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Environment, Social and Governance (issues) **in** **Higher Education**

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Sustainable
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ESG issues for a University



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Environmental

- Climate change
- Resource depletion
- Waste
- Pollution
- Deforestation
- Climate Action Plans
- Net Zero Targets
- Carbon Scoring
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainability Policy
- Resource Use
- Travel planning
- Energy Efficiency



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Social

- Training / education
- Working conditions
- Employee relations
- Health and safety
- Diversity and inclusion policy
- Customer relations
- Community impact
- Community Engagement plans
- Responsible Investing
- Policy approaches
- Modern Slavery Obligations
- Social Aims



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Governance

- Bribery and corruption
- Executive pay
- Board diversity
- Political lobbying
- Tax strategy
- Engagement
- Executive / Board split
- Diversity policy
- Socially responsible
- investment strategy
- Net Zero strategies
- Clear institution aims

ESG challenges for universities

Balancing the cost of ESG against the benefits e.g.



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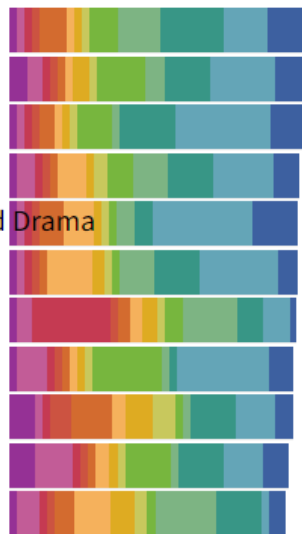


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FAILED UNIVERSITIES

- 124 York St John University
- 125 University of South Wales
- 126 Leeds Arts University
- 127 The Open University
- 128= The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
- 128= Queen Margaret University
- 130 Imperial College London
- 131 Writtle University College
- 132 Roehampton University
- 133 Harper Adams University
- 134 University of Dundee



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