Being a positive partner in society

At the University of Leeds our core purpose is to increase knowledge and opportunity for the betterment of society. We have made a firm commitment to take our economic, social, environmental and cultural responsibilities seriously and we’re continually exploring opportunities to work local communities, organisations and partners. These partnerships often go beyond the City Region. We exist in a global society and are committed to influencing sustainability and having a positive impact beyond our campus.

But it’s not just about sharing our own knowledge and skills. Working with local, national and international partners provides the perfect opportunity to learn from them, understanding the challenges they have and working together to respond to them. It’s something we encourage all our staff and students to do – creating truly global citizens who understand the role they can play in a sustainable future.

Our commitments

- We will build external engagement to further develop internal and external capacity and knowledge, and influence wider policies.
- We will lead by example, share best practice, learn from others and ensure our research is accessible.
- We will support our students to be responsible citizens and an active part of society, both locally and globally.
- We will create a welcoming, culturally and environmentally vibrant campus.

Our results

- Mentoring hours: Target: Increase 500, Results: 364, 750
- Number of Students Volunteering: Target: Maintain, Results: MAINTAIN, MAINTAIN
- Attendees at public events on campus: Target: Maintain, Results: MAINTAIN, MAINTAIN
- Beneficiaries of Educational Engagement activity: Target: MAINTAIN, Results: MAINTAIN, MAINTAIN
- Third sector organisations worked with: Target: 180, 200, 200
- Household visits within student citizenship project: Target: 1,800, 1,908, 2,500

Linked sustainability development goals

- Good health and well-being
- Gender equality
- Reduced inequalities
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Partnerships for the goals