

Single Use Plastic Reduction Action Plan

Queen's University Belfast is committed to undertaking steps needed to eliminate the use of unnecessary single-use plastics on campus.

Overall Aim

Reduce and eliminate avoidable single use plastic on campus.

Responsibility

Responsibility for delivery of this plan is shared between Estates Directorate and Campus Food and Drink.

Key Actions

- This action plan maps out our timeline for delivery from August 2019 to July 2021.
- Establish Single Use Plastics Working Group with staff and student representatives from across the University (Nov 2019).
- Develop an audit tool for mapping use of single use plastics across the University (March 2020).
- Identify opportunities for reducing single use plastic by undertaking audits in the following key areas: Laboratories, Catering, Commercial Premises and Offices (March 2020 – Feb 2021).
- Liaise with stakeholders to share and learn best practice (Feb Nov 2019 – March 2021).
- Review audit, determine key actions and implement to further reduce plastic waste. This includes determining where plastic use is unavoidable and replace with sustainable alternatives (Feb 2021 – April 2021).
- Continue to encourage staff and students to remove plastics waste and litter from the local environment via opportunities such as Spring/Autumn Clean Up (Nov 2019 – July 2021).
- Awareness raising surrounding the impacts of single use plastics to students and staff will continue to take place via Queen's annual campaigns, engagement programs and via communication channels: social media, newsletters, campaigns (Nov 2019 – July 2021).

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