

Press Release

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London Met wins top award for sustainability programme

London Metropolitan University won a coveted gold award from the Islington Sustainable Energy Partnership last night.

The award is in recognition of London Met's latest sustainability efforts which include homing 40,000 bees on the roof of the Holloway campus to help sustain the London bee population and to produce our own branded honey. The University also achieved an overall sustainability score 169% better than last year at the NUS Green Impact Awards.

"We are really proud to have won this gold award from Islington Sustainable Energy Partnership," says Rachel Ward, Sustainability Manager at London Met.

"It is a great recognition of not only our sustainability work but the work we have undertaken to encourage staff, students, suppliers and our local community to become greener."

The Islington Sustainable Energy Partnership is a scheme run by Islington Council which advocates learning and sharing between energy professionals across Islington. It provides advice as well as a networking opportunity and encourages organisations to get involved in local community projects.

The gold prize is awarded to organisations who can demonstrate exemplary environmental business practices and proactively engage with the community. Nominees must demonstrate a genuine commitment to sharing their knowledge and expertise with other organisations.

"It has been and continues to be a great pleasure to be part of a team of like-minded individuals who strive to do the best they can for the staff and students of the University as well as the people around us in Islington," says Jim Quinn, Building Infrastructure and Maintenance Manager and part of London Met's Green Team.

"The "Green Team" at London Met has some key Estates Team members and others from around the University who get involved as and when they can so there are always new ideas to be shared. Receiving the ISEP Gold Award is very rewarding and something that keeps the team motivated."

Over the past year, London Met has seen a dramatic improvement in sustainability efforts. This includes being named "best University in England" for carbon reduction, installing 221 solar panels on the roof of the Science Centre and installing LED lights across the Islington based campus. In total, carbon emissions have been reduced by 47%.

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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 2015, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 91.1% of all 2013/14 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.

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