

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalise our Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Relationships to support the goals



County Durham Environment & Climate Change Partnership

The [County Durham Environment & Climate Change Partnership](#) has representatives from public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations from across County Durham and the wider North-East region.

Organisation with representation on the Environment & Climate Change Partnership Executive Board are:

- **Durham University**
- Durham County Council
- Durham Community Action
- County Durham Sport
- **Durham Energy Institute – Durham University**
- County Durham Economic Partnership
- North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Durham Wildlife Trust

The Environment & Climate Change Partnership members used their shared knowledge and skills to find innovative solutions to environmental issues which affect County Durham.

We're proud to be working together with partners for the good of our city, county and region that we have been part of for nearly 200 years. One key partner is our local authority, Durham County Council, and now we've committed to strengthening our already successful partnership. In line with County Durham's Economic Inclusive green strategy, we are creating innovation plans that will help the county accelerate towards an inclusive, green and sustainable future.



Centre for Sustainable Development Law & Policy



Durham University's [Centre for Sustainable Development Law & Policy \(CSDLP\)](#) aims at building an inclusive and interdisciplinary hub for researchers, policymakers and businesses. We are engaged in policy-relevant research, outreach, and teaching initiatives. We are engaging and working closely with a wide range of partners and policymakers locally and globally, to address the challenges of implementing the SDGs across different sectors in the 21st century.

- Our partnership with Durham County Council and the School Charity OASES helped develop content for the [ECO₂ Smart Schools Climate Conference](#), convened ahead of COP26 in Glasgow. **4,000 pupils** from **130 schools** in **13 countries** participated in the ECO₂ Smart Schools Climate Conference.
- A similar school conference took place in 2022, co-organised with Durham County Council in the run up to COP27. On 14th October 2022, [the CSDLP will co-convene a conference with Durham County Council and Durham University's Durham Energy Institute](#).
- The Centre for Sustainable Development Law & Policy at the Durham University Law School and the Global Policy Institute are delighted to offer a series of lectures: [Global Environment Law in Dialogue with the Judiciary: Insights from Courts around the World](#).
- [JusTNOW \(Just Transitions to a Net Zero World\)](#) aims to develop a world-leading interdisciplinary work programme, to research sustainable and just solutions for accelerated decarbonisation of economies, and to achieve lasting societal well-being for the present and future generations. JusTNOW ties in experts from Durham University's Law School, the Department of Computer Science, the Department of Economics, and the Department of Biosciences.

Our vision is to lead in enabling just transitions and to harness novel interdisciplinary research and global partnerships. Our delivery plan outlines how we aim to achieve our goals in order to position Durham University at the forefront of a cutting-edge twinning of green and digital transitions.



N8 Research Partnership



The [N8 Research Partnership](#), the strategic collaboration of the eight most research-intensive Universities in the North of England: Durham University, Lancaster, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield, and York, is working to create the basis for supporting economic growth focused on the green economy. [N8 Net Zero North](#) will drive growth in the green economy in the North of England and beyond by co-producing research and innovation with businesses and other stakeholders to meet real-world challenges.

A [project to improve wind turbine technology](#) that involves researchers at Durham has been shortlisted for a global sustainability award. The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Prosperity Partnership project has been shortlisted in the External Partnerships category of the World Sustainability Awards 2023. The £7.7 million partnership between the universities of Durham, Sheffield, and Hull and energy companies Ørsted and Siemens Gamesa has developed ways to make wind turbine generators more efficient, reliable, lighter and cheaper.

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We have partnered with industry, for example with our award-winning strategic [partnership with P&G](#), enabling unique and globally scalable innovations that have improved billions of consumers' lives around the world.



SDG Accord and Annual Report & Financial Statements



Durham University are signatories toward the [SDG Accord](#). We recognise that as an SDG Accord signatory, Durham University have great stories to tell on how SDGs are being integrated within our community. As part of the institutional SDG Accord reporting in 2023, we have submitted case studies to share good practice, celebrate and/or outline barriers of how our institution is integrated the SDGs. The [Sustainability Exchange 2023 SDG Accord Report case studies](#) highlight the progress Durham University is making with impactful case studies provided annually.

Durham University's [2023 Durham University Annual Report & Financial Statements](#) incorporate the key partnerships the University is involved with to support regional non-government organisations (NGOs), as well as the national government to identify problems and challenges, developing policies and strategies, predictive modelling of likely futures both with and without interventions, monitoring analytics to report on interventions and enabling adaptive management. Our [Memorandum-of-Understanding \(MoU\) with Durham County Council](#) details the partnership in place to support the Sustainable Development Goals.

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