


Environmental Policy Statement

Queen's University Belfast recognises that its activities impact on the environment at local, regional and global levels. The University acknowledges that the protection of the environment is fundamental to the future health and well-being of all those involved with the institution and the wider community.

The University accepts the responsibility of demonstrating sustainable leadership in environmental protection and enhancement through its actions as an institution. In providing high quality educational, research and workplace facilities, the University is committed to ensuring its environmental impact is minimised. The University also accepts its responsibility to make sure it grows and develops in a sustainable way with continuous improvement in environmental performance embedded into its business model and the culture of the University.

In support of these principles, the University is committed to:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements
- Monitoring, controlling and improving its environmental performance through the implementation of an Environmental Management System within the Estates Directorate and Purchasing Office
- Mitigating the University's negative impact on climate change through the implementation of the Carbon Management Plan, designed to reduce emissions
- Reducing and, where possible, preventing pollution through the development of effective resource and waste management strategies
- Incorporating sustainable construction principles and practices into the development and refurbishment of the estate
- Promoting sustainable modes of transport including walking, use of public transport, car-sharing and cycling through the implementation of the Travel Plan
- Managing the University's grounds to protect and enhance wildlife habitats through the formulation and implementation of a Biodiversity Policy
- Integrating environmental sustainability considerations into University policies and procedures
- Embedding sustainability within the University's teaching and research portfolios
- Promoting environmental awareness and responsibility amongst all staff and students
- Making this Policy available to the public.



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