Finding our place in the world with the Sustainable Development Goals

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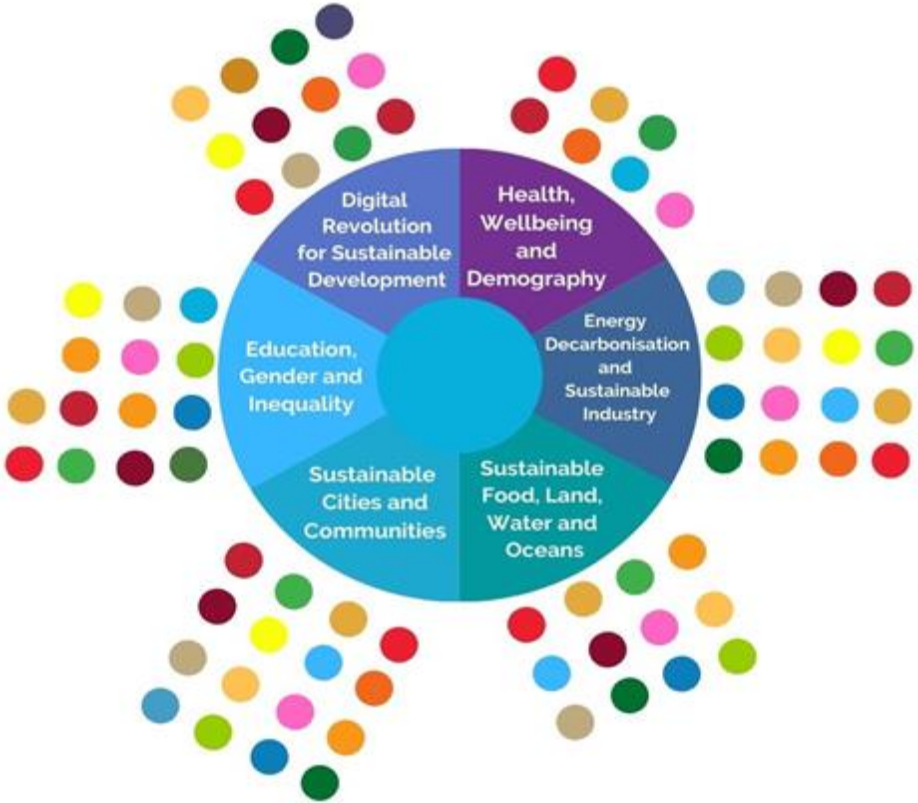
Curriculum 2025 themes

Six Transformations



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e.g. Health, Wellbeing and Demography

Typical Courses:

- Subjects Allied To Medicine
- Sport Sciences
- Psychology
- Mathematical Sciences
- Computing
- Geography, Earth and Environmental Studies
- Social Sciences, Law
- Business and Management
- Media, Journalism and Communications
- Language and Area Studies
- Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies
- Design, and Creative and Performing Arts
- Education and Teaching

Topics include universal health coverage, healthy behaviours and social determinants of health & wellbeing

SDGs in teaching, learning and assessment:

Challenge: the need for age-friendly cities and settings due to growing ageing population

- Promoting Healthy Communities module
- Part of the BA (Hons) Public Health and Community Studies

Summative assessment: proposal for optimal ageing

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- A 24-hour Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) event
- Connects participants from different disciplines, to explore real issues related to the attainment of selected Sustainable Development Goals

Potential for replication

- Student engagement is enhanced by working on real world problems
- Online collaborations are an opportunity and can help us build global solutions
- Capitalise on student demand and lecturer champions

“Curriculum 2025 has stood out throughout this entire audit process ... as an excellent approach to embedding Sustainability learning holistically across the entire formal curriculum.”

(2020 Responsible Futures Feedback Report, Coventry University and Coventry University Student’s Union).

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