

University of Reading Food and Drink Greening Beer

About the project

Summary

Our Making Beer Green Initiative is specifically focussed on improving the sustainability of our seven bar operations spread across seven sites. We discovered early on that we needed to make many small changes rather than one large and impressive 'wow' change! This perhaps makes our submission less exciting than others but does mean many can learn from our example across the Education and Hospitality Sectors and we are all about sharing our Green Beer!

Project partners

TUCO Framework Suppliers & Partners - Heineken UK, Air Liquide, LWC Drinks Ltd, Alliance Disposables, Diversy.

The results

The problem

Reducing the environmental impact of our Bar Operations to contribute to the University's commitment of a 35% reduction in Carbon Emissions.

The approach

Low cost, easy to implement changes to our operating methods that lead to a more sustainable operation

Our goals

Improving the sustainability of our operation through lessening the impact of our operations.

Obstacles and solutions

- Tackling many small issues to generate a big saving

e.g. Replacing drink dispense systems with newer more efficient systems.

Performance and results

Reduced operating costs and improved performance in energy use, recycling, social impacts.



Profile

- HEI
- 17,000 students (includes full and part time students)
- 4,000 staff
- Urban/Rural

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The future

Lessons learned

This project has become a way of working – it has led to a continuous improvement approach and has effectively made the project never ending.

Sharing your project

This project has been shared through the TUCO Magazine to our members

What has it meant to your institution to be a Green Gown Award finalist?

Allows us to demonstrate internally within the University that we are committed to continuous improvement.

Further information

SmartDispense from Heineken UK - <http://www.smartsavingscalc.com/calculator.html>