



Worcester Students' Union Environmental Policy

Worcester Students' Union's Strategic Plan 2008 – 2013 includes an explicit vision to promote environmentally sustainable ways of working and living and to act in a sustainable and environmentally enhancing way. One of its core values is to promote sustainable development and fully accept our broad responsibilities to society. Our aim is to develop the Union's physical assets to provide excellent facilities and opportunities for students, but in ways which promote and champion environmental sustainability.

We are committed to continually improve our environmental performance and we will continue to engage with NUSSL (National Union of Students Services Ltd) and NUS (National Union of Students) through the Sound Impact Programme.

It is our policy to:

- Integrate environmental management into our day-to-day operations to ensure environmental issues are addressed, whilst providing a quality service to all stakeholders
- Recognise the potential impact of climate change and the strategic and operational need to control, manage and reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and requirements.
- Reduce our use of natural resources such as energy and water
- Reuse resources whenever possible rather than dispose of them
- Encourage environmentally-responsible procurement and employ whole-life costing and environmental performance criteria for selection
- Encourage the use of recycled materials and recycling initiatives
- Prevent pollution by reducing emissions and discharges and regularly reviewing practice against benchmarks
- Encourage environmentally-friendly transport and implement a Sustainable Transport/Green Travel Plan
- Enhance biodiversity and incorporate biodiversity in environmental management.
- Ensure sustainable approaches in all construction and refurbishment and incorporate energy-efficient approaches in all work
- Provide appropriate environmental training for all our staff and students and encourage them to support this programme
- Promote communication with internal and external interested parties and respond appropriately to reasonable requests for information about our environmental performance
- Incorporate environmental responsibility in all staff job descriptions

- Ensure that this Environmental Policy is readily available to the general public and all our stakeholders
- Promote inclusion of sustainability principles in the curriculum and support research in relevant areas

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