



De Montfort University

Environmental Policy v1.2

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Environmental Policy

Our aim is to continue to develop the University's estate in a way which provides a first class teaching, learning and research environment whilst reducing the environmental impact of our activities and services.

We are committed to continually improve our environmental performance through effective and appropriate environmental management practices. We are also committed to publicly promoting this policy and our performance in these areas.

It is our policy to:-

- Take a strategic and operational approach to controlling, managing and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and in adapting to the impacts of climate change
- Embed education for sustainable development issues into our teaching, learning and research
- Ensure that all developments take into account sustainable construction principles and avoid the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes
- Enhance DMU's place in the community through proactively working with local, regional and national organisations to promote a better environment and encourage best practice principles
- Communicate environmental principles to our staff and students to promote understanding of environmental issues and encourage university wide participation in environmental activities, training and programmes to reduce the environmental impact of the university locally, nationally and internationally
- Encourage the use of recycled materials and implement recycling and waste minimisation initiatives
- Encourage environmentally friendly forms of transport through the implementation of our Travel Plan
- Reduce our use of natural resources such as energy and water and reuse resources whenever possible
- Encourage environmentally-responsible procurement through our sustainable procurement policy and practices, and engage with our suppliers to encourage sustainability in our supply chain
- Enhance biodiversity on our campus and incorporate biodiversity into our estate management practices to create new wildlife habitats on campus where possible
- Incorporate environmental responsibility in all staff job descriptions
- Prevent pollution by reducing emissions and discharges and regularly review our practice against benchmarks
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and codes of practice

To ensure the effective implementation of this policy we will set appropriate objectives and targets which will, along with this policy, be reviewed on a regular basis.

Signed: _____

Vice Chancellor, De Montfort University

Date: _____

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