

Nature Action Group Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Nature Action Group (NAG) provides advice on issues relating to the natural environment including biodiversity, health and wellbeing and resilience to climate change. It is also responsible for overseeing the development of a partnership programme to engage staff, students, alumni and other communities in responsible schemes to support proven natural solutions that enhance biodiversity, mitigate the effects of climate change and restore the natural world.

Terms of reference

1. To provide advice to the University on issues relating to biodiversity, wellbeing and climate change resilience and to highlight the needs of key species across campus.
2. To promote:
 - Nature based solutions to the climate crisis and biodiversity at the University through teaching and learning, research and volunteering opportunities for staff and students
 - The value of a green campus for health, wellbeing and the environment
 - The value of nature in an urban campus
3. To develop strategic partnership programmes to engage staff, students, alumni and other communities in nature based solutions to restore and support biodiversity and mitigate climate change. Local, national and international partners will be identified and impact targets agreed.

Frequency of meetings

- Bi-monthly

Reporting

Progress is reported through the Carbon Action Group and Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Membership

Rachel Webster	Chair, Curator of Botany, Manchester Museum
Julia Durkan	Deputy Chair, Sustainable Campus Officer, ES Team
Patrick Osborn	Landscaping & Sustainability Technician, Whitworth Art Gallery
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