SDG 17

**Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs**

We collaborate with NGOs to tackle the SDGs through student volunteering programmes, research programmes, or development of educational resources

| Name | Discipline | Related SDGs | Descriptor | Links |
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| M. Azizul Islam | Business | 5, 8, 10, 12 | In collaboration with NGO Transform Trade, M. Azizul Islam has produced Policy Briefs recommending standards for Bangladesh and UK governments to protect garment factory workers and propose a UK fashion watchdog to protect those working in the supply chain. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/16616> |
| Alexandra Johnstone | Rowett | 1, 2, 3, 10 | Novel and multi-disciplinary collaborative approach with co-development as a key feature, through four inter-linked work packages, to combine our knowledge of large-scale population data with an understanding of lived experiences of food shopping for people living with obesity and food insecurity, to develop solutions to improve sustainable and healthier food choices. Working with people with lived-experience, NGOs, retailers and policy makers. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett/research/fio-food/index.php#panel1736> |
| Amy McFarlane | Education | 1, 4, 10, 11 | Educational inclusion and capacity building for schools in rural Cambodia, in collaboration with KHEN - Khmer NGO for Education, Cambodia | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/education/research/cgd/education-1501.php#panel1825>  <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/people/amy.mcfarlane#research> |
| Lucia D’Ambruoso | Applied Health Sciences | 3, 10, 11 | Harnessing the power of community knowledge and stakeholder participation at all levels (community, NGO, government) for improved health systems in South Africa  Cost of Living/Cost of Smoking: participatory research on smoking in deprived communities within the cost-of-living crisis. This study is organised by the University of Aberdeen in partnership with Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Scotland, NHS Grampian, and Turning Point Scotland (TPS) NGOs | <https://www.vapar.org/>  <https://www.cost-of-smoking.org/> |
| Students | all | 1, 10 | Aberdeen students are supporting refugees with the launch of a University branch of a charity led by young people, which strives to create lasting change in the treatment of displaced people. SolidariTee is a student-led charity working alongside NGO partners to provide legal aid and psychological support to refugees and asylum seekers. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/22540/> |
| Staff and students from University of Aberdeen | all | 10, 13 | Staff and students from across the university attended COP28. PhD Researcher and research assistant Maria Nordvall, participated at BEYOND COP28: CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUTH, this spring as the Arctic representative. Professor David Anderson, (UK PI Archeritage) is recognised as a key supporter and friend of the COP28 youth team. The virtual event aimed to review and reflect on COP28, particularly in relation to the 1.5°C goal, the disproportionate impacts of climate change and ensuring that marginalised voices and communities are included in climate change discussions. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/22550/>  <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research/archeritage/news/23541/> |

**Schools, Departments, Partnerships, or Centres**

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| Hydro Nation  Doctoral Training Centre | Hydro Nation: The Hydro Nation scholars programme is part of the Scottish Government’s Hydro Nation strategy. The objective of the strategy is to develop the economic, environmental and social value of Scotland’s water resources | [Hydro Nation](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3495) |
| IBioIC Collaborative Training Partnership | IBioIC Collaborative Training Partnership: Funded jointly by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and the Scottish Funding Council, the Industrial Biotechnology (IB) Innovation Centre (IBioIC) supports industrially-relevant PhD projects that bring biotechnology closer to industrialisation. | [IBioIC Collaborative Training Partnership](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3494) |
| Leverhulme Doctoral Training Centre for Sustainable Production of Chemicals and Materials | Leverhulme Doctoral Training Centre for Sustainable Production of Chemicals and Materials  This £1 million project directly address the urgent global need to develop new and innovative strategies for the sustainable production of chemicals and materials using renewable feedstocks and renewable energy. | [Leverhulme Doctoral Training Centre for Sustainable Production of Chemicals and Materials](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3502) |
| Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition | Our Gateway2Medicine (G2M) programme has been designed to transform the aspirations and ambitions of secondary school pupils from a widening access background in Scotland, and who may have considered that application to medical school is too ambitious, unrealistic and out of their reach. Our programme is fully supported by the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian.  The school of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition also undertakes outreach activities with respect to healthcare careers in general and medicine in particular. Careers in health, So you want to be a doctor, medicine and medical science conference day, talking about careers in medicine, specific workshop support for Reach school pupils in S6 planning application for medicine (how to write a personal statement, UCAT practice, Mock Multiple Mini Interviews), medical student Ambassador support for Reach Schools. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/smmsn/undergraduate/g2m/index.php> |
| National Decommissioning Centre | National Decommissioning Centre Doctoral Training Centre: Established with government support, through the Oil and Gas Technology Centre (OGTC), this multi-million-pound global centre of excellence works in partnership with government and industry to deliver research and training aimed at transforming oil and gas decommissioning and mature field management. | [National Decommissioning Centre Doctoral Training Centre](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3497) |
| Centre for Global Development | The Centre for Global Development is a centre of excellence committed to inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary working for equity, social justice, and sustainable futures. The centre is a space at the University for staff, students, practitioners, and the public to develop collaborative teaching and research.  Their four key research themes are: health and wellbeing, gender, socioeconomic transformation and democratisation, and education. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/education/research/cgd/index.php> |
| The Just Transition Lab | The Just Transition Lab is an interdisciplinary group of researchers from the Business School, School of Engineering, School of Geosciences, School of Law, and the School of Social Sciences working on advancing impact-driven research on Just Transition. Based in Aberdeen, the Lab's researchers work at the forefront of Just Transition challenges, employing action and participatory research to facilitate insightful policy analysis and engagement with key stakeholders. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/geosciences/research/just-transition-lab-2101.php> |
| Political Concepts in the World (POLITICO) | Politico: Political Concepts in the World (POLITICO) is a Horizon2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie doctoral training programme for ground-breaking research on how political concepts, such as citizenship, civil society and rule of law, are used in the world. | [Politico](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3496) |
| QUADRAT Doctoral Training Centre | QUADRAT : The £3 million project, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) brings together research and teaching centres of excellence in biological sciences and geosciences from the University of Aberdeen and Queen’s University Belfast and collaborative partners to provide a transformative platform for PhD Research and training. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sbs/research/quadrat/index.php> |
| Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (SGSAH): Doctoral Training Centre | Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (SGSAH): Funded jointly by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Scottish Funding Council, the University of Aberdeen is a partner in the SGSAH, the world’s first national graduate school in the Arts & Humanities.  The DTP offers unparalleled training and support to doctoral researchers in Scotland. | [Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (SGSAH)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3501) |
| Scottish Graduate School for Social Sciences (SGSSS):  Doctoral Training Centre | Scottish Graduate School for Social Sciences (SGSSS): Funded jointly by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Scottish Funding Council, the University of Aberdeen is a partner in the SGSSS, the UK's largest facilitator of funding, training and support for doctoral students in social science. By combining the expertise of sixteen universities across Scotland, the school facilitates world-class PhD research. | [Scottish Graduate School for Social Sciences (SGSSS)](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3500) |
| Student volunteering programmes | UK Wide and International Volunteering opportunities are available to students at the University of Aberdeen. The [Careers and Employability Service](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/jobs-work-experience/volunteering.php/) and [AUSA](http://www.ausa.org.uk/freshers/resources/handbook/) offer lots of long-term projects and one-off events for students to get involved in. | <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/careers/resources/tags/122/> |
| SUPER: Doctoral Training Centre | SUPER: Funded by the natural Environment Research Council, the SUPER DTP addresses an interdisciplinary "catchment to coast" research portfolio, combining the expertise of a well-established collaborative group of universities, delivering world-leading research and training in natural environmental sciences | [SUPER](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/-doctoral-training-centres.php#panel3498) |