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It took Leah longer than most to find her career 'happy place', but being a sustainability professional in a University setting ticks all the boxes. She loves working with people and helping them to discover how to make sustainable living at work and at home their default. She gets the biggest thrill when someone tells her they've just ridden their bike to work after years of thinking they couldn't, or have brought their own plate to get their take away lunch at the Refectory, or when she has been able to answer a colleagues' pesky recycling question.

Students Doing Good: Engaging students in the sustainability journey through the Sustainable Development Goals

Murdoch University became the first WA University to sign the University Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals in March 2019. In November 2019 we hosted a student-driven sustainability ideation and problem solving event, the Students Doing Good Sustainability Challenge, with the aim to get students actively involved in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals on campus.

In partnership with selected industry mentors, six sustainability- related problem statements were developed to address 'wicked' facilities sustainability issues, framed through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals.

While the 2 winning projects have the potential to be implemented on campus, the benefits of the event extend to all participants.

I propose to share my experience with organising this event and the outcomes from it, including next steps for implementation.