

#### 1st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FEE ECOCAMPUS

Getting Higher Level Education Climate Ready 26-27th April 2024



## The Idea of Eco-Campus in the 21st Century



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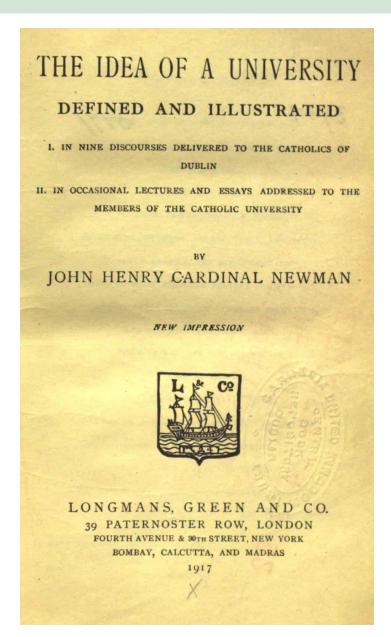
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### **Plenary Format**

Part I - Presentation-Overview

Part II – Workshop & Groups

Part III – Discussion & Outcome



- 19<sup>th</sup> century Cardinal John Henry Newman.
- Consider and develop the education of students in a broader sense with critical thinking as a core skill rather than just providing a technical or professional training.

"What is the idea of Eco-Campus, (and of a University), in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"





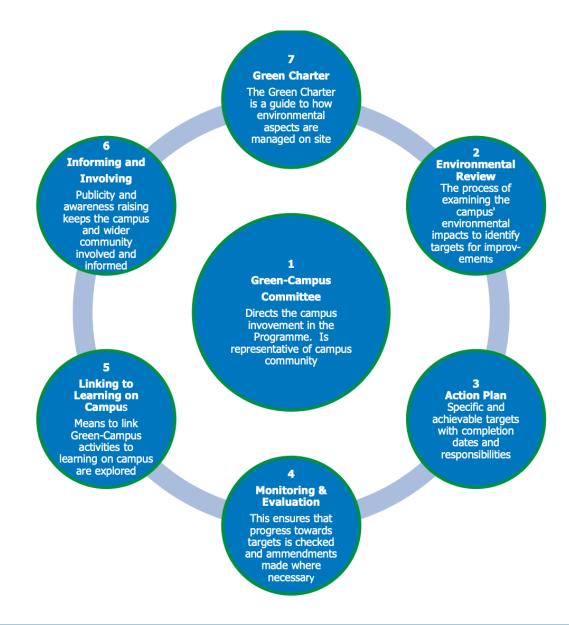
#### **Whole Institution Approach**

- all aspects of an institution rather than focusing on isolated components or programs.
- consider not only the curriculum and teaching methods but also factors like school culture, policies, staff training, community involvement, and infrastructure.
- recognise institutions are complex systems that require collaboration

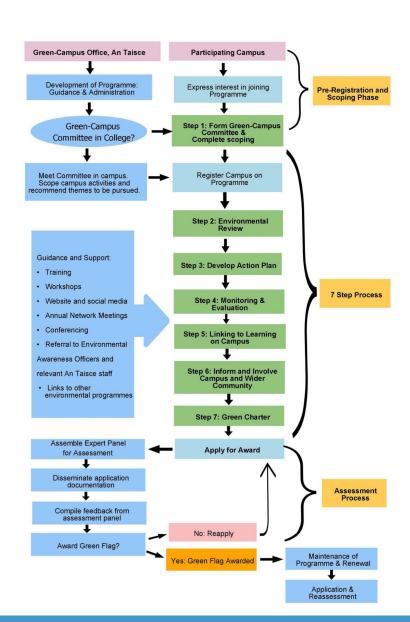


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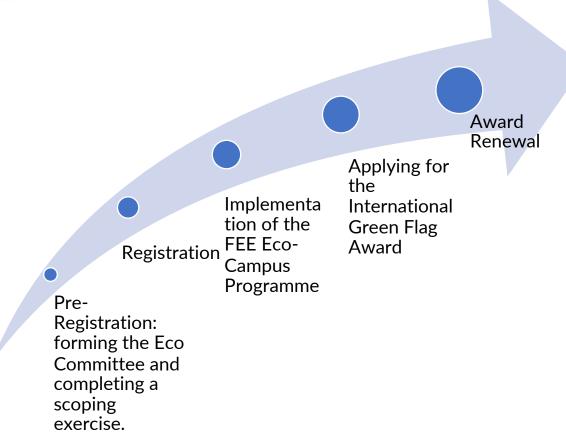




"More than sums of it's parts"









#### 2023 - 20th anniversary of FEE Eco-Campus Programme

- 18 Countries
- **183** FEE Eco-Campus Registered
- 83 Awarded with Green Flag
- Top 4 countries with registered campuses: **Ireland, Portugal, Malaysia and Spain**
- The programme is currently implemented more as an accreditation programme along with Eco-Schools, but there is an opportunity to evolve it into a strategy to engage with tertiary education in many aspects.



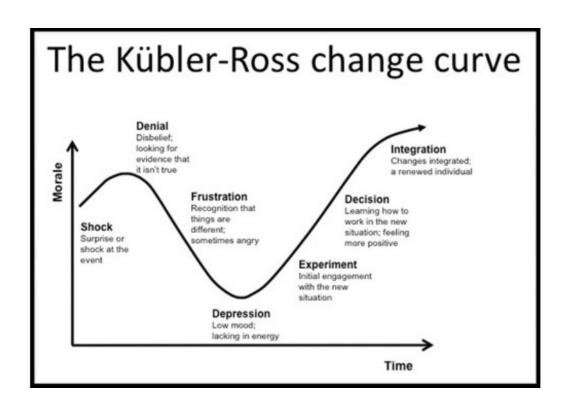
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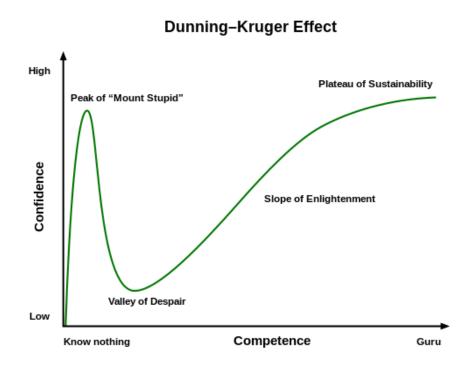


## **Context**



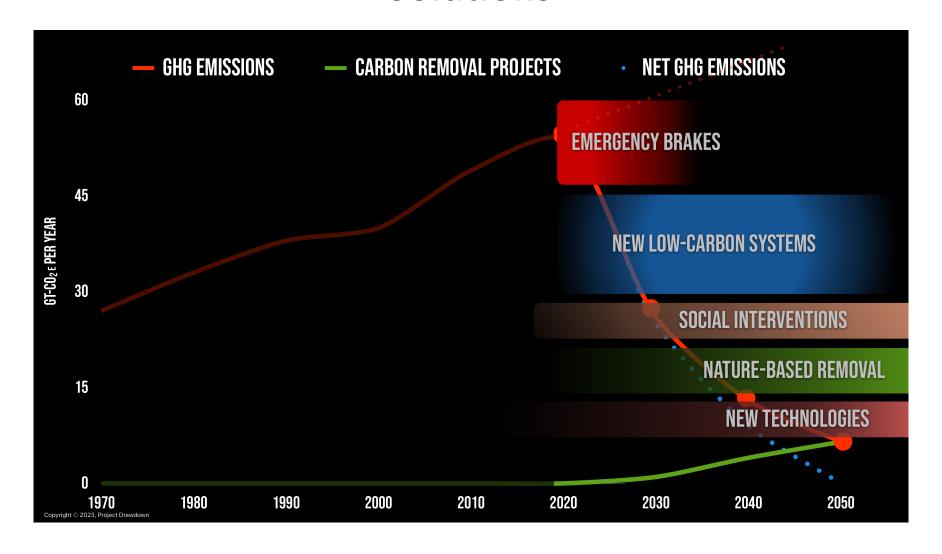
## **Insights**





"Culture Eats Strategy for Breakfast all Day"

### **Solutions**



### **Frameworks**

# SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT GALS





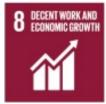
























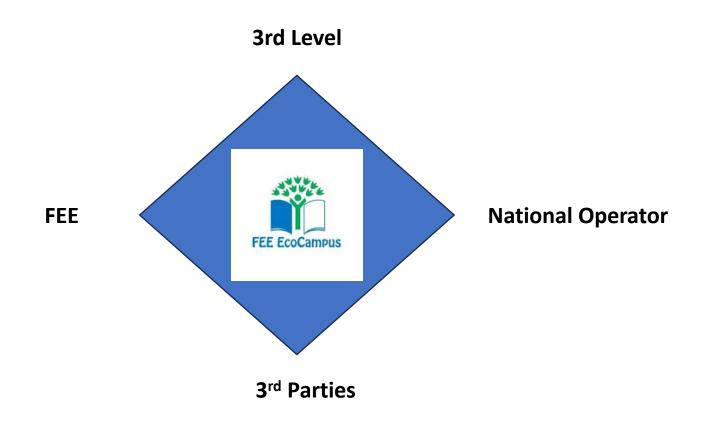








## The Team



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#### **BRAND IDENTITY**

Creation of a separate website

Rework the logo

Develop PR and Com Package

Use a separate brand identity to engage new sponsorship

#### **STANDARDS**

To assess the Green Flag quality standard alongside leading sustainable accreditation programmes and frameworks for HEIs (e.g. UNEP's Sustainable University Framework, UNESCO Green Quality Standards)

#### **STRUCTURE**

Develop a new programme structure

Expansion of the programme in exisiting countries not yet running FEE EcoCampus

## CONTENT & SYNERGIES

Tailored YRE to fit 18-25 age group

**FEE Academy** 

Research

Internships





- 1. Accreditations
- 2. Advocacy and policy engagement
- 3. Professional development
- 4. E-learning
- 5. Leadership development
- 6. Research & Fellowship
- 7. Events & Conferences
- 8. Engage with Workspaces



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**Established Robust Programme** 

**Established Successes** 

Best Practice Examples "Wisdom"

Eco-Schools Legacy & Pathway

Independent, Trusted, "Vector" Relationships

**Existing Champions & Leaders** 

"Good Story & Experience" to date

Co-Ordination Support - National & International

Funding/Financial Model

Admin. & Resources Model

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Networking/Consultation/Development to Date

Accreditation + Capture

Demand, Need & Requirement

Unique Approach- "Listen to Understand"

**Limitless Potential** 

Scaleable & Transferable Transformation

Societal Scale Driver

Scale of Climate Action Requirement

Changing & Challenging Student Experience

Climate Action Fatigue

Challenging National Landscapes for NO's

Hijack & Agendas

"Crowded Field"

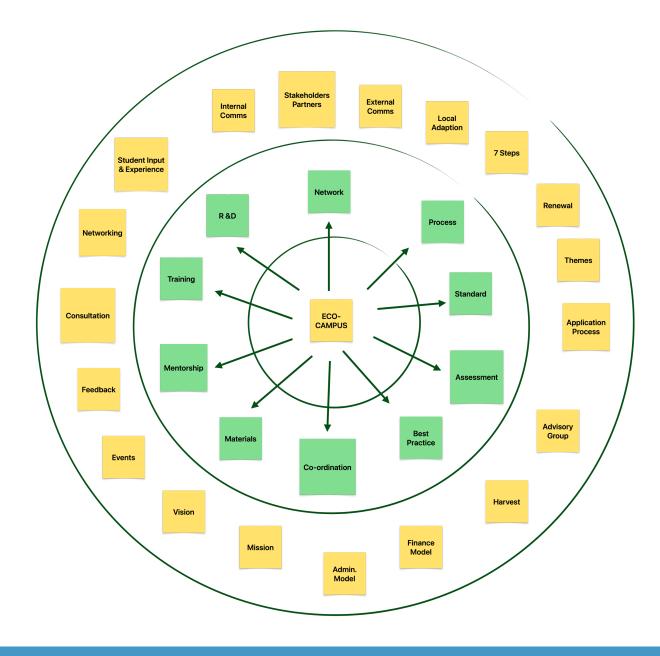
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#### Goldilocks' Scenario (NO's)



#### "INTERNAL"

NO would have the business and admin systems in place to deliver and develop programme such as



People, Funding, Comms, Materials, Programme Structure, Governance, Guidance, Skill Set to



Co-ordinate, Mentor, Train, Support, Report, Assess, Track, Evaluate, Active Listening, Insight Research



Provide ongoing momentum - "GO GO, DO DO"

At Site Level - Relational >> Transactional

#### "EXTERNAL"

Develop institutional, operational & funding partners (Where possible relational over transactional)

Network with FEE, NO's - Best Practice +

Provide Evidence & Momentum for Scaling

Active Listening, Soft Power

Demonstrate Success, Quiet Leadership

#### "Insight & Innovation"

"Evolution & Revolution"

"Listen, Learn & Lead"

"Leadership & Example"

"Protect & Promote"

Small Wins – Big ideas

"Do Things Better & Do Better Things"



## Ideas/Insights/Review



#### Questions

Q. 1) Experience and insights of a 'whole institution approach in HEIs'

Q. 2) How can a programme like Eco-Campus or similar help structure a WIA in HE settings

Q. 3) Third Parties?

Q. 4) What are the challenges for establishment and scale-up of FEE EcoCampus (SWOT)?





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