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## **London Met goes green: University wins award from Carbon Trust**

You may associate London Metropolitan University with the colour purple, but a new award from the Carbon Trust proves the University might actually be green!

London Met has officially been awarded the Carbon Trust Standard, after reducing its carbon emissions by almost 12 per cent.

The Carbon Trust Standard is based on a rigorous, independent assessment. It certifies that organisations have measured, managed and reduced their carbon emissions and are committed to reducing them year on year.

London Met's Director of Finance, Pam Nelson, said: "Obtaining the Carbon Trust Standard is testament to the hard work of London Met staff and students who have helped to reduce carbon emissions by almost 12 per cent over the last three years".

Key projects at London Met which helped to achieve the reduction include:

- Installing insulation in our hot water pipes to reduce heat loss
- Using voltage optimisation technology in four of the University's highest energy consuming buildings
- Reducing hot water storage in two major University buildings (Tower building on Holloway Road and the Commercial Road building)
- Increasing use of Passive Infra Red (PIR) controlled lighting in corridors and teaching rooms
- Poster campaigns and staff awareness sessions

The University is now committed to cutting its carbon emissions by a further 30 per cent by 2015.

Harry Morrison, General Manager of the Carbon Trust Standard, said: "Today, being a good carbon citizen isn't just about looking good on paper. Achieving the Carbon Trust Standard gives London Metropolitan University the true emissions data they need to build the appropriate carbon reduction strategies and set the right path."

London Met's Carbon Trust Standard will be valid until 31 July 2012.

## Notes to editors

**London Metropolitan University** is one of the foremost providers of undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and vocational education and training in Britain. The University is committed to social justice, equal opportunities and community involvement and has many years' experience of dealing with the needs of mature and overseas students. Find out more at [www.londonmet.ac.uk](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk)

**The Carbon Trust Standard** recognises organisations for real carbon reduction. It is a mark of excellence awarded to organisations for measuring, managing and reducing their carbon emissions. Organisations which apply for the Carbon Trust Standard must meet a set of robust selection criteria. The Standard is valid for two years. More than 500 organisations have achieved the Carbon Trust Standard since it was launched in June 2008.

Collectively, the 500 Carbon Trust Standard holders have cut their emissions by 3.6m tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e. The 500 Carbon Trust Standard achievers have also cut their gas, electricity and fuel bills by over £165m. To date, the total carbon footprint certified by the Carbon Trust Standard is over 43 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e; equivalent to 18% of the total carbon footprint of UK businesses and transport.

**The Carbon Trust** is a not-for-profit company with the mission to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy, providing specialist support to business and the public sector to help cut carbon emissions, save energy and commercialise low carbon technologies. By stimulating low carbon action we contribute to key UK goals of lower carbon emissions, the development of low carbon businesses, increased energy security and associated jobs.

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