

Challenges:

Plantforce faces several sustainability challenges, the first of which is ensuring that their staff understand sustainability and how it fits with Plantforce's goals. Sustainability at Plantforce and the collaboration with their clients on sustainability issues is an ever-changing aspect of their role as a plant supplier, and keeping staff up to date with training is key.

As an industry-leading plant supplier, they deal with many clients, all with varying requirements regarding sustainability and engagement at the site level with their objectives. For example, ensuring an operator is using an item of plant efficiently to minimize fuel use is a key issue. They aid clients on this topic with operator efficiency training to help ensure the site works are completed in the most sustainable way. Ensuring the client necessities are met alongside their own sustainability goals is a constant balancing act.

Transport, both for their plant fleet and their operator team to and from projects, ensuring that they do so in the most sustainable and cost-efficient way, is one of the biggest challenges they currently face. The adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles is key to this issue; keeping the balance between sustainability and suitability for these vehicles requires very regular engagement with all interested parties.

Impact:

For Plantforce, the assessments section of the School has been very valuable, giving insight into individual and company areas where they perform well and areas where they need to improve. The assessment overview has recently been utilized to create a 12-month training plan using the School's materials for their management team.

By engaging with the School's training materials guided by the assessments, Plantforce can demonstrate a commitment to a continuous improvement chain, which has great value for their internal goals on development in this area. This also provides tangible evidence of their journey and improvement to their clients.

The training and education provided by the School have had a great impact, raising the profile of sustainability within Plantforce. Many employees now want to get involved in the sustainability journey and the associated projects that they initiate and collaborate on.

Fact box



Company

Plantforce Rentals Ltd

No of employees

195

HQ

Bristol

Website

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Services

Hire of capital construction equipment; operated and self-drive.

About

Established as regional plant hire company in 1999, we have grown year on year to now provide one of the largest and most diverse ranges of machinery and skilled operators in the UK. With divisions such as Plantforce Compact, Attachments, Digital and Crushing and Screening, we can meet industry needs, with industry specific equipment.

Value gained:

Plantforce's membership has been invaluable since they joined. It has jumpstarted their sustainability journey and greatly aided in their direction and target setting. This includes using the School's available training to put in place a 12-month training plan for the Plantforce management team and driving individuals from the company to become actively involved in their sustainability journey.

Membership has also provided Plantforce with an additional avenue of excellence to showcase to their clients. By sharing their journey and better understanding client requirements through their engagement with the School, they are now better placed to meet these requirements. This has certainly been beneficial in the awarding of contracts.

Future proofing:

Plantforce would like to collaborate with the School to develop plant fuel efficiency training and standards. For them, this is one of the large areas that has not yet been greatly impacted by sustainability values, and they would greatly like to help change this. Plantforce will also continue to engage with the School at all levels to ensure continuous improvement of their own sustainability journey.