

## Anglia Ruskin Students' Union Environmental policy

Anglia Ruskin Students Union is a registered charity, providing services and support to the student body at Anglia Ruskin University.

### Mission Statement

Our mission is "to provide representation and services relevant to the needs of students at Anglia Ruskin University to support their education and enhance their University experience" or more simply: *'Putting you first to make your Anglia Ruskin experience the best it can be.'*

Anglia Ruskin University Students' Union recognises that its daily activities may result in adverse impacts on the environment. We will follow the guidelines in the University's Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure that, as a minimum, legal compliance is met, if not surpassed. Where practical we will aim to eliminate or minimise the adverse environmental impacts and prevent pollution. We will regularly review this policy, setting appropriate objectives and targets.

We will:

1. Commit to meet statutory environmental compliance and other relevant codes of practice and where possible seek to surpass them.
2. Seek to minimise our utility consumption by promoting energy and water conservation to staff, officers and students.
3. Seek to minimise waste, ensuring adherence to all relevant duties of care, to increase reuse and recycling rates, and to use recycled and recyclable materials where commercially viable.
4. Minimise the effect of travel on the environment by educating staff, officers and students and implementing measures to reduce the need to travel and encourage greater use of walking, cycling, public transport and car-sharing.
5. Recognise our responsibility to the global community by promotion of good labour and environmental standards in supply chains and by being part of the NUSSL buying consortium which operates an Ethical and Environmental Assessment of products and services.
6. Ensure that wherever possible, the local environment is protected by conducting environmental assessments (taking into account changes to the immediate environment in respect of waste management, energy use, natural environment, use of resources, noise pollution, littering and graffiti,) for all major events and activities.
7. Encourage all contractors, suppliers and third parties to take pragmatic steps to ensure that their services, products and activities do not breach our environmental objectives. Ensure that wherever possible, local contractors should be used.
8. Assist the University in the support and promotion of biodiversity and wildlife, particularly on campus.
9. Support the University in the integration of sustainable development into the curriculum and promote it in practice through day to day operational activities.
10. Raise awareness amongst stakeholders of this Environmental Policy and encourage staff, officers and students to develop and pursue environmental initiatives and events.
11. Regularly review this policy, set targets and produce a report for inclusion in the annual report.

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