



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Sustainable Thinking
Meddwl Cynaliawdy
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Prifysgol Fetrosohan Caerdydd

Policy Statement: Cardiff Metropolitan University recognises the importance of the role it has to play in environmental stewardship of its estate and in promoting principles of sustainability across all its activities, including teaching and research. The University will manage and control its environmental risks in a sustainable manner by complying with relevant legislation and adopting where appropriate best practice.

Application: It is essential that sustainable development is at the core of all activities in the higher education sector and at Cardiff Met. The University is a major contributor to society's efforts to achieve sustainability through:

- ◆ the environment in which its students learn
- ◆ the skills and knowledge that they acquire and put in to practice; and
- ◆ its own strategies and operations

This policy applies to all activities undertaken by (or on behalf of) the University including those of governors, staff, students and contractors.

Objectives of this policy are:

- ◆ To make sustainability a core principle in all that we do
- ◆ To ensure that all environmental risks are assessed, managed and controlled.
- ◆ To promote and adopt best practice within the higher education sector.
- ◆ To maintain and develop the University in a sustainable manner.
- ◆ To work together with our community on matters of the environment.
- ◆ To develop good working relationships with relevant external authorities and bodies.
- ◆ To develop managers, staff and students by providing training and information on sustainable development: environmental management, social justice and economy.

In accordance with the policy statement the University will:

- ◆ **Adopt Sustainable Development: Environment, Social Justice and Economy, as a key principle in the University's strategic planning and delivery.**

Cohere the plans and activities of complementary policies, to enhance efficiency and results: health & wellbeing, environmental management, equality & diversity and staff development.

- ◆ **Control its Environmental Risks**
Meet the requirements of environmental legislation and commit to a process of continual environmental improvement.
- ◆ **Promote and Adopt Best Practice**
Maintain an Environmental Management System; set targets and indicators, measure environmental performance and report progress
Promote and adopt sector initiatives.
- ◆ **Maintain and Develop the University in a Sustainable Manner**
Through sustainable procurement best practice, seek to support, influence and deliver continuous improvement across social, ethical and environmental aspects of products and services, whilst achieving best practice
Maximise energy efficiency, use of renewable resources and use of low carbon technology
Minimise waste generation and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over disposal of wastes
Audit the ecology and biodiversity of the estate, and develop an associated action plan to enhance its performance and mitigate impact
Actively promote sustainable and active travel to and from the campus
Promote continual improvement in maintenance practices
Encourage activities to enable students to contribute to sustainable development.
- ◆ **Communicate and inform the University Community**
Produce an Annual Report
Produce reports to the appropriate committees
Communicate with the Sustainability Champions.
- ◆ **Working with External Authorities and Bodies**
Develop good working relationships with all relevant external authorities;
Develop links with appropriate environmental bodies and associations;
Report any incidents as required.
- ◆ **Development of Managers, Staff and Students**
Provide appropriate training and information to the University community.

Signed:

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