Innovating for Sustainable Development

The Innovating for Sustainable Development programme brings together PhD students with business, start-ups, NGOs and policy makers to find solutions to systemic environmental challenges, as outlined in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

An exciting combination of residential courses, workshops, talks and a networking events will expose participants to experts in the sustainable development field.

Students will get the opportunity to work with business coaches and take the first steps in developing their ideas into innovations that are commercially viable.

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- The programme runs from January to March 2017 and is 8 days in total.
- The programme is free and all accomodation and transport is paid for.
- Participants do not need to have an existing idea or innovation in mind.
- Applications close on 11 December.
This workshop will challenge students to re-frame and re-articulate the SDGs from a multi-disciplinary perspective. The morning activities will highlight how people from other disciplines think and work. In the afternoon, students will be stretched creatively, exploring what the Goals could mean when looking at them through an inter-disciplinary lens. The workshop is an important precursor to the first Case Study the following day.

The Case Study Series is an exciting programme of talks and activities. And each Case Study will focus on two SDGs.

Industry, start-ups and policy-makers will talk about how they are tackling the SDGs, highlighting the challenges they are facing and the opportunities for innovation.

After the talks, in short workshops facilitated by the speakers, students will discuss how to utilise what they have learnt. This is a chance to put into practice methods from the Interdisciplinary Challenges Workshop.

Please note: the Interdisciplinary Challenges Workshop and the first Case Study are combined to make a two night residential held at Easthampstead Park.
The Second Residential presents the opportunity to put into practise everything learnt in the Interdisciplinary Challenges Workshop and Case Study Series. Participants will be challenged to develop tangible solutions to the SDGs. Business Coaches will be on hand to offer guidance.

**Ideation Workshop**

20-22 February. Easthampstead Park

A high profile networking and showcasing event that will bring students together with leaders in environmental science, industry and the public sector. Keynote speakers will describe business and policy challenges relating to the SDGs.

**Innovating for Sustainable Development Showcase**

16 March. The Crystal, Canary Wharf

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