The dandelion is a pioneering plant that is found in temperate zones around the world. It is one of the first plants to flower in spring, offering sustenance to pollinating bees when few other flowers are available. Its golden colour is a cheerful and frequent presence in gardens, parks, along roadsides and in natural areas. It roots deeply. In summer and autumn, the beautiful seed heads disperse widely. Whilst some people think of it as a weed, once they learn more about it, they usually grow to love it. It has benefits which are unexpected for some people. It has been used by humans for many purposes and in many different cultures. Fresh green leaves can be used in a salad; dandelion tea can act as a digestive tonic; the roots can be made into a coffee substitute. The dandelion is thus a good symbol for seeding, nourishing and disseminating sustainability in the curriculum.

The Golden Dandelion recognises modules that meet criteria for excellence in education for sustainable development, as assessed by the Sustainability in the Curriculum Prize panel of submitted modules. Brief comments from the Prize panel are provided for each module below.

Modules Achieving Golden Dandelion - as of Spring 2021

multi-level

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<th>VPXXX - Vertically integrated Project: Biodiversity Literacy</th>
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<td>Through interaction, we take action. VIP: Biodiversity Literacy engages students from all disciplines the basic and very necessary skill: to identify what we are seeing in nature. It fosters system thinking and skills beyond an academic setting by introducing capabilities to develop long term positive contributions to building sustainability.</td>
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<td>This module exhibits an excellent method to embed sustainability within other learning: by focussing a project around reporting on St Andrews’ sustainability effort, it both meets the module goals of teaching communication and listening in academic contexts, and exposes students to real-world issues in sustainability.</td>
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### 2000-level

**MN2002 - The Management Kaleidoscope**
- **20 credits**
- **SCQF level 8**
- **Golden Dandelion**: This module puts the human and non-human relationship in focus by challenging management and organisations as well as equipping students with critical thinking tools. It introduces students to vegan business and economy and fills an important gap in the discussion of how management can be sustainable.

### 3000-level

**DI3717 - Holy Scripture, Sacred Earth: The Bible and Ecology**
- **30 credits**
- **SCQF level 9**
- **Golden Dandelion**: The focus of the module on practical sustainable behaviours combines competencies in self-awareness and alongside a strategic approaches that are drawn from a wide disciplinary background in an innovative way.

**EN3202 - Literature and Ecology**
- **30 credits**
- **SCQF level 9**
- **Golden Dandelion**: An excellent and unique perspective on sustainability through the lens of literature and considering how communication influences our perceptions.

**SD3111 - Home & Energy Geographies**
- **30 credits**
- **SCQF level 9**
- **Golden Dandelion**: This module provides a global to local context of energy and the specific challenges faced with energy demand. The module provides students with practical examples using unique, creative and engaging teaching styles.

### 4000-level

**CL4467 - Classics for the Modern World: interventions and applications**
- **30 credits**
- **SCQF level 10**
- **Golden Dandelion**: Winner of Sustainability in the Curriculum Prize 2021. An excellent, cohesive, and interdisciplinary connection of ancient studies to real-world and current considerations of sustainability, requiring innovative thinking and highlighting the relevance of classical studies to the modern world.

**IR4514 - Global Public Policy**
- **30 credits**
- **SCQF level 10**
- **Golden Dandelion**: This module is a welcome addition to the University’s growing suite of modules with strong intellectual and critical analysis of policy in relation to selected sustainability issues.
**SA4064 - The Anthropology of Energy**  
30 credits | SCQF level 10  
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This module provides an innovative approach – both in its curriculum design and its ways of combining interdisciplinarity – to connecting sustainability in the real-world to concerns of meeting global energy demands alongside concerns for climate change.

**SD4225 - Green Politics: Theory & Practice**  
30 credits | SCQF level 10  
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This module was particularly impressive in the way it bridges between the real world and the more theoretical approaches in the literature. This enables and enhances the focus on self-awareness competencies.

5000-level

**BL5304 - Ecosystem-based Management of Marine Systems**  
15 credits | SCQF level 11  
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This module provides a holistic view of sustainability for managing marine system production from an ecosystem perspective, grounded strongly in real-world applications with innovative teaching and assessments.

**MN5311 - Responsible Investment**  
20 credits | SCQF level 11  
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This module creates understanding between the challenges of Social Responsibility within an economically driven world. It explains the need for changing this model to incorporate social and environmental sustainability into decision making, using clear real world examples.