

# Sustainable Procurement & Ethical Investment

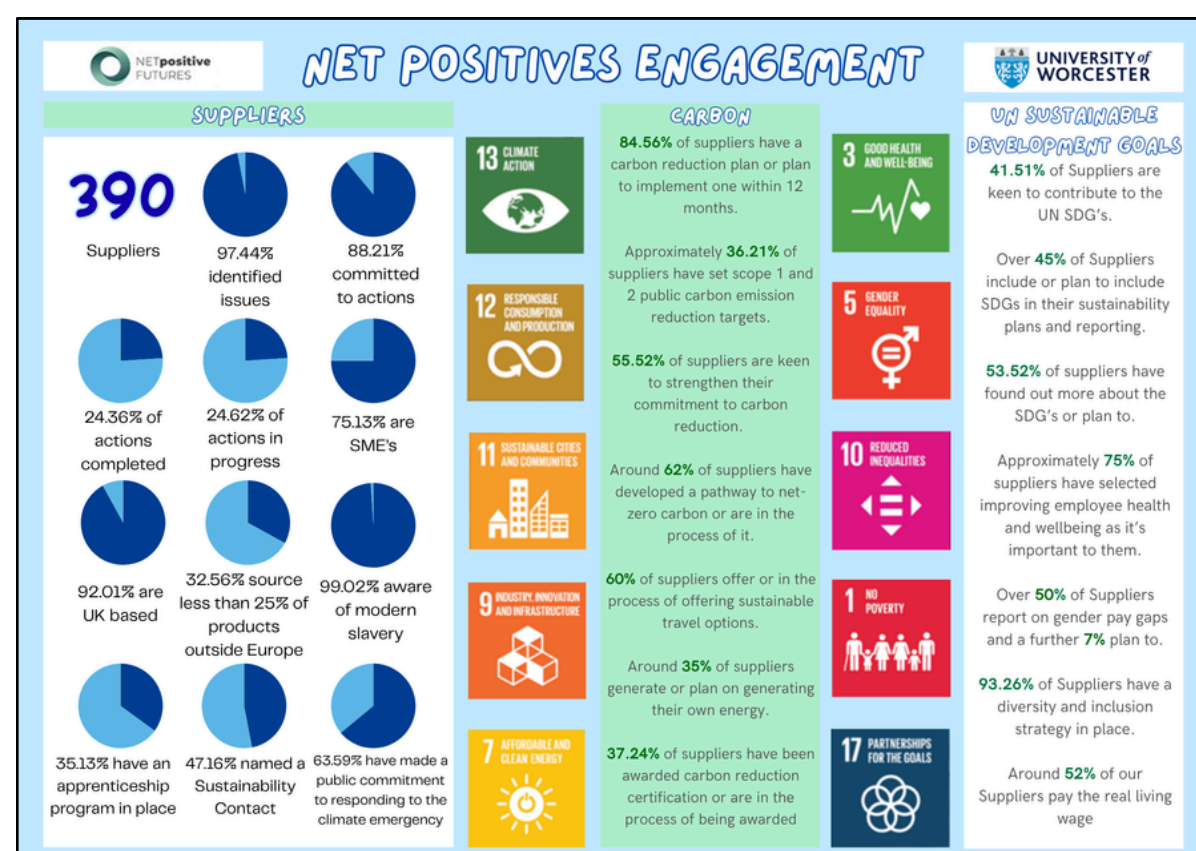
Sustainable procurement considers the environmental, social, and economic impacts of our purchasing decisions.

The University has a [Procurement Strategy](#) which sets out the procurement guidelines of buying goods, services and works.



## Procurement Carbon Emissions SMART targets

Our current targets, such as achieving net zero emissions by 2030, and how we are going to achieve them can be accessed through the [sustainability targets document](#).



## Ethical Investment

Please find our ethical [Investment policy](#) here. Specifically, The University will not directly invest in:

- Fossil fuel companies
- Arms Companies
- Border Industry Companies
- Companies in Violation of International Law

## Sustainable Procurement Steering Group

A Sustainable Procurement Steering Group, reporting to the Sustainable Development Committee, was established in April 2014.

Comprising students, academics and procurement professionals, the group focuses on ethical procurement, including [modern slavery](#) and workers' rights, factory conditions, supply-chain reform, and the Social Value Act. Group members are invited to contribute to guest lectures to students.

See the [terms of reference and membership details](#).

## Procurement of Electronic Goods

The University supports ethical ICT procurement through a consortium aligned with Electronics Watch, ensuring oversight of global labour conditions.

The Head of Procurement provides regular reports to the Sustainable Development Committee.

Training and the [Net Positive](#) engagement tool are in place to reduce carbon impacts and develop our own [Action Plan](#).



## Fossil Free Declaration

The University further demonstrated its commitment to sustainable energy by signing the [Planet & People Fossil Free Declaration](#) in May 2021.

This publicly confirms that the University does not, and will not, invest in fossil fuel companies.

