



Introducing the NETpositive Supplier Engagement (HE) Tool

This presentation covers:

- What the Supplier Engagement Tool is and what it looks like from a supplier perspective
- How NWUPC, NEUPC and TUCO are using it to benefit members at the same time as developing their suppliers
- How individual member institutions can also use the tool with their suppliers

The Supplier Engagement Tool:

- Is currently a collaboration between NWUPC, NEUPC and TUCO
- Follows a successful pilot and development with the University of Manchester
- Enables suppliers to the Higher Education sector to create a simple, free sustainability action plan for their business
- The action plan helps the business consider their sustainability journey, demonstrate progress and share this with their clients (consortia , university or other public sector clients)

Why are other consortia using the tool?

- Provides a clear and consistent approach to supplier engagement in relation to the Flexible Framework and sustainability
- Moves beyond supplier engagement into supplier development (an 'offer' rather than an 'ask')
- It enables clear reporting on sustainability – dashboard which allows you to interrogate the data
- Provides a coherent response to Modern Slavery Act (and provides associated data)
- Links excellent procurement practice and sustainability seamlessly
- Contribute significantly to achieving Level 4 on the FF (Supplier engagement, measurement and Results)

Collaboration with other consortia also benefits members.

What do suppliers see?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Znaz_DI7o7A

Since launch:

- **196 Suppliers have registered**
- **1997 Actions committed to**
- **319 are in progress**
- **280 completed**
- **160 pieces of evidence**
- **Modern Slavery:**
 - **137 say they are aware**
 - **16 say not aware (find out who)**

ISSUE NAME	GROUP	TYPE	SELECTED	PRESENTED	SELECTION RATE	AVERAGE RANK
Customer feedback is important to us	Social Impacts	Positive	112	140	80%	1.33
We are keen to communicate with our customers	Economic Impacts	Positive	109	139	78%	1.06
We take our Health and Safety responsibilities seriously	Social Impacts	Positive	104	140	74%	2.57
We are keen to communicate our environmental commitments	Environmental Impacts	Positive	99	140	71%	1.24
We keep up to date with new technology or approaches to working so we can identify innovation or gains in efficiencies	Economic Impacts	Positive	91	140	65%	1.86
Our goods (or our people) travel	Environmental Impacts	Negative	89	140	64%	1.44
We make work accessible to people from all backgrounds	Social Impacts	Positive	83	140	59%	2.60
We set targets to improve our sustainability	Environmental Impacts	Positive	70	138	51%	1.69
We are interested in (or are currently) employing apprentices	Social Impacts	Positive	50	138	36%	2.26
Our business activities use natural resources (energy, water, mined materials, plant or animal products)	Environmental Impacts	Negative	45	139	32%	1.44
We could do more to engage and develop our staff	Social Impacts	Negative	41	139	29%	1.24
We could do more to maintain good relationships with our suppliers	Economic Impacts	Negative	38	139	27%	1.21
We should know more about where the things we buy come from and how they are made	Social Impacts	Negative	32	139	23%	1.44
We could do more to improve the formal relationships with our staff	Economic Impacts	Negative	28	139	20%	1.07
Our activities have an impact in our immediate locality	Social Impacts	Negative	24	139	17%	1.67
We produce commercial waste that is sent to landfill	Environmental Impacts	Negative	24	139	17%	1.96
Modern slavery is an issue for our business	Social Impacts	Negative	10	139	7%	2.60

Why should my University use the Tool?

Your suppliers are already using it!

Organisation	Number of Suppliers already using the Tool
SUPC	35
Aston University	75
University of Bristol	70
University of Wolverhampton	80
University for the Creative Arts	58
University of Reading	68
University of Lincoln	64
University of Brighton	66
University of Cambridge	66
University of Bath	68
Plymouth University	63
University of Southampton	71
University of East Anglia	66
University of Surrey	61
University of Nottingham	79
Oxford Brookes University	65

Using data from your Supplier Engagement Tool (if you send it to all of your suppliers) you can include the following in your Modern Slavery Statement (or words to this effect)

1. 100% of our supply chain have been made aware that modern slavery is a consideration for their business
2. X % of our supply chain have acknowledged modern slavery is a consideration for their business
3. X % of our supply chain have committed to take action, have ongoing actions or completed actions that address modern slavery in their business (and demonstrate in your statement the detail of what the specific actions are)
4. X% of our supply chain have set actions to undertake training on modern slavery
5. What % of your suppliers (by commodity code) are taking action on modern slavery
6. **If you want to be pro-active on this you can do follow up e-mails to suppliers based on their responses!**

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- The Consortia have agreed a special deal for their members to enable them to also utilise the Tool for non-consortia
- Members accessing the Tool will also be provided with the data that relates to their own supply chain.
- Members using the Tool can supplement the consortia suppliers with their own suppliers

Two year commitment required:

Year 1: £1550

Year 2: £950

Costs - Two year commitment required:

Consortia

Cost 5k per annum

Universities – If Consortia has signed up to the tool

Year 1: £1550

Year 2: £950

Universities – If Consortia has not signed up to the tool

Year 1: £2550

Year 2: £1950



How do we get involved?

Still have a question?

Interested in signing up so you can use the tool to help you report on Modern Slavery?

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