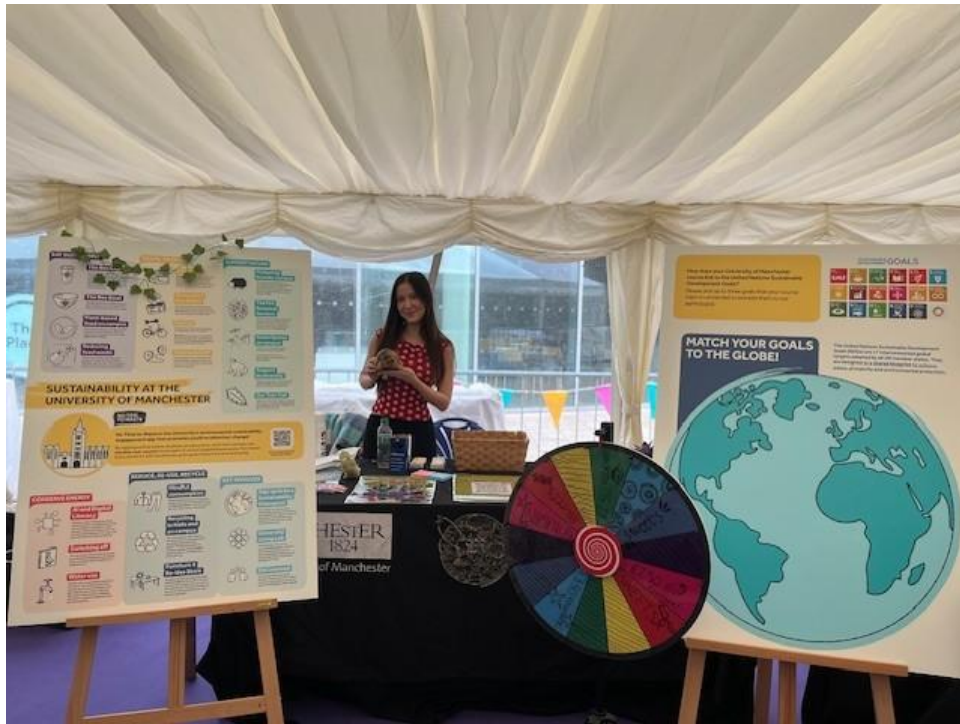


Environmental Sustainability team supports new students at Welcome Week



The Environmental Sustainability team ran a stand in the Welcome Week marquee next to University Place, giving new students information on how to live and study sustainably at the University. This covered sustainable food options on campus, the Furniture 4 Re-Use Store and how to become a Sustainability Champion. Students were also encouraged to download No Time to Waste, the University's sustainability engagement app, which rewards positive actions with points and entry into monthly voucher draws.

The team also worked with colleagues in Accommodation on 2nd Life, which gives away items left behind in halls at the end of the academic year. Kitchenware was collected, washed and sorted, then offered free to new students. Every item at the Cost of Living marquee was taken, and leftover cutlery has been passed on to Student Essentials. Hundreds of kilos of food have also been donated to charities, and bedding given to new arrivals.



Items were displayed as samples, with the main stock kept behind the stand, so students asked only for what they needed.

Tanya Mithani, Biomedical Science student, said: "This is by far the most helpful thing I've found at Welcome Week.

Following Welcome Week, the Environmental Sustainability team were able to report over 500 new sign-ups to Commute UoM, their sustainable travel platform, and over 300 registrations to No Time to Waste, their _____. As well as this, the team hit over 5,000 followers on Instagram.

Ray Power, Environmental Sustainability Engagement Assistant, said: "Welcome Week was such a successful few days for engaging new and returning students on Environmental Sustainability here at the University of Manchester!"

"It was lovely to see students respond so well to some of our pre-existing environmental initiatives available (such as free bus travel, campus green spaces and volunteering opportunities)."

"We even had over twenty students express an interest in getting involved with our Student Sustainability Champions Programme."

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