Maynooth Green Campus Report to Faculties

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## Maynooth University improves its global ranking in sustainability

Maynooth University was ranked in the top 18% of university campuses in the world in 2018, compared to the top 21% in 2017 according to the [*UI GreenMetric World University Ranking*](http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/overall-ranking-2018/). This is the third year in a row that the relative position has improved and is Maynooth’s highest relative placing since the University engaged with the GreenMetric global ranking in 2015.

Maynooth University’s overall score has improved substantially from 54.1% in 2017 to 61.8% in 2018. This overall score is based on weighted scores in each of a number of thematic areas, as set out in table 2 and figure 2. In 2018, particular improvements were noted, compared to 2017, in the points received for Education from 695 to 1,125 (maximum of 1800). Under Setting and Infrastructure, the score increased from 799 to 1025 (maximum 1,500). Scores for Transport and for Energy, and climate change have also improved.  Table 2 and Figure 1 show the trends for each theme.

This year's improved score and relative ranking is a credit to all of staff, management and students and to the ongoing work of Maynooth Green Campus.  There is still progress to be made and certainly no room for complacency but we are moving in the right direction.

According to Dr. Joe Larragy, chair of Maynooth Green Campus, "this is another landmark in a year when Maynooth campus was awarded the FEE green campus flag (Maynooth University and SPCM). Maynooth campus has made great strides in relation to energy, waste, water, biodiversity, travel/transportation, and education, and has provided leadership in the area of climate justice.” (\* The *UI GreenMetric World University Ranking* is an initiative of *Universitas Indonesia*, launched in 2010.)

## Table 1: Percent achieved by theme 2017 and 2018

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| Category | Max (pts)  | 2017(%) | 2018(%) |
| Setting and Infrastructure (SI) | 1500 | 53.27 | 68.33 |
| Energy and Climate Change (EC) | 2100 | 44.38 | 51.19 |
| Waste (WS) | 1800 | 79.33 | 75.00 |
| Water (WR) | 1000 | 64.00 | 50.00 |
| Transportation (TR) | 1800 | 50.72 | 61.11 |
| Education (ED) | 1800 | 38.61 | 62.50 |
| **Total Score** | **10000** | **54.07** | **61.75** |

## Figure 1: Maynooth University GreenMetric 2018 & 2017 Scores compared

## Table 2: MU points awarded by theme in each year 2015-2018

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| Maynooth University GreenMetric | Ranking: Maynooth / All  | Total Maynooth | Setting and Infrastructure | Energy and Climate Change | Waste | Water | Transport | Education & Research | Total % |
| 2015 | 93/407 | **5,544** | 557 | 1,100 | 1,650 | 840 | 909 | 488 | 55.4 |
| 2016 | 190/516 | **4,891** | 831 | 869 | 1,326 | 415 | 695 | 755 | 48.9 |
| 2017 | 128/619 | **5,407** | 799 | 932 | 1,428 | 640 | 913 | 695 | 54.7 |
| 2018 | 130/719 | **6,175** | 1,025 | 1,075 | 1,350 | 500 | 1,100 | 1,125 | 61.75 |
| Max points |  | **10,000** | 1,500 | 2,100 | 1,800 | 1,000 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 100 |