



editorial

Sustainability

My first thought when it comes to sustainability is trees and cotton shopping bags. In truth, sustainability is a far more complex issue and, regrettably, there is no silver bullet that will magically solve the problem.

Sustainability incorporates a number of issues; our struggle with energy usage, individual, social, and corporate responsibilities, minimising our carbon footprint, and pushing for stronger environmental representation on a political level. However, we should first consider what is understood by 'sustainability.'

Sustainability means meeting our current needs, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. We could say the defining zeitgeist of the current age is an attempt to rectify the unbridled consumption of previous generations. It certainly seems that way when we consider a significant portion of millennials refer to eco-anxiety.

It is worth focusing primarily on the changes we can make. As a magazine, we have carefully weighed our options to see what sustainable practices we can adopt. We have chosen to rethink our printing options and have opted for a less harmful approach - choosing to omit the use of gloss paper and stick to more environmentally friendly options. However, sustainability is not merely a passing trend. Sustainability demands a consistent effort, and it is for this reason that we are also considering long-term practices that we can implement to that effect.

Besides examining research that could improve sustainability practices, we have introduced a new section to the magazine; "Beyond Academia." In this section, we feature research connected to Malta conducted by institutions or individuals not linked with UM or other academic organisations. For this edition, we take a look at cutting-edge cancer research being conducted at Mater Dei Hospital.

We hope that you enjoy our 40th Edition of **THINK**, and if you have any suggestions on sustainable practices do get in touch!

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