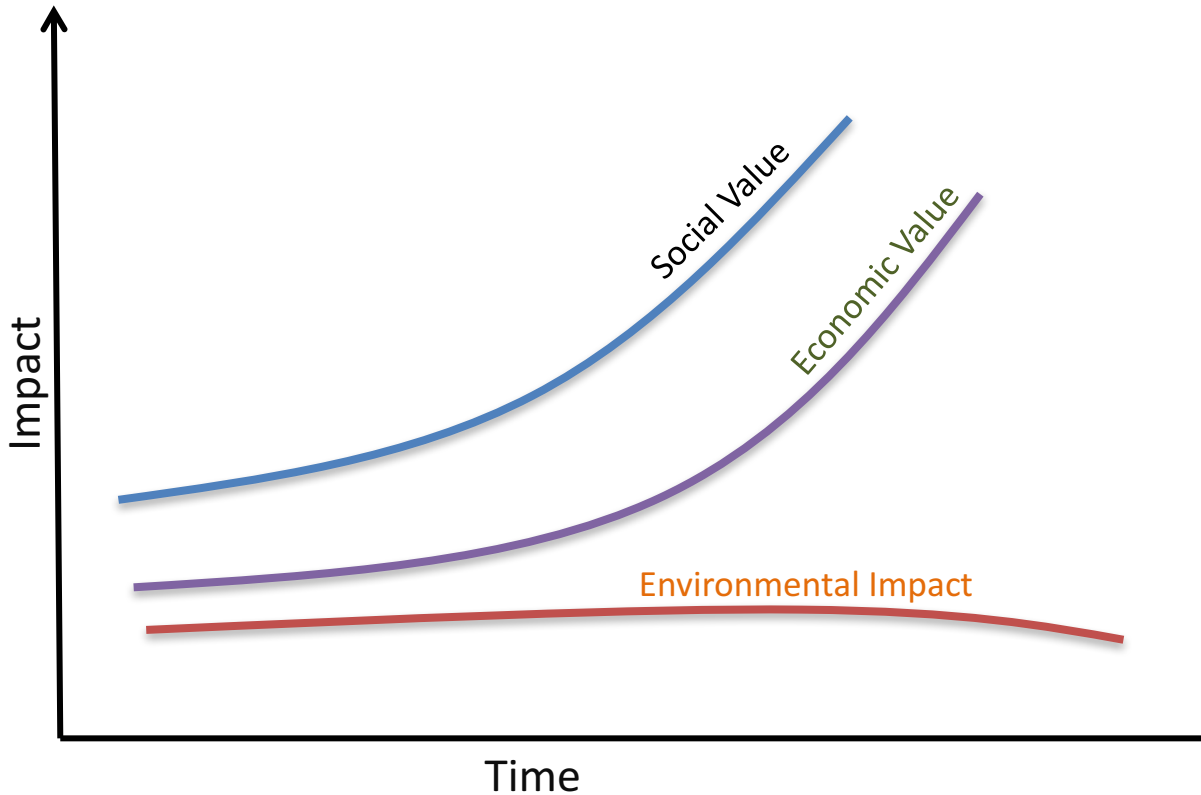


# Case Study

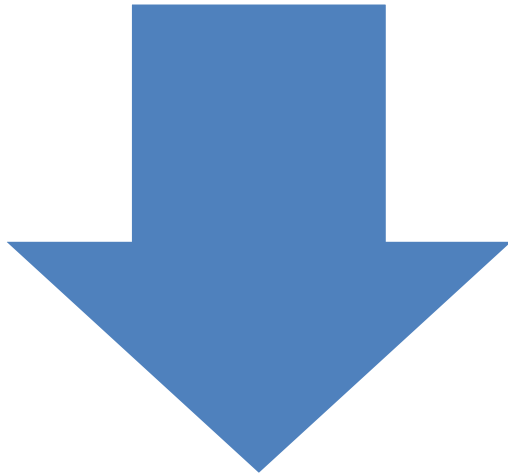
## **Supplier Development on Sustainability in Higher Education**

What is the most valuable  
thing I could contribute to  
this event?

# NETpositive Sustainability



# NETpositive Sustainability



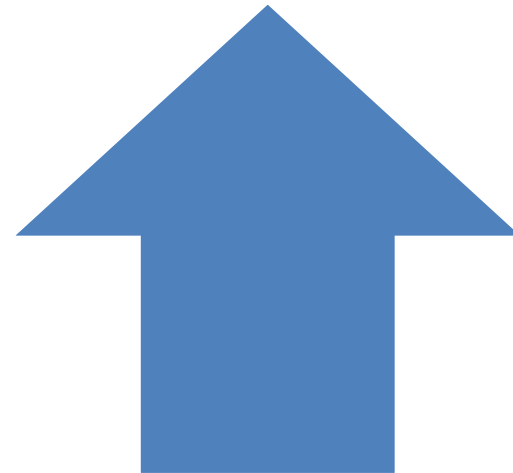
**Increase the positive contribution of your organisation**

- Social contribution
- Customer satisfaction
- Financial value
- Brand value
- Staff wellbeing
- Community benefit



**Reduce the negative impact of your organisation**

- Carbon impact
- Transport
- Waste



## About the initiative/tool

- **Allows suppliers to develop their own NETpositive Sustainability Action Plan – it is free to suppliers**
- **Suppliers complete 1 action plan, which can be used with HE**
- **Supports suppliers to understand their positive contribution to the environment, society and the economy as well their impacts**
- **Gathers data on the sustainability and social value related actions of the suppliers to Higher Education, the priorities they have chosen and the impact they are having**
- **Enables the universities and purchasing consortia participating in the project to demonstrate progress when responding to the Modern Slavery Act (2015)**
- **HE institutions access the data to inform**
  - **Category management**
  - **Evidence-based engagement**
  - **Contract management and KPIs**

# Partners and Participants

- **North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium**
- **North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium**
- **Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium**
- **The University Caterers Organisation**

Anglia Ruskin University  
University of Birmingham  
Coventry University  
University of Bristol  
University of Chester  
University of Cumbria  
Durham University  
Edge Hill University  
University of Huddersfield  
University of Hull  
Keele University  
Kings College London  
Kingston University  
Lancaster University  
University of Leeds

University of Leicester  
Liverpool Hope University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine  
University of Liverpool  
London South Bank University  
Loughborough University  
University of Manchester  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Newcastle University  
Northumbria University  
Nottingham Trent University  
University of Nottingham  
University of Salford  
University of Sheffield  
St George's, University of London  
Ulster University  
University of Worcester  
University of York

# The Process for suppliers

## 3 steps

- Identify who they are...
- Select priority issues for them..
- Select actions they are going to take forward..

# Demonstrating Impact

- 34 Universities and 4 Consortia sharing an approach to supporting suppliers on sustainability
- 2749 suppliers have free guidance, support and can develop action plans on sustainability
- 24759 sustainability actions committed to
- 5104 sustainability actions in progress
- 4088 sustainability actions completed
- 2919 sustainability actions with evidence
- We are supporting the smaller business in our supply chain on sustainability – 74% SME



# Demonstrating Impact

**Why might this information be of interest HE purchasers?**

1. What your suppliers' priority sustainability issues are
2. What the most selected and completed actions are
3. What the most selected and not started actions are
4. What the least selected actions are
5. Which suppliers have uploaded the most evidence of impact on sustainability
6. What the trends are in certain categories of suppliers

How does this all align with the universities priorities...

# What does this all mean?

## Why should an SME take note...

1. The HE sector is becoming more interested in actions rather than just policies
2. Modern slavery is an issue for SMEs not just large businesses
3. If you take the time to take a considered approach to sustainability it adds value – builds your profile and brand
4. Sustainability has moved beyond simply a negative agenda – reducing negatives!
5. We all need to be comfortable in talking about our contribution



## Contact Details:

Jimmy Brannigan

[jimmy@netpositivefutures.co.uk](mailto:jimmy@netpositivefutures.co.uk)

Tel: 07775514579