

Bloomsbury Colleges Environmental Sustainability Policy

At the Bloomsbury Colleges we recognize that our activities have an impact on the environment. Our environmental objectives are to ensure that this impact is minimized, that the Colleges grow and develop in a sustainable way and that continuous improvement in environmental performance is embedded into our business model and the culture of our Institutions.

The Colleges are committed to achieving best practice benchmark standards for higher education establishments wherever practicable.

To this end we will:

- maintain ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) certification in order to ensure that the environmental impact across the Colleges including associated risks is monitored, controlled and minimized, and that we continue to make improvements;
- comply fully with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and agreements;
- reduce our carbon emissions through our carbon management plan which includes programmes to progressively reduce carbon intensity of our operations and activities;
- reduce emissions related to commuting and business travel and support sustainable modes of travel;
- minimize the impact and use of natural resources by reducing water use, preventing pollution, reusing materials, recycling and reducing waste production;
- manage our property portfolio in a manner that maximises resources and reduces environmental impact, including adopting sustainable refurbishment/construction standards where possible;
- adopt sustainable purchasing and the use of environmentally sound goods and services;
- promote education for sustainable development through the curriculum to all students;
- promote environmental responsibility and awareness amongst all staff and students through awareness campaigns and environmental initiatives;
- engage with other institutions and the wider community to share environmental best practice and demonstrate environmental responsibility

This policy will be reviewed annually. The Sustainability Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policy and that the human and financial resources required for its implementation are in place. Our EMS will provide the thrust for the policy implementation. The objectives, tasks and/or targets and procedures set within the EMS will ensure that policy statements are realized and will also form the basis for the independent audit of performance, enabling effective assessment of progress against targets and sector standards.

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