

Speak week – 30.10.23.

What does sustainability mean to you?

Responses: 66

Key themes

Recycling

23/66 responses referred to recycling in some capacity.

Recycling was used in conjunction with recycling cans, foods or not using single use plastics so re using materials.

What does sustainability mean to you...?

“I think it means recycling with things such as clothes, paper and any other objects that can be re used to help the environment and keep it nice and clean”.

Some asked for “more recycling bins around”.

4 people mentioned the word “clean” when talking about the environment and recycling.

No idea

4 students had no idea or where not sure what sustainability meant to them.

Positive future impact

20/66 responses referred to the impact of sustainability.

They talk about various ways in which sustainability is about ensuring a better future whether that be future growth, saving resources for future generations or creating actions to ensure we protect the future and save the planet.

“Sustainability to me means caring for our planet and the people in our planet, not wasting anything and appreciating anything and everything that comes our way”.

There is a theme of our idea of sustainability relates to our social compass. This need to “protect” for future generations.

“Making the world last longer for future generations in all aspects e.g., social environmental”.

“To me sustainability is ensuring our environment is kept healthy and maintained in a healthy manner, in order to value material, we have, which one day, we may no longer have”?

“Sustainability is a about preparation for the future”.

Other

Some feedback showed that students looked at sustainability in a more holistic approach, referring to sustaining time, sustainability and transport, mental health and dealing with lifelong term. It linked into creating a peaceful environment that create a stress-free life.

“Sustainability is about how long something lasts; it will be able to last for a long time and is a habitat or event that will last”.

“To ensure a full effect and make sure everyone’s life happy and stress free”.

“Sustaining time in university, more interactive activities and classes”.

Another key theme was surrounded in transport – the length of transport as well as access to transport.

“I commute and can be in for two hours, sometimes I feel like it can be a waste of time and money”.

“More public transport”

“Transport – the shuttle bus is limited; many students reside in Headingley and a direct link would be amazing – especially if there was a cheaper alternate”.