

Press release

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London Metropolitan University wins prestigious Solar Power Portal Award

London Metropolitan University has won the energy efficiency and corporate sustainability programme award at the Solar Power Portal Awards 2017, which were held in Birmingham on Wednesday 4 October 2017.

The Solar Power Portal Awards promote the best and brightest of the UK's domestic solar, storage and clean energy industries.

London Met's Sustainability Manager, Rachel Ward, said "It's fantastic that London Met has been recognised as a corporate leader in energy efficiency.

"We have all been working very hard as a team to reduce the amount of energy we use, and so it's great to see our efforts being acknowledged at such a prestigious ceremony.

"It proves that London Met is committed to reducing its environmental impact."

The Islington-based university was up against major corporations, including Aldi UK and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, in the Solar Power Portal Awards.

Professor John Raftery, Vice-Chancellor at London Metropolitan University, said: "I am delighted that we have won the Solar Power Panel Award for best energy efficiency and corporate sustainability programme.

"The award comes shortly after it was announced that London Met is the best university in the country for carbon reduction, because we've reduced our carbon emissions by 57% since 2005.

"There are many reasons why London Met excels as a green university. One of the key factors is that we are fortunate to have committed and innovative staff and students who have designed and led highly successful projects."

London Met was named one of the best universities in England for carbon reduction after successful schemes, such as the installation of 221 solar panels on the Science Centre roof and the use of LED lights across the Islington based campus, proving that it is committed to tackling pollution in the capital.

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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 95% of all 2014/2015 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation.

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