

Press Release

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London Met second in England for carbon reduction

London Metropolitan University has been announced as the runner up in Brite Green's league table for absolute carbon emission reduction, having reduced emissions by 51% since 2005.

The progress report by Brite Green, a sustainability strategy consultancy, analysed the carbon emissions data of all 126 HEFCE funded Higher Education institutions in England, placing London Met second in the league table for 'Absolute Carbon Reduction from 2005 to 2014/15.'

The University has seen a dramatic improvement on carbon reduction for the second year running, highlighting its tremendous sustainability efforts, and was last year named "best University in England" for carbon reduction. In total, carbon emissions have been reduced by 51% since 2005, the baseline used by all universities.

Rachel Ward, Sustainability Manager at London Met, said: "It is a real achievement to be recognised for our efforts, for the second year running.

"At London Met, our 'Green Team' are always thinking of new initiatives and ways in which we can do even more to reduce our carbon footprint."

Sustainability initiatives undertaken by the University include homing 40,000 bees on the roof of the Holloway campus to help sustain the London bee population and produce London Met branded honey.

A major project to improve energy efficiency, called 'Lighting Up London Met', has included the installation of 3,170 LED lights, 221 solar panels and 914 windows upgraded to double glazing.

The scheme has improved light quality across the University whilst utilising sunlight to produce energy.

The University also achieved an overall sustainability score 169% better than last year at the NUS Green Impact Awards.

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About London Metropolitan University

London Met has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men.

Four faculties teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across the arts, sciences, business, law and humanities. Accelerator – London Met’s specialist business incubator – helps graduates get their enterprises up and running and was named among the Top Five ‘Most Active’ accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London’s booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2016, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 93% of all 2014/15 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.

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