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**ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION**
2021-2030

WEBINAR:
**NATURE POSITIVE
PLEDGE VERIFICATION**

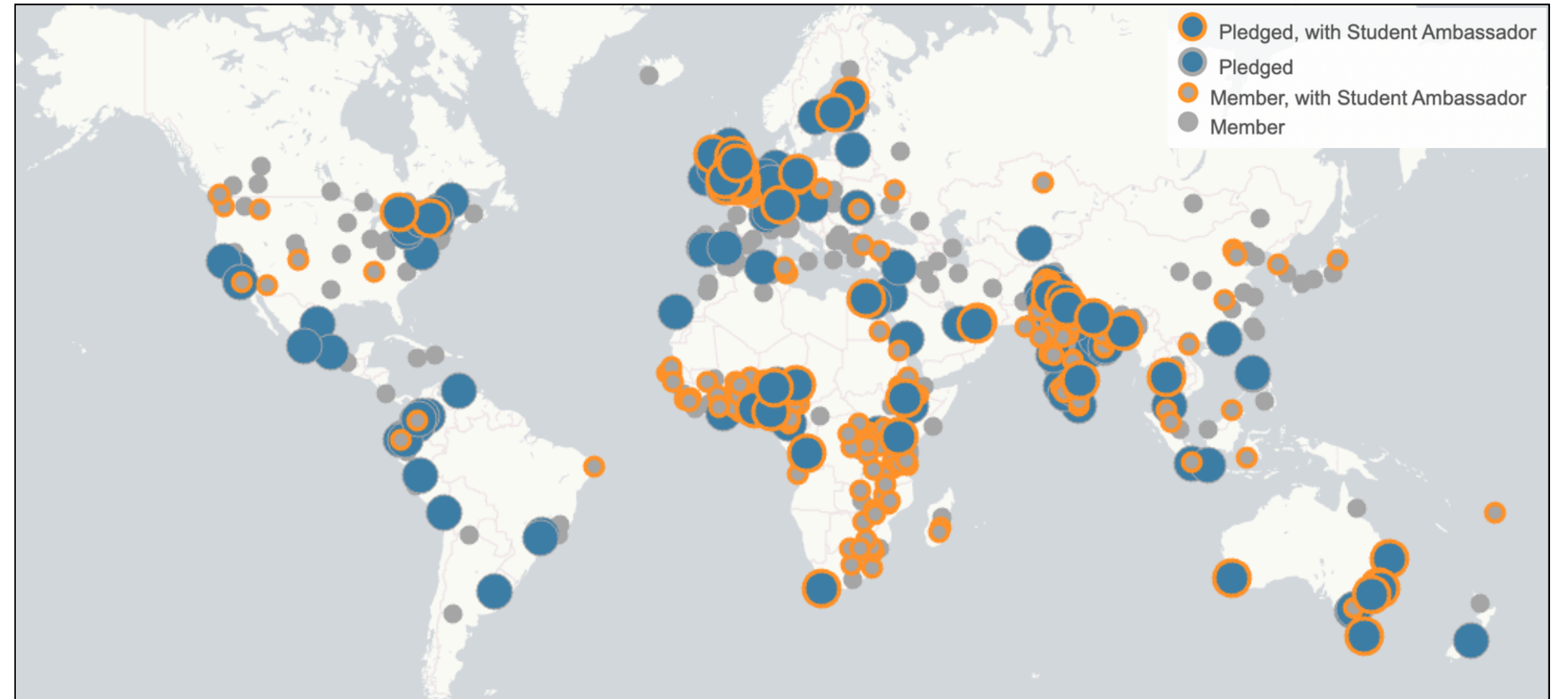
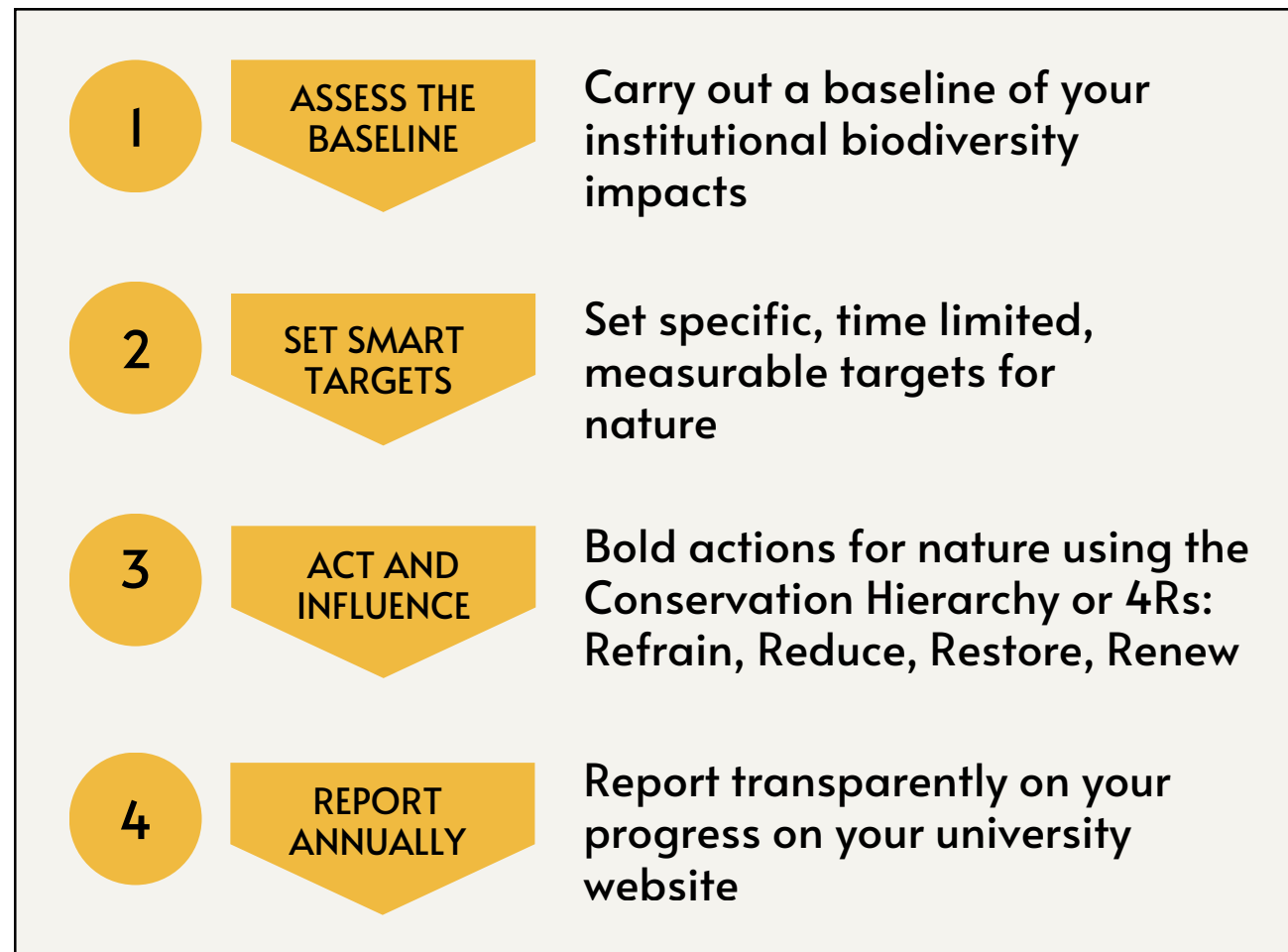
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Introduction: Nature Positive Pledge

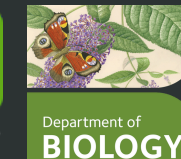
Senior management make a **Nature Positive Pledge** committing their institutions to bold action for nature



Steps of the Nature Positive Pledge

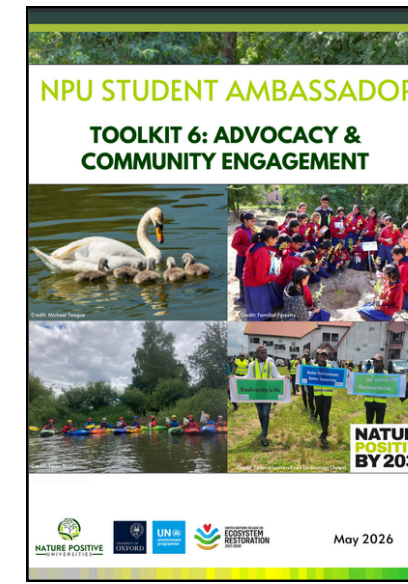
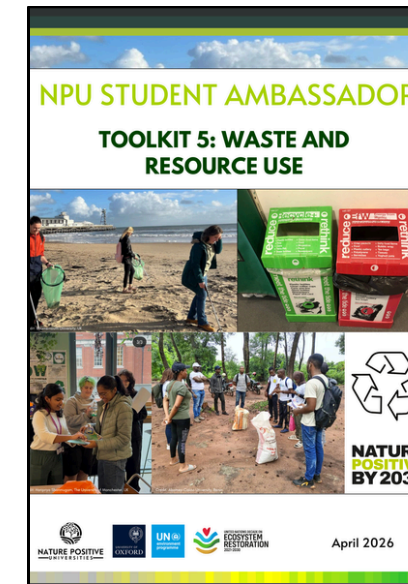
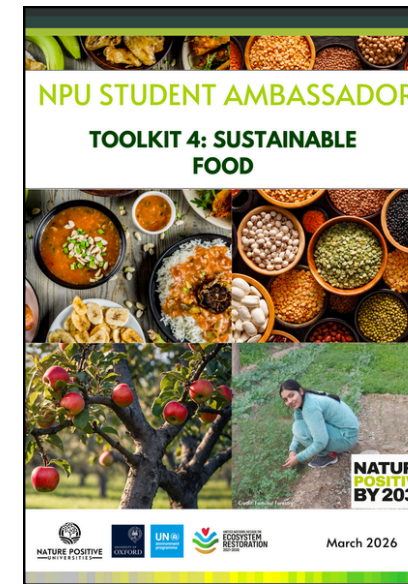
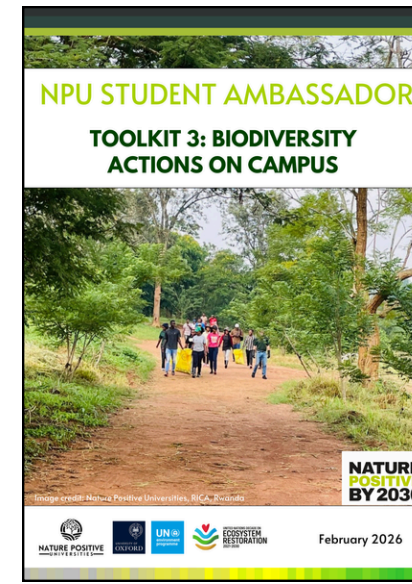
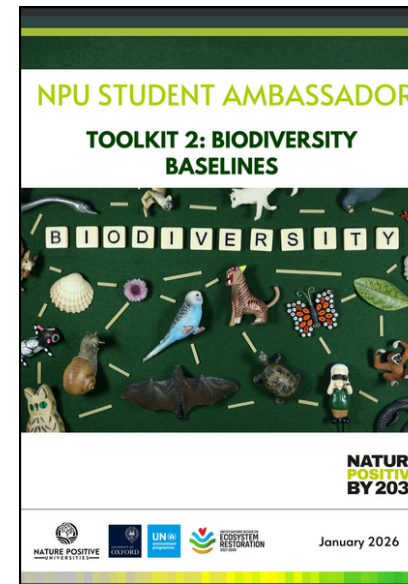


Join an inclusive community of 188 global higher education institutions showing leadership for nature



Student Ambassador Programme

Over 1100 students from higher education institutions across 60 countries joined our **Nature Positive Student Ambassador Programme** from Nov 2025-May 2026



Students join monthly **green skills** workshops on biodiversity and conservation topics, with capacity building and campus actions for students of all disciplines, supported by peers.

Sign-ups for the 2026/27 programme to open in **August 2026**



Verification of Nature Positive Pledge

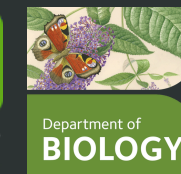


What?

Apply for independent verification for your nature-positive journey, and proudly show the world the action you have taken.

Why?

- ✓ Independent review of your institutional action and activities
- ✓ A badge (digital asset) to showcase your leadership for nature
- ✓ A spotlight on the Nature Positive Universities website
- ✓ Supporting the Nature Positive Universities community
- ✓ Demonstrate your contribution to a nature positive world



Your NPU hosts



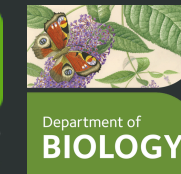
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Welcome - Henry Grub: 5 minutes

Introduction to the service - Emily Stott and Hollie Thompson: 10 minutes

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**Open Q&A:
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Verification of Nature Positive Pledge

What evidence is needed?

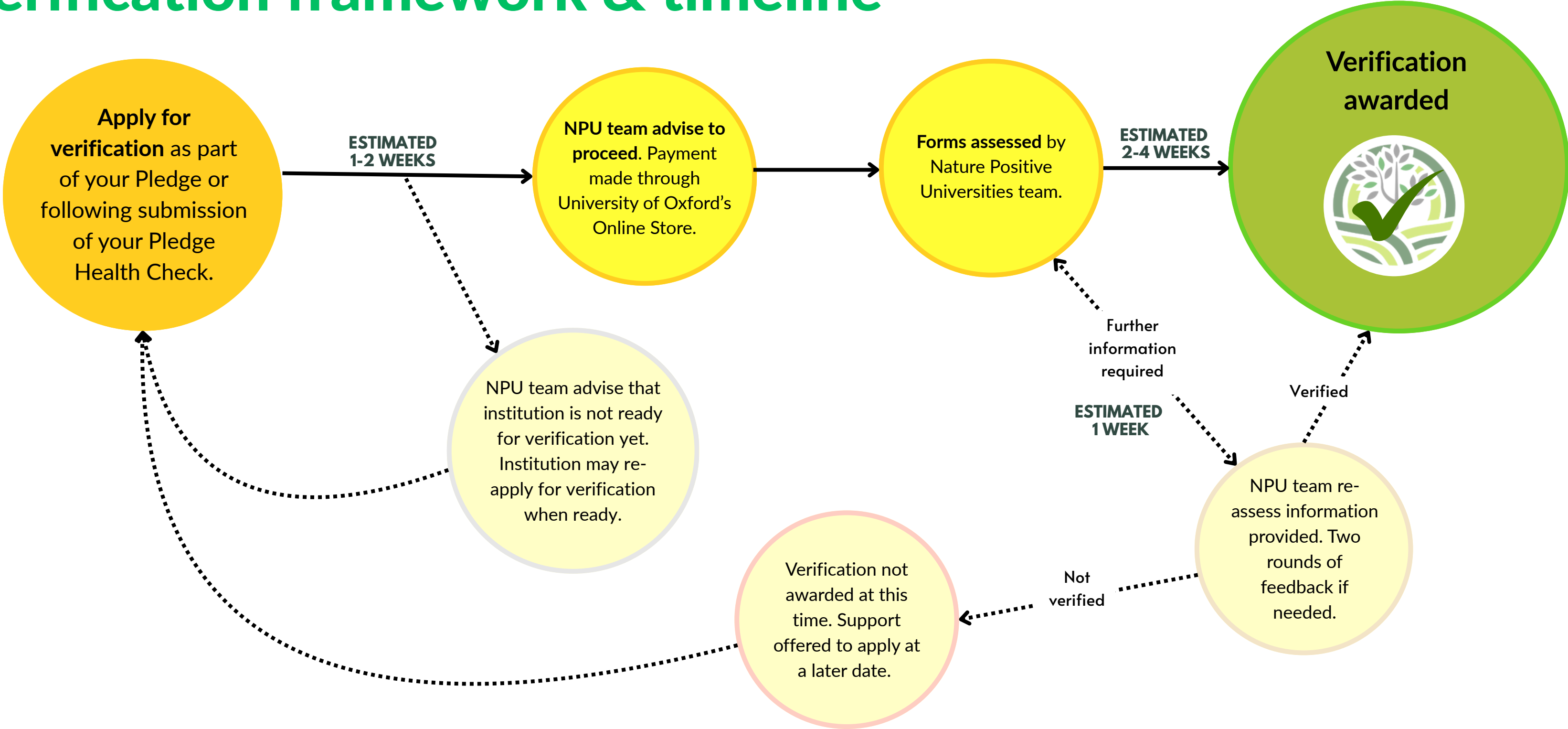
- Original Pledge submission
- Annual Pledge Health Check update
- Evidence of capacity and a plan to achieve measurable outcomes

What is the process?

- Pre-screening form
- Provide additional evidence if required
- Conducted annually on rolling basis
- Verification lasts for a year from date of award



Verification framework & timeline*



*FOR THE PILOT YEAR 2025-26

Criteria for Verification

- ✓ University, college or higher education institution has made the Nature Positive Pledge
- ✓ Evidence of measurable progress towards nature positive outcomes
- ✓ Evidence of capacity or dedicated resources to facilitate action

NB: Your Pledge or Pledge Health Check form will form the basis of the evidence used.

COST: £1000/year*

*The cost listed is for the pilot year (2026). Discount available for lower income institutions



Benefits of Verification

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Next steps



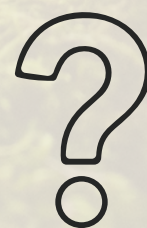
If you haven't already done so, join us and make the institutional [Nature Positive Pledge](#)



[Download the Information Pack on Verification](#) from our website and [explore other services and resources](#)



Apply for Verification as part of your pledge or at any time after this [through the website](#)



[Contact us](#) with any questions or to arrange a 1:1 call with Emily and Hollie

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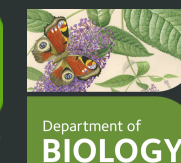


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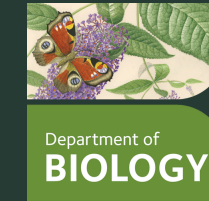


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Managing campus green spaces for biodiversity



June 11th 2026



3pm - 4pm BST



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SPEAKERS



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