very or fairly concerned]

* Statistically significant change over the previous quarter (at the 95% confidence level)

Base : In brackets Balance: No response or not concerned

Why?

Our research also shows that sustainability is a consideration for prospective university students, and that this is a steadily increasing trend.

How seriously the university takes environmental and global developmental issues is reported to be a factor influencing their choice of place to study by 52%, up from 45% in 2018-19.



Outreach and engagement

Academic year 20/21

- Collecting accurate **data**
- **Communications within sector** - students and universities/colleges
 - Launch at Student Sustainability Summit
- Targeting **prospective students**

Academic year 21/22

- **Wider communications** - press, partnerships

Academic year 22/23

- **Develop scoring** to focus on progress and implementation

Partnerships

Informal (support with sector consultation):

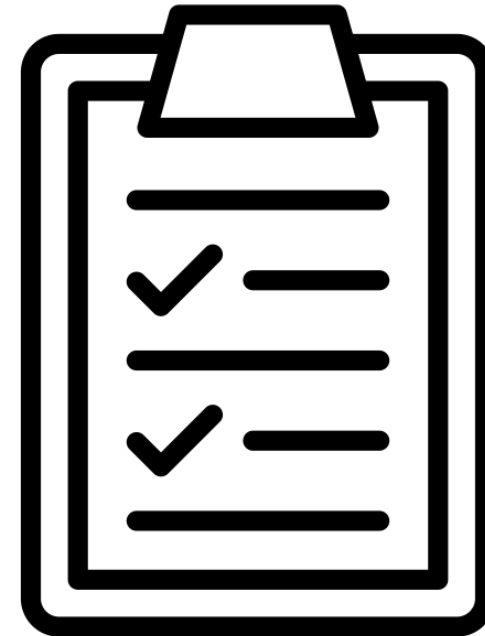


Formal:



Internal capacity required

- Desk/survey research into carbon targets
- Consultation with staff and students
- Building webpages
- Communications
 - Launch



Website

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How climate-friendly is your university or college?

UK university and colleges need to commit to and deliver ambitious carbon reduction targets to tackle the climate emergency. Find out how yours is doing:

Pick your university/college

AECC University College