

## Lingnan University SDG Report



As part of its overarching goal to support the achievement of the SDGs, Lingnan University has made conscious efforts to partner with public and private institutions within and outside academic circles to promote different aspects of the goals. Some partnerships have been to transfer knowledge to industry, while others are meant to create platforms for students to learn about best practices in their chosen fields. Within educational settings, partnerships have involved those meant to collaborate in academic exchanges, joint programme development locally (e.g. the [MSc Smart Ageing and Gerontology](#) programme with Hong Kong Metropolitan University) and internationally (E.g. [MA in Arts and Cultural Heritage Management](#) with the University of Lincoln, UK) and [academic event](#) organisation all meant to offer create opportunities to education future leaders on topics relevant to achieving the SDGs.

To demonstrate its commitment, the university has set up special funding schemes to support academic staff to pursue collaborative projects internationally, most of which are relevant to the SDGs. Special funding is also allocated to support organising the academic events. With these resources available, the university is able to regularly attract scholars and practitioners worldwide to engage in knowledge production and transfer activities as well as supporting student learning. Indeed, some academic events, which involve numerous invited reputed scholars, form part of the courses for students (e.g., the [CHER conference](#), [Africa-China Symposium](#) and [postgraduate conference for interdisciplinary learning](#)). Such curriculum innovations enrich students' global perspectives and instil an awareness of partnership and collaboration in them as part of their training. These events sometimes attract over 200 participants from all over the world. In addition, the events are also often co-organised with partners from numerous countries. For instance, [the 2022 CHER conference](#) was co-organised with Peking University, University of Oxford, University of Stavanger, National Chengchi University of Taiwan, University of Bath in the UK, and Durham University in the UK. Speakers for the conference joined from Canada, India, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Romania, Malaysia, Thailand, mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. These demonstrate the resolve of the university to partner with institutions globally to find innovative solutions to shared problems of humanity.

In area of social service and innovation, LU units have partnered with several local and non-local organisations, particularly in areas of promoting active ageing. An impactful example is the partnership between four universities in Hong Kong and numerous non-governmental organisations across all 18 districts in Hong Kong to promote age-friendly cities in Hong Kong in the past seven years. The [project](#) has so far benefited 114,600 people in the city.

Furthermore, the [Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative \(LEI\)](#) continues to create partnerships locally and internationally to support innovative ideas that offer sustainable solutions to critical social problems. The LEI is meant to “drive innovation & entrepreneurship (I&E) initiatives within the Lingnan community, in line with the university’s strategy to optimise liberal arts education to cultivate impactful entrepreneurial leadership”. Since 2018, its mission has been to “empower the Lingnan community (students, alumni, and faculty) to think innovatively and act strategically to create solutions to address ‘glocal’ challenges of today and tomorrow”. The LEI partners with organisations such as the University Innovation Fellows (UIF) based in Stanford University, the Hong Kong Ocean Environmental Pioneer Academy, [The MIT Entrepreneurship and Maker Skills Integrator \(MEMSI\)](#) and the Carbon Neutral Action Programme at Lingnan University to offer training and innovative platforms to young people in the hopes of supporting the SDG. So far, the LEI has engaged more than 10,000 students, benefited over 20,000 people and has over 100 partners globally. There are 100 startups and social enterprises initiated, and five inventions have been created. These results demonstrate the premium that LU puts on partnerships to achieve the SDGs.