

SUSTAINABILITY AWARENESS POLICY

Title:	Sustainability Awareness	Date of Student Council:	April 2019
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Union Notes:

- The ARU Students' Union Environmental Policy states that: 'Anglia Ruskin Students' Union is committed to embedding sustainability into our organisation. This means that we will promote good environmental practice to staff and students, encourage them to engage with our commitment to environmental sustainability and highlight the positive benefits of being socially and sustainably responsible.'
- The University's Environmental Policy commits the University to monitor and reduce energy and water consumption, reduce and recycle waste and reduce car travel, introduce measures to protect biodiversity on campuses, adopt purchasing policies to promote environmental and social sustainability, embed sustainability within the curriculum, adopt high environmental standards for our buildings, identify and manage risks to sustain climate resilience.
- In 2016-17 ARU Students' Union won the University's ARU Green staff competition. In 2015-16 we came second, and won in 2014-15. We also achieved Green Impact Gold in 2015-16 and the Good standard in the revised accreditation in 2016-17. Most recently, we achieved the highest staff response rate of the ARU Green Travel Survey in October 2017. The Union also demonstrates their commitment to the environment and sustainability by providing the Society Green Fund and actively encouraging ARU societies to advertise the ARU Travel Survey.
- The SU has a policy surrounding travel and environmental impact promoting the use of carpooling and cycling to and from work (ARUSU Travel, Subsistence and Expenses Policy, May 2018)

Union Believes:

- The union believes that the amount of printing that gets done can continue to be reduced.
- The union believes that societies should also follow in the same sustainable view and reduce the amount of printing they do for their events as well as using the Green Fund to guide them to become greener.
- The union believe that both the university and the union should share the same view of the relevance of becoming for sustainable

Union Resolves:

- The union will continue to reduce their printing by using less print outs in meetings as well as looking to limit the amount of printing that gets done during the election period.
- The union will continue to do events that promote sustainability as well as utilising the spaces that are available on campus
- The union will continue to reduce the use of plastic and waste creation. Examples of this include using vegware and no longer having balloons at events.
- The union will continue to promote volunteering projects such as the use of the student led allotment 'The People's Patch' as well as working with charities in the local area who are also looking to improve sustainability.