

The London Student Sustainability Conference

Application Guidelines for Student Presentations

The London Student Sustainability Conference 2027 presenter application process is open to all students studying at a university campus in London.

We are looking for academic work or extra-curricular projects which support one or more of the 17 [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(UN SDGs\)](#). You are welcome to exhibit your work through a presentation, poster or other creative performances or media (more details below). This is a great opportunity to share your work with a diverse audience, practice presentation skills and network with students, staff and professionals from universities across London and beyond.

The Conference will take place on **Wednesday 24 February 2027**, as a hybrid event, based at University of West London, Ealing Broadway.

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Entry guidelines

1. **We welcome applications from students that are currently studying, or recent alumni (no more than one year), at universities with a London campus.** No academic staff are eligible to present their work.
2. Students can apply to present their work in the following ways:
 - **Presentation:** A 10 minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by 5 minutes audience Q&A.
 - **Creative presentation:** We also welcome creative students who would like to present their work through a creative medium, e.g. documentary film, photo series, dance or other creative installation or performance.
 - **Academic poster:** An A1 poster (printing will be arranged by LSSC).
3. Work conducted in groups can also be presented. If you indicate you'd like to present with one or more of your colleagues, we will get in touch about their details if you are successful.
4. Applications should clearly show how the presentation supports one or more of the 17 [SDGs](#) and how the research or project aims to have a positive impact in the world.
5. Applications relating to 'in progress' projects are accepted; your work does not have to be finished or in its final stages.

6. As part of our commitment to equity and inclusion, we encourage applications from students from underrepresented groups to apply for this opportunity. Our diverse selection panel will also reflect this commitment.
7. Please contact us directly at hello@lsscnetwork.com if you have any individual access requirements to enable you to complete the application process and/or participate fully in the conference
8. **All presentations must be presented in person and you must be available to attend the conference on Wednesday 24 February 2027 between 9:00-18:00 at University West of London, Ealing Broadway.**

Application requirements

1. Your application must be submitted via the [application form](#) by **23:59 23 November 2026**.
2. To apply to present your project or research you will need to complete the short [application form](#) which includes a project title and a project description (1,800 characters or roughly 300 words maximum).
3. Your project title will be published in advance of the Conference. This will be what people see when deciding what to attend on the day, so remember to make it eye-catching and inspiring!
4. Your project description will give us a better understanding of what your project is about, what you are hoping to gain from it, and how it will have a positive impact on achieving the SDGs. It will be the basis of the selection panel's decision on whether or not you will invited to present at the Conference. We will be selecting projects based on:
 - I. Ability to demonstrate a clear understanding of sustainability and relevance to the SDGs.
 - II. Ability to demonstrates meaningful learning and reflection by outlining key lessons learned through the development or implementation of the project, research or initiative.
 - III. Ability to communicate the project, research, or initiative clearly and accessibly, using language that can be understood by a broad audience without specialist knowledge.
 - IV. Ability to demonstrate creativity, innovation, or critical thinking in the approach taken to address sustainability challenges and create positive change.
5. Your biography (900 characters or roughly 150 words maximum) will also be used when judging applications to present at the Conference. It should be written in the third person using your first name and preferred gender pronouns, e.g.
"Saira is a 2nd year Engineering student at City St. George's, University of London. She is passionate about sustainable design and is working with others to develop her project further. Saira hopes to work for the United Nations when she graduates."
6. Artificial intelligence (AI) use can often generate generic and unremarkable writing, and AI-generated text may negatively affect your application. Make sure your application truly reflects your work and/or research and is written in your tone of voice. This will give you the best chance of being successful.

Presentation formats

Presentations

Presenters will be allocated 10 minutes to present their project or research to a non-specialist, mixed-discipline audience using slides (PowerPoint only), followed by 5 minutes for questions and discussion.



Presentations will be grouped to ensure a diverse range of disciplines, with three presentations in each session. A session chair will be present to manage timings and questions from the audience.

Successful applicants will be offered guidance on presenting at the Conference and an online Q&A session before final submission of PowerPoint slides.

Successful applicants will need to provide the Conference team with their slides (PowerPoint file only) slides by **22 January 2027**.

Creative presentations

We welcome students who would like to present their work through a creative medium, e.g. documentary film, photo series, dance or other creative installation, performance or demonstration. Please provide as much detail as you can in your application about how it will be presented and any space, time or other logistic requirements you have.

Successful applicants will need to work with the Conference team to identify a suitable location and time in the Conference programme for their creative presentation, based on individual requirements. All details will need to be confirmed by **22 January 2027**.

Unfortunately, the Conference cannot fund or provide materials for creative projects and participants will need to provide all materials and arrange delivery, set-up, and removal on the day.

Posters

Academic posters are an effective way of presenting research and projects in a visually attractive and informative way. They are designed to give a taster of what your work is about; more detail than an abstract but not an in-depth explanation.

Posters will be displayed in a poster exhibition at the Conference and online.

Successful applicants will be offered guidance for academic posters and an online Q&A session before final submission of the poster.

Successful applicants will need to produce an A1 size poster, in portrait orientation only, containing a combination of text, images and graphics to make it appealing to a non-specialist audience. This will need to be submitted digitally (PowerPoint file only) by 22 January 2027. Please ensure it is correctly sized to A1 to avoid printing errors.

You will **not** need to print your poster for the Conference. The Conference team will print and display it on your behalf.

Key dates

Applications open	23 September 2026
Applications close	23 November 2026



Successful applicants notified of place and waitlist contacted	9 December 2026
Online presentation/poster Q&A for successful applicants	11 January 2027
Deadline for presentation (slides), academic posters and creative projects	22 January 2027
London Student Sustainability Conference 2027- University of West London, Ealing Broadway	24 February 2027

Contact details

If you have any queries about the application process (including requiring the application in an alternative format) or the Conference in general, please email the Conference team at hello@lsscnetwork.com.

We are pleased to announce that this year's London Student Sustainability Conference is a collaboration between the following London universities:

- City St. George's, University of London
- De Montfort University London
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- Kingston University London
- London College of Fashion
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- University of Greenwich
- University of Roehampton
- University of West London
- University of Westminster