

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 acknowledges its 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
- Mitigating the University's negative impact on climate change through the implementation of the Carbon Management Plan, to reduce carbon emissions
- Reducing waste created and increasing recycling through the development of effective resource and waste management strategies
- Avoiding or limiting, wherever practical, the use of environmentally-damaging substances, materials and processes;
- 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 biodiversity
- Integrating environmental sustainability considerations into University policies and procedures
- Embedding sustainability within the University's teaching and research portfolios
- Working with local, regional and national partners to realise sustainability projects;
- Promoting environmental awareness and responsibility amongst all staff and students



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