



# UCC GREEN CAMPUS

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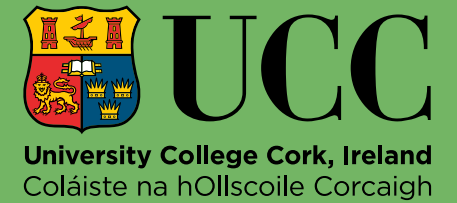
Like the An Taisce Green schools programme, the Green Campus involves students and staff who are passionate about the environment and sustainable living, from all disciplines, working together in areas such as: Food, Health & Well-being; Heritage & Natural Resources; Recycling & Waste Management; Energy; and much much more.

In the coming years we hope to further embed a culture of sustainability in all areas of university life, through the new Sustainability Strategy, another first for an Irish university.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP  
TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!**



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# GET INVOLVED!

We will be running campaigns and events in the coming year, in association with student societies, the Students Union, staff members, and community groups, and are looking for volunteers to help out.

You can find out more on the UCC Green Campus web page; and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Students and staff who wish to be representatives on the Green Campus Forum or specific working groups can contact us at [greencampus@ucc.ie](mailto:greencampus@ucc.ie)

Students can also apply to work on Green Campus projects through the UCC Works award scheme, or join a relevant student society, e.g. Envirosoc, the student environmental society who initiated the formation of the Green Campus programme nationwide!

In the meantime take an audio guided walking tour of the green campus using your smart phone and our new Green Tour App!

**Click on your preferred icon to get the app:**





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# Student Leaders for Sustainability!



Pictured (l-r): Michael Hanrahan, President of UCC Clubs 2016/2017; Patricia McCarthy, President UCC Societies 2016/2017; Kate Moriarty, new Deputy President of the Students Union; and Envirosoc committee members: Meabhdh Connel, Chairperson, Amy Flynn, PRO, and Michaela Peters, Co-chairperson.

“It is important that we not only care about the environment but take action to ensure that we leave the university, including societies, in the best shape possible for those who will follow in our footsteps.”

Patricia McCarthy,  
President UCC Societies,  
2016/2017



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## Energy & Utilities



With a campus size of 240,000m<sup>2</sup>, UCC consumes a large amount of energy every year. In fact the College consumes enough energy every year to power 5,500 homes. That’s a lot of energy! Through the green campus the college has been making substantial savings in its energy consumption and has achieved a 25% reduction in its energy use since 2008. Over 50% of the electricity consumed on campus is generated on site and the remaining is purchased from renewable sources. Yes we are doing a lot to manage our energy consumption but with your help we can achieve even more. Drop an email to [greencampus@ucc.ie](mailto:greencampus@ucc.ie) to find out more.



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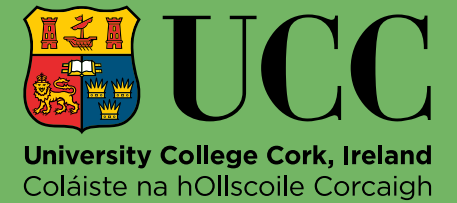


This highly valued resource adds significantly to the sense of place and overall setting of the campus. The majestic mature trees frame signature buildings, line avenues and add to the aspiring ambience of the institution which is home to over 2500 trees. The grounds department recognise the unique setting and makeup of the campus gardens and carry out their duties in the most sustainable way possible. Waste from the gardens are collected and used for composting,

while an electric vehicle and battery operated equipment are utilised, where possible, to maintain the gardens. We have recently added a wildflower garden adjacent to the O’Rahilly building and we hope to roll out other initiatives throughout the year as we continue to green our campus. In the meantime don’t forget to take time out and explore the gardens. You can find an interactive map of the significant trees across the campus at [www.ucc.ie/trees/](http://www.ucc.ie/trees/)



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34%

Reduction in waste  
produced on campus  
since 2008

50%

of our energy is  
produced on site

60%

increase in our  
recycling rates

25%

Reduction in  
energy consumption  
since 2008

1st

**ISO 50001  
Certified University**

4th

in the world for  
green ranking of  
universities

1st

**IN THE WORLD  
University Green  
Campus Status**

14

campus bikes  
available for  
you to use

**13** Buildings consume  
87% of the energy

**Student Led**