



## A Whole-Institution Approach to Sustainability at University College Cork

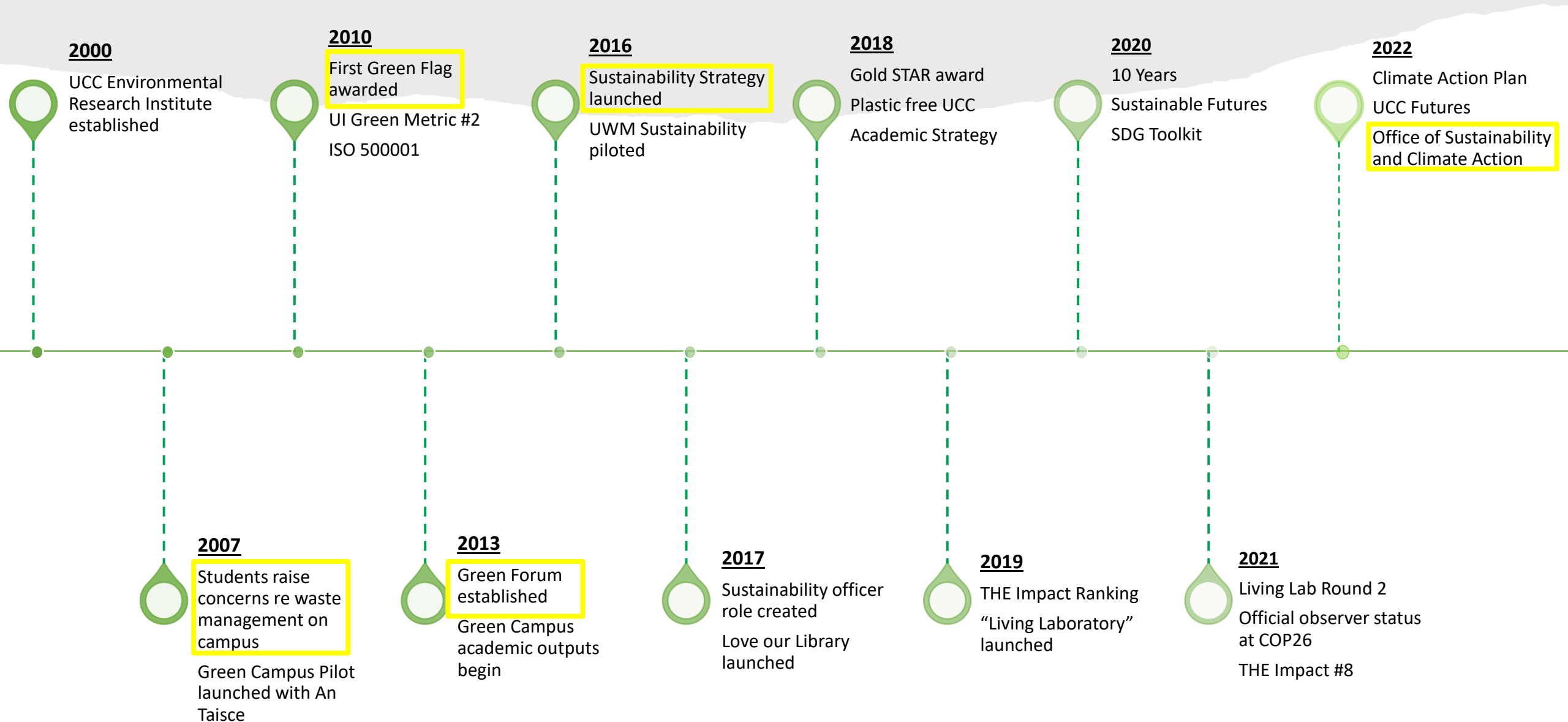
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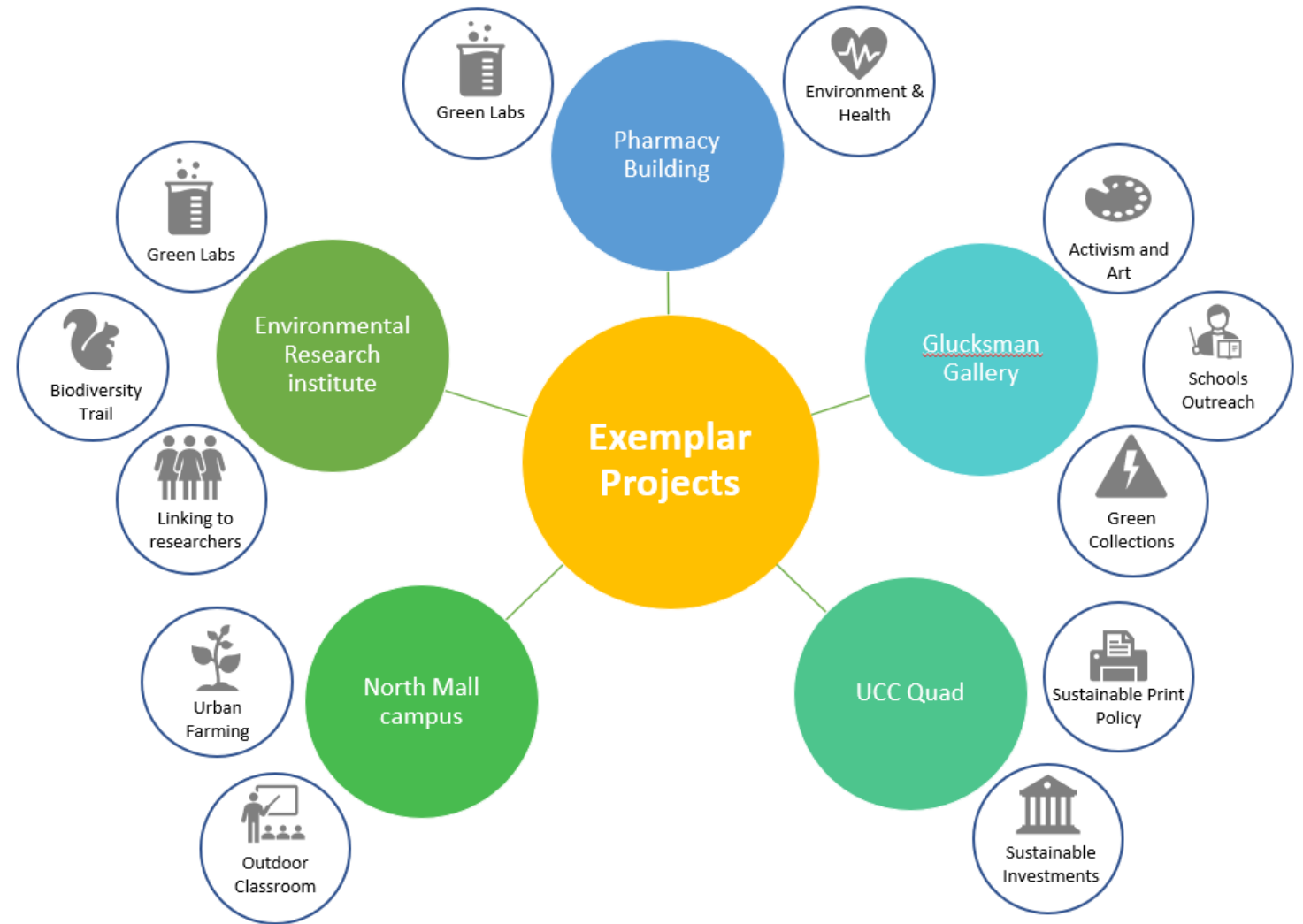
# UCC Sustainability Journey

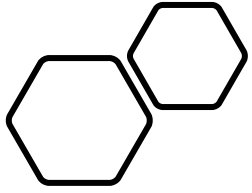


# Transforming Learning Environments: The Saver Saves Scheme

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- Green Energy Teams formed in SEUs.
- Support from Energy Manager to assess how the buildings “live”.
- Monetary savings remain with the department/building: Revolving Fund.
- Devolves power and decision making.
- Harnesses individual action to drive institutional transformation.
- 21% reduction in absolute energy consumption.

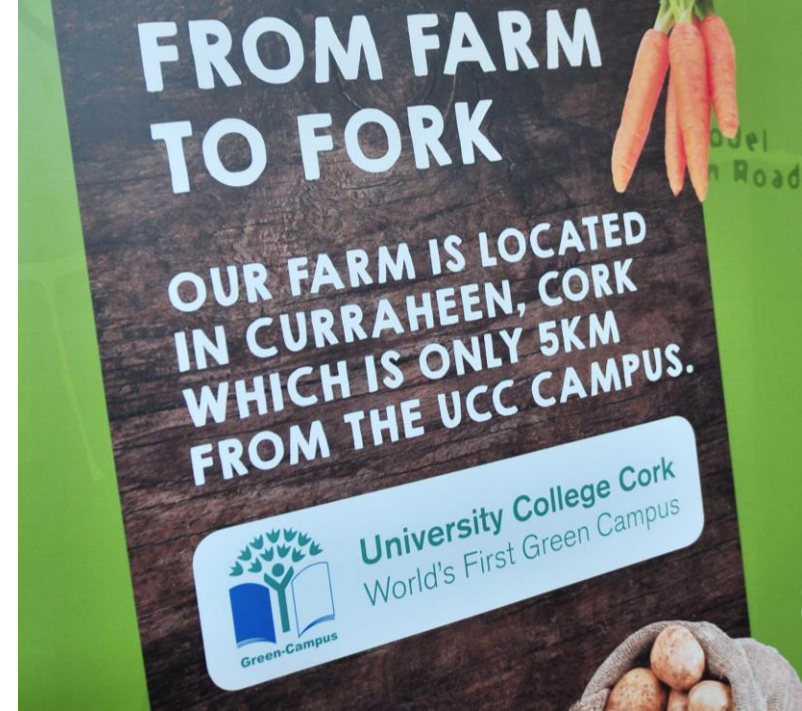




# Leadership for ESD

- UCC has completely divested of fossil fuels
- Sustainability is incorporated into all purchasing and contracts
- Our grounds are fully managed for biodiversity

*Signatory of:*





**BUILDING A CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITY**

**NOVEMBER 22ND 1-2PM**  
**VENUE: ROOM 144, THE ORB**



The Green Step

A graphic banner for a climate event. The top half features a colorful illustration of several stylized flowers with human-like faces and arms. One flower has its arms raised in a heart shape. The bottom half is a teal background with white text and logos. The text reads "BUILDING A CLIMATE RESILIENT COMMUNITY" and "NOVEMBER 22ND 1-2PM VENUE: ROOM 144, THE ORB". On the right is the "The Green Step" logo, which consists of a green footprint with a white book inside it.

# BUILD BACK BETTER



## UCC Build Back Better is a Climate Assembly for the UCC Community

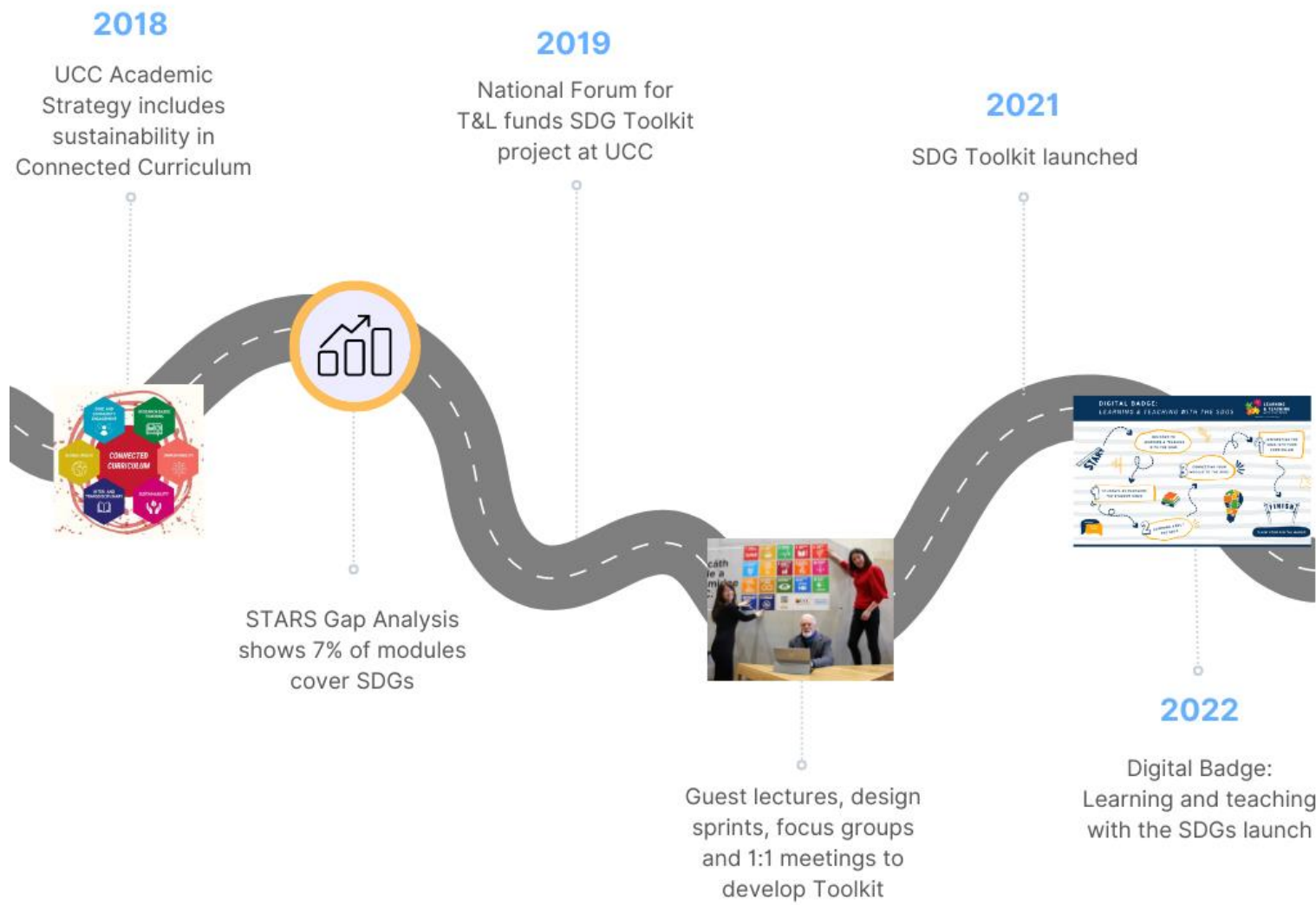
This initiative is student-led, research-informed, and an opportunity for students and staff to engage in surveys & workshops so you can have your say in our university's forthcoming Sustainability Strategy and relevant policy development

Workshops will take place from 22nd February - 5th March



# Empowering and Mobilising Young People

# Building capacities of educators



# Outcome: Institutional Sustainability Ecosystem

- Top-down and bottom-up approaches
- All stakeholders on campus represented
  - Horizontal and vertical.
- “Middle-out” phenomenon (Parag, 2013).
- Continually evolving.

