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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE GOLD MARK
ACCREDITED FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

'Making a Mark'

Gold Mark Holder Social Impact Declaration

York St John University

York St John University has been at the forefront of Teaching and Education for over 175 years.



Our role in the city of York is one we take seriously. Many of our students engage directly with the wider community across so many different levels. From prison partnerships to working with disabled athletes, military rehabilitation to free creative courses for mental health service users – we fight to remove the hurdles that prevent participation.

Our community takes an active stand against climate change, prejudice and inequality and we will only ever increase our efforts. We see our students as the changemakers and influencers of tomorrow. Our mission is to ensure that the learning environment they need to make a difference is safe, exciting, inclusive and inspirational.

The Social Enterprise Gold Mark criteria includes a requirement for all applicants and renewing Mark Holders to answer a set of social impact questions, which illustrate how they are striving to meet their social/environmental objectives.

Below are examples of how **York St John University** is Making a Mark, striving to create a positive impact on people and planet.

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Creating educational opportunities for all

In essence, York St John's mission is a commitment to 'fairness, focusing on our expertise, talents and creativity to advance knowledge, promote understanding and create educational opportunities for the benefit of all'.

Our values are:

- **Being intellectually generous, curious and rigorous** - we share our knowledge, experience and practice with each other and our communities for wider social benefit.
- **Promoting fairness and challenging prejudice** - we are deeply committed to diversity and advancing social justice. Our inclusive environment and commitment to equality nurture a strong sense of belonging within our community.
- **Inspiring each other to succeed** - people matter to us. We treat others with trust and respect and promote support and challenge.

Creating social impact

Below are just a few of the initiatives we have introduced to create social impact:

- **Becoming a University of Sanctuary** - represents a serious commitment to addressing a real social problem
- **STEM initiatives** - such as working with a local primary school after school hours to inspire young people in these subjects.
- **We are engaged with the Athena Swan project** - pledged to provide equality of opportunity for all.
- Our Advantage Team has been awarded a prestigious **Silver Employer Recognition Award** for project work supporting teams who provide services for the Armed Forces community.
- **The Sports Park community resource** - includes dementia drop-ins, subsidised monthly lunches to combat loneliness and isolation, and young refugees receive free sports coaching.



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