



Sustainability Ambassador – Project

As part of the five-day Sustainability Ambassador programme, we encourage you to develop a project idea that you could implement in your area of work.

Over the course of the programme you will acquire knowledge of environmental sustainability principles, develop the management tools and skills needed to make changes, and understand how to motivate others into action.

We would like you to apply your new knowledge and understanding to develop a project from an initial idea to an implementable scheme.

Examples of projects initiated by Sustainability Ambassadors include:

- Develop a sustainability leadership course to complement existing leadership training
- Pilot the use of a sample transport box to replace single-use plastic bags for the transportation of samples around the Trust, and between the Trust and GP practices
- Review procedures to reduce the need to decant samples into secondary containers before testing
- Review policy of external site visits for research and create virtual site tours to reduce miles travelled and hotel stays
- Creation of electronic forms to reduce paper use and associated storage requirements.

You will be given the opportunity to discuss and hone your project idea across the five days. Day four will be dedicated to discussing your project idea with your peers on the course, and troubleshooting with me and the other subject matter experts in the sustainability team.

Green Champions Plus

Following the course you will be added to the group of Green Champions Plus. A Green Champion Plus is an advocate for sustainability within their department, and acts as a point of contact for anyone within their department who wants to help deliver Sustainable Healthcare in Newcastle (Shine).

Your responsibilities

You should attend at least one Green Champions Plus meeting per year, which take place quarterly and usually include a 30-minute training session. If you are unable to attend a meeting it is expected that you should access a recorded version of the training at a more suitable time.

You will also be expected to spend an amount of time working on sustainability projects in your area of work to support the delivery of the Climate Emergency Strategy. You should agree an appropriate amount of time with your line manager.

Being part of the Green Champions Plus network allows you to continue to network with colleagues from across the Trust, and support each other to bring sustainability focused improvements to fruition.