

Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

This policy statement has been written to outline my personal commitment to ensuring that London Metropolitan University adopts the principles of sustainable development, accepts its environmental responsibilities and recognises the positive contributions it can make to the resolution of global, regional and local environmental issues.

London Metropolitan University will:

- Develop an Environmental Management System that enables us to identify and manage our environmental risks, prevent pollution and continuously improve upon our performance;
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations, codes of practice and other requirements and adopt good practice where it is cost effective to do so;
- Assess and reduce the environmental impacts of our operations, including generation of waste, use of energy and water, procurement and construction – developing strategies that reduce impacts and are more sustainable.
- Ensure the sustainable use of all resources, by discouraging wasteful practices and setting objectives and targets for reduction;
- Further encourage the take up of green travel options by staff and students through promoting the use of sustainable modes of transport whilst recognising that London Metropolitan University is based in the heart of London;
- Apply the principles of sustainable development in all planning and design decisions, maintenance and management of the University's estate both now and in the future;
- Integrate sustainable development into academic programmes to enable graduates to learn for and about sustainable development issues so they can be confident and knowledgeable;
- Annually communicate internally and externally about our environmental performance and promote environmental awareness amongst staff and students, so that they may fully participate in contributing to the University's sustainability agenda;
- Support the use of suppliers and contractors who have an environmental policy and take actions to minimise their impacts on the environment;
- Promote the principles of trade justice by seeking to achieve fair trade status for the University;
- Actively work with all stakeholders (local communities, public, private and voluntary organisations) in the City of London and the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Islington to engage in local and regional sustainable development initiatives;
- Ensuring that the university's (our) Environmental Management System provides a framework for monitoring and reviewing environmental programmes, objectives and targets.

My Senior Management Team and I are fully committed to the delivery of all aspects of our policy and we expect that all staff and students will take an active part in helping us to achieve our environmental goals and targets as contained within our Environmental and Carbon Management Plans.



John Raftery, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, 1 September 2015